

**Minutes of the New Ross Municipal District Annual Meeting
held on the 26th June 2024 at 14.30 hrs in the
Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford**

Presiding: Cllr Bridin Murphy

In Attendance: Cllr John Dwyer
Cllr John Fleming
Cllr Marty Murphy
Cllr Michael Sheehan
Cllr Pat Barden (remote)

Apologies: N/A

Officials Present: Alan Fitzhenry – District Manager
Eamonn Hore - District Director
Padraig Lyng – Senior Executive Engineer (Water)
David Murphy – District Engineer (Roads)
Michelle Duffin – Assistant Staff Officer
Dean Waters - Staff Officer

The District Manager took the Chair and welcomed all those in attendance, acknowledging the two newly elected Councillors, and the family members and guests attending the Annual Meeting.

The District Manager then introduced the first agenda item and invited nominations for the position of An Cathaoirleach.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

On the proposal of Cllr John Dwyer, seconded by Cllr Michael Sheehan, Cllr Bridin Murphy was nominated. The nomination was agreed and endorsed by all present.

As there were no further nominations, Cllr Bridin Murphy was duly elected.

Cllr Bridin Murphy took the Chair.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bridin Murphy, thanked the Members and stated that it was a great honour and privilege to be elected as Chairperson of the New Ross Municipal District for a second time by her colleagues, and that she looked forward to working closely with the Members and Officials over the coming year. She also stated that she hoped the Municipal District would continue building on its achievements of the proceeding 5 years by proactively working together as elected members, with the support of a dedicated executive, representing the people and communities of the District.

She also noted the presence of her mother and father, brother, husband and children, thanking them for their support and assistance during the recent local government election.

Cllr Bridin Murphy was congratulated by the Members, the District Manager, and the District Director who all stated they were looking forward to working with her delivering projects, whilst continuing to prioritise the needs of the people and communities throughout the District.

The District Manager congratulated Cllr Bridin Murphy on her election, stating that he looked forward to working with her over the coming year further enhancing the presence and profile of the District.

The District Director also congratulated Cllr Bridin Murphy and advised her that the District staff would continue to work closely with her and the other Members to ensure a successful year, building further on their collective achievements to date, and continuing the development of the District.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bridin Murphy, then acknowledged both the previous Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach for their dedication and enthusiasm over the previous 12 months, wishing both well for the future following the loss of their seats in the local election. This was agreed by all present.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, Cllr John Dwyer was nominated as Leas-Cathaoirleach. The proposal was agreed and endorsed by all present.

As there were no further nominations, Cllr John Dwyer was duly elected.

Cllr John Dwyer thanked the Members for their support and said he looked forward to assisting the Chair and working with the other Members and the Executive during the year ahead in a collaborative approach.

The Members congratulated Cllr John Dwyer on his election to the role of Leas-Cathaoirleach and wished him well for the coming year.

On behalf of the Executive, the District Manager congratulated the newly elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, assuring him and the Cathaoirleach that they would receive the full support of the District staff in their new roles.

3. Schedule of Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Dwyer, the *Schedule of Meetings 2024/25* was proposed and agreed as presented.

4. Standing Orders.

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, the *Draft Standing Orders – 26th June 2024* were adopted as presented.

5. Committee / Board Nominations

(a) *New Ross Sport & Leisure Limited (The APEX) - 2 Positions*

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, **Cllr John Dwyer** was nominated to the Board of NRSL

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(b) JFK Trust - 1 Position

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Dwyer, **Cllr John Fleming** was nominated to the Board of the JFK Trust.

(c) St Michael's Theatre - 1 Position

On the proposal of Cllr John Fleming, seconded by Cllr Michael Sheehan, **Cllr Bridin Murphy** was nominated to the Board of St Michael's Theatre.

*(d) NRMD Protocol Committee - **An Cathaoirleach** plus 3 Positions*

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Dwyer, **Cllr Marty Murphy** was nominated to the Protocol Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr John Dwyer, seconded by Cllr Brid Murphy, **Cllr Pat Barden** was nominated to the Protocol Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Dwyer, **Cllr John Fleming** was nominated to the Protocol Committee.

*(e) NRMD Twinning Committee - **An Cathaoirleach** plus 3 Positions*

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr Bridin Murphy, **Cllr John Fleming** was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Bridin Murphy, seconded by Cllr John Dwyer, **Cllr Marty Murphy** was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr Bridin Murphy, **Cllr Pat Barden** was nominated to the Twinning Committee.

*(f) St Stephen's Cemetery Committee - For noting (**All 6 Members**)*

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bridin Murphy, noted that all the Members would be on the St Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

It was also noted and agreed that the Chair of the Day would be committee Chairperson.

(g) New Ross Town Centre First Team / Chairperson

On the proposal of Cllr Bridin Murphy, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, **Cllr Michael Sheehan** was nominated to the New Ross Town Centre First Team, for the full term of the sitting Council (ie 5 years).

6. Eugene O'Neill Festival

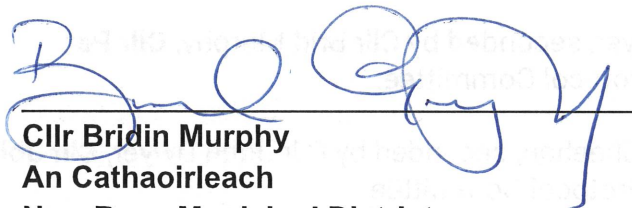
On the proposal of Cllr Michael Sheehan, seconded by Cllr John Fleming, it was

unanimously agreed that both the Cathaoirleach, and Leas-Cathaoirleach, would travel to Danville, California, in September to represent New Ross Municipal District following receipt of the official invitation from Dan McGovern, Co-President, of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

The District Manager undertook to seek full approval for attendance as outlined, through the Plenary Session via the Corporate Policy Group as per standard procedures.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 10th July 2024



Cllr Bridin Murphy
An Cathaoirleach
New Ross Municipal District