



**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Clane-Maynooth Municipal
District held on Friday, 07 July 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
on the Barge, Robertstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.**

- Members Present:** Councillors D Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach), N Ó Cearúil (Leas Chathaoirleach), T Durkan, A Feeney, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, B Weld and B Wyse.
- Apologies:** Councillors A Farrelly and P Ward.
- Officials present:** Ms. M Higgins (District Manager), Mr. C Buggie (Municipal District Engineer), Mr. John McGowan (Senior Engineer), Mr. A Hickey (Assistant Engineer), Mr. S Wallace (A/Senior Parks and Landscaping Officer), Ms. R Jackson (Administrative Officer), Mr. B O’Gorman (Administrative Officer), Ms. L Kennedy (LPT Co-ordinator), Mr. J Hennessy (Senior Executive Engineer), Ms. AM Burke (Executive Engineer), Mr. B McGrath (Meetings Administrator), Ms. D Egan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

Councillor Fitzpatrick welcomed the members to the Annual Meeting for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District. He thanked everyone attending the meeting on this beautiful morning on the Barge in the Village of Robertstown. He said this was his second time as Cathaoirleach and thanked the members of the Clane Maynooth Municipal District for their support.

Councillor Fitzpatrick also thanked the District Manager, District Engineer, and the background staff for all their assistance. Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the Members for working together as an effective team and always acting in the best interest of the Clane Maynooth-Municipal District. He said he looked forward to working with the new Cathaoirleach. He added that after the meeting there will be a short trip on the Barge down the Canal and he hoped everyone would be able to come along. Councillor Fitzpatrick then invited Mr. Peter Dunne, member of the Barge Committee to say a few words.



Kildare County Council

Mr. P Dunne addressed the meeting and said he was delighted to welcome everyone on board. By way of some background he said, three or four years ago with the support of Councillors Wyse and Councillor Fitzpatrick they decided they would try to have the Barge restored. The Barge was synonymous with the Local Community and Robertstown had a great affiliation with the Canal. At that time he had just moved back to the area with his young family. He said Robertstown has a great Community and there was plenty of goodwill and support for the project. He looks forward to the recently granted permission for development of the ECO Park in Robertstown, just over the road, which was 19 acres and would include a natural play area and also deliver a range of other amenities. He said Robertstown had a vibrant range of Community facilities including a Local Heritage Group, Scouts, Tidy Towns and Men's and Women's Shed. He complimented the contribution given by the crew of fifteen volunteers on the Barge without whom this would not be possible. On Sundays they met on the Barge to carry out the necessary jobs and afterwards they took a trip down the Canal. He concluded by thanking everyone and hoped all on board today would enjoy the morning and the trip on the Barge later.

Councillor Weld congratulated Councillor Fitzpatrick on a very fine year, saying he was always fair and courteous and a pleasure to work with. He also thanked Councillor Fitzpatrick on behalf of Fine Gael. He also congratulated Councillor Fitzpatrick on his recent appointment as Cathaoirleach of County Kildare and he wished him and Kitty all the best for the year.

The District Manager congratulated Councillor Fitzpatrick and thanked him for a really good year and that great work was done and always very efficiently.

CM01/0723

Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Fitzpatrick invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Weld proposed Councillor Durkan and was seconded by Councillor McEvoy.



Kildare County Council

As there were no other nominations Councillor Durkan was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Durkan was presented with the Chain of Office and took the Chair. He thanked the members for their nominations and was looking forward to the year ahead. He said that it would be an extremely busy year and made reference also to the Joint Local Area Plan with Meath.

The members congratulated Councillor Durkan in his new role as Cathaoirleach and that they look forward to the year ahead. The members also thanked Councillor Fitzpatrick for all his work over the past year.

Resolved in accordance with section 37 (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended that Councillor Durkan be elected as Cathaoirleach of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

CM02/0723

Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

Councillor Durkan invited nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

Councillor Weld proposed Councillor Ó Cearúil for the position and Councillor Ó Cearúil respectfully declined.

Councillor McEvoy proposed Councillor Feeney and this was seconded by Councillor Durkan. There were no other nominations.

Councillor Feeney accepted and was deemed elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.



Kildare County Council

The members congratulated Councillor Feeney and wished her all the best in her new role in as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Councillor Feeney thanked the members for the nomination and looked forward to working together as a team.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Durkan that Councillor Feeney be elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District.

The meeting concluded.