

**Minutes of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held at 10.00 am on 12 June 2019 in Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor M Stafford (Mayor), Councillors A Connolly, S Doyle, K Duffy, F McLoughlin Healy, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer, C Pender, R Power and P Ryan

**Apologies:** Councillor N Heavey

**Officials Present:** Mr J Boland (District Manager), Ms M Mclvor, Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officers), Mr B Cuddy (Municipal District Engineer), Ms S Martin (Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Office), Ms K Keane (Meetings Administrator) and Ms R O'Connell (Meetings Secretary)

**KN01/0619**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Power that standing orders be suspended for 10 minutes to start the meeting at 10.10 am.

**KN02/0619**

**Election of Mayor**

As the previous Mayor of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District had not stood in the recent election, the previous Deputy Mayor, Councillor Suzanne Doyle took the Chair.

Councillor Suzanne Doyle invited nominations for the position of Mayor of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee.

Councillor Duffy proposed Councillor Stafford for the position and this was seconded by Councillor Power. On proposing Councillor Stafford, Councillor Duffy stated that

Councillor Stafford had the qualities required to take on the role of Mayor of the Municipal District. There were no other nominations.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Duffy, seconded by Councillor Power, Councillor Stafford was deemed to be elected as Mayor of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District for the coming year.

On taking the Chair as Mayor, Councillor Stafford thanked the members for their nomination and support. He congratulated all the members on their election and especially Councillor McLoughlin Healy and Councillor Doyle for toping the poll in their respective local electoral areas.

Councillor Stafford thanked all the retired members Councillors P Kennedy, M Lynch, J Pender and S Power for all their hard work and to the late Councillor Willie Crowley.

He paid particular thanks to former Councillor S Power for his consideration and kindness to all the members in Kildare County Council. He also paid tribute to Councillor Kennedy who had great interest in politics and who had mentored him when he first started as a councillor. He asked that the existing members help the new councillors who had just started and stated that his door was always open if anyone needed help.

### **KN03/0619**

#### **Election of Deputy Mayor**

Councillor Stafford invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor T O'Dwyer proposed Councillor P O'Dwyer for the position and this was seconded by Councillor Doyle. There were no other nominations.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor T O'Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by the members that Councillor P O'Dwyer was deemed to be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District for the coming year.

On taking the position of Deputy Mayor, Councillor P O'Dwyer thanked all the members for their nomination and support. She stated that she had a long career in

health care and looked forward to learning the role and working with all the members and staff of Kildare County Council.

### **KN04/0619**

#### **Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting held on Wednesday, 15 May 2019.

The minutes were approved subject to amendment to item **KN14/0519** as follows:

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked that the current TAAG report be issued to the members and all the members agreed.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked that the following items be put on the progress report:

1. Bord na Mona Masterplan
2. Report on the BMX Park
3. Athgarvan Public Realm
4. Magee Barracks

The Meeting Administrator informed the members that these items were already on the Action Plan.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor Doyle that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 15 May 2019 be confirmed with one amendment to KN14/0519 as outlined above and taken as read.

### **KN05/0619**

#### **Meetings Calendar**

A copy of the meetings calendar for 2019 was circulated to the members.

The Meetings Administrator explained the deadlines for the motions to the members and the Mayor thanked her and stated that he would take this on board.

**Resolved** with the agreement of all members present, the meeting calendar for 2019 was approved.

**KN06/0619**

**Seating Arrangements**

Councillor Stafford stated that the seating arrangements for the Municipal District needed to be considered given the increase in numbers and that he would discuss this with each member over the coming weeks.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy asked if name tobleroness could be used at the Municipal District meeting for staff members who attended meetings in case the members needed further clarification.

**KN07/0619**

**Nominate a member to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)**

Councillor Stafford invited nominations for a member to the CPG.

Councillor Stafford was proposed by Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor Doyle. Councillor McLoughlin Healy was proposed by herself and seconded by Councillor Pender.

The Mayor called for a vote on the two nominations before them for CPG.

**Resolved** with seven members voting in favour for Councillor Stafford and three members voting in favour for Councillor McLoughlin Healy, Councillor Stafford was deemed elected to the Corporate Policy Group.

The meeting concluded.