

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A
TIONÓLADH AN 28 MEITHEAMH 2024

*MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 28th JUNE, 2024 AT 2.30 P.M.*

Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllrs John Coonan, Maria Dollard, David Fitzgerald, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness & Seán O' hArgáin.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services,
Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer,
Ms. Martina Walsh, Staff Officer.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 20th June was read, convening the Statutory Meeting of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City for this date, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Municipal City for the ensuing year.

Ms AnneMaria Walsh, Meetings Administrator invited Cllr. Joe Malone outgoing Mayor to address the meeting.

Cllr Malone thanked all for attending. He welcomed Cllr Seán O' hArgáin back to his first Meeting of Kilkenny Municipal District in County Hall. He also welcomed former Councillor Joe Reidy who was present in the Chamber along with Councillors Pat Fitzpatrick & John Brennan. He paid tribute to former Councillor and Deputy Mayor Martin Brett and thanked him for his valued service during his term in office.

He spoke of the honour of serving the people of Kilkenny in his role as Mayor . He referred to his recent ill health and thanked the Members and the Executive for their unwavering support and especially former Cllr Martin Brett for stepping into the role when he was unable to do so during that period. .He also thanked the local media staff and Photographer Vicky Comerford for their cooperation and support. He spoke of his participation in the recent TG4 documentary on missing Kilkenny man Dean Roche and his hope for a breakthrough in this case. Lastly, he wished the incoming Mayor well in his new role.

TEM NO. 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Proposed By: Cllr. Joe Malone

Seconded By: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

and unanimously resolved:

“That Cllr. Andrew McGuinness be elected to fill the Office of Mayor for the ensuing year.”

Cllr. Joe Malone presented the new Mayor with the Chain of Office.

The Mayor addressed the Meeting and spoke of the honour of being elected Mayor for the third time. He spoke of the importance of the role in representing the people of Kilkenny. He outlined his aims & aspirations for his term of office. These included :

- Extension of bus route to service towns and villages in Kilkenny.
- Resolution of parking issue at Nowlan Park during match days.
- Implementation of CCTV system.
- Completion of the Ring Road.
- Reopening of City Hall and retaining its political dimension within the City.

The Mayor paid tribute to his family for all their support and especially the advice he received from his family and friends during his campaign. He thanked former Cllr Joe Reidy who worked as his campaign manager and paid tribute to the late Denis Byrne who was Caretaker in City Hall for many years.

He promised to serve the people of Kilkenny to his utmost ability and said his door will always be open.

All the Members congratulated Cllr Andrew McGuinness on his appointment and offered their full support and cooperation to him during his term of office.

Cllr David Fitzgerald & Cllr Seán O’ hArgáin referred to the upcoming 800th anniversary in of the first election of a Sovereign (Mayor) in Kilkenny.

ITEM NO. 2: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Proposed By: Cllr David Fitzgerald

Seconded By: Cllr John Coonan

and unanimously resolved

“That Cllr. Joe Malone be elected to fill the Office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.”

All members congratulated Cllr. Malone on his election.

Cllr. Joe Malone thanked everyone for their support and accepted the chain of office. He congratulated Cllr. Andrew McGuinness on his election as Mayor and offered his full support to him for the coming year.

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointments. He welcomed newly elected Cllr Seán O'hArgáin to the Chamber and extended his commiserations to former Councillor Martin Brett on the loss of his seat.

ITEM NO. 3: FIX DATE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested that the September Meeting be changed to 20th September 2024 as he will be away on 13th September.

The Schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year as amended was :

Proposed By: Cllr. Joe Malone

Seconded By: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

and agreed by all.

ITEM NO. 4: Approve Draft Standing Orders.

The Mayor requested that this item be deferred to the July Meeting.

Proposed By: Cllr. Seán O'hArgáin

Seconded By: Cllr. Joe Coonan.

and agreed by all.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr Seán of hArgáin and seconded by Cllr John Coonan that the existing Standing Orders be adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

MAYOR

Date: _____