

Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag
Annual General Meeting
held on Thursday 27 June 2024 at 3.00 pm
in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag

Members present: Cllr Tommy Kinsella (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Michael Doran
Cllr Andy Gladney
Cllr Daniel Pender
Cllr Willie Quinn

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transport & Infrastructure
Ms Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

Apologies: Mr Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag MD,

1. Mr P O’Gorman, Director of Services welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting of Municipal District of Muinebheag, congratulating Cllr D Pender on being elected to the Municipal District for his first term. Mr P O’Gorman, Director for the District the last four and a half years noted the absence of former Cllr A McDonald who was unsuccessful in this election campaign, paying tribute to all the work Cllr A McDonald had carried out for the district and wishing him and his family well.

All members paid tribute to the former Cllr A McDonald commending him for his dedication to all the community in the Municipal District with Cllr M Doran & Cllr T Kinsella acknowledging working with Arthur for the last 20 years, noting that sometimes opinions differed but he was always a good friend. Cllr W Quinn noted that Arthur was a big loss in the Chamber having worked with him 17 years, also noting that any argument or conflict they had was in the interest of the community and was left in the Chamber. Cllr A Gladney noted that Arthur is a great friend and a sound man. Cllr D Pender thanked Arthur for his courtesy in this election campaign, noting that he had canvassed the last election with Arthur agreeing that he will be remembered for a lot of work in Muinebheag.

All members wished Arthur and his family well.

2. Election of Cathaoirleach

Mr P O’Gorman, Director of Services then invited the members to consider the election of the Cathaoirleach for the new term 2024/2025. Cllr M Doran proposed Cllr T Kinsella as Cathaoirleach, with Cllr D Pender seconding the nomination.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr M Doran, seconded by Cllr D Pender that Cllr T Kinsella be elected as Cathaoirleach. As there were no further nominations for Cathaoirleach Cllr T Kinsella was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach and took the chair.

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The newly elected Cathaoirleach, Cllr T Kinsella, thanked the members for their continued support and welcomed Cllr D Pender to the chamber, noting that his youth was going to bring down the average age in the Chamber. Cllr T Kinsella added that he was looking forward to working with the members and officials for the betterment of the District for the year ahead. All Members, and the Director of Services extended their congratulations to Cllr T Kinsella.

3. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The members then considered the election of the Leas Cathaoirleach.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr M Doran seconded by Cllr T Kinsella that Cllr D Pender be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach. As there were no further nominations Cllr D Pender was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr D Pender thanked the members for their support and said he was looking forward to serving as Leas Cathaoirleach noting it was now time to deliver and look forward for the district.

All Members and the Director of Services extended their congratulations to Cllr D Pender.

4. Standing Orders Muinebheag Municipal District

Ms M Ahearne noted the main points in the Standing Orders, the quorum being 3, the dates, location and times of meetings for the Municipal District of Muinebheag.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr W Quinn seconded by Cllr A Gladney that the standing orders remain as presented for the Municipal District of Muinebheag. Following a show of hands, all agreed.

5. Schedule of Meetings for 2024/2025

The members agreed the Calendar of meetings for 2024/2025.

2024 – 10 July,

4 September,

October (*date tbc to coincide with Budget meeting when set*)

4 December

2025 – 5 February,

2 April,

11 June (*date tbc to align with AGM 2025*)

All members agreed to the dates presented and agreed that the next Municipal District Meeting be scheduled for Wednesday 10th July at 4.00pm.

6. Any Other Business

M P O’Gorman addressed items raised by the members, adding that updates will follow regarding:

- Safe Routes to School, to be listed as an agenda item for July meeting,
- Update on filling of staff vacancies in the district, for General Operatives and upcoming retirement of Mr J Crowley, Municipal District Engineer,
- Update regarding Ballyellen carpark,

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- Ballinabranna water scheme, noting that Uisce Éireann will provide updates at clinics,
- Location of road chippings currently at Borris cemetery to be assessed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator