

Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown – Area Office, Ferrybank

Date of Meeting: 16th June, 2014 at 1.30pm
Present: Cllrs. Melissa O’Neill, Ger Frisby, Eamon Aylward, Tomas Breathnach, Pat Dunphy and Fidelis Doherty.
In Attendance: Martin Mullally, A/DOS, Kevin Hanley, Meetings Administrator, Oonagh Bannon, S.O.
Apologies: Ian Gardner, Area Engineer

Introduction

Kevin Hanley began the meeting, welcoming everyone to the first meeting of the Municipal District of Piltown.

Election of Cathaoirleach

Kevin Hanley invited nominations from the members.

Cllr. Ger Frisby nominated **Cllr. Eamon Aylward**, this was seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed.

Cllr. Aylward said that he was delighted and honoured to be elected first Cathaoirleach for the Piltown Municipal District and he thanked Cllrs. Frisby and Dunphy for their nominations.

Cllr. Aylward took the opportunity to pay tribute to former members Cora Long and Anne-Maria Irish. He congratulated members on their re-election, welcomed the two new members and hoped that the current group of elected members would work well together and support each other for the betterment of services and facilities to the people of South Kilkenny.

Cllr. Dunphy wished to be associated with Cllr. Aylwards remarks and congratulated him on his election as Cathaoirleach. Cllrs. Breathnach and Doherty also wished to be associated with these comments.

Cllrs. O’Neill and Frisby also took the opportunity of congratulating Cllr. Aylward and both looked forward to working with all the other members.

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations from the members.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy nominated **Cllr. Ger Frisby**, this was seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed.

Fix Date for Next and Subsequent Meetings

Kevin Hanley suggested the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. This was agreed.

However, the next meeting was agreed for **Wednesday, 9th July at 10am** and would revert thereafter.

Draft Standing Orders

The Draft Standing Orders were discussed briefly and a few suggested amendments were noted. It was agreed that the members would consider these over the coming weeks and same would be formally adopted at the next meeting on 9th July.

Role of the Municipal District Members

Kevin Hanley gave a brief presentation to the members on their role and the reserved functions of the Municipal Districts. He said this was a learning curve for both the executive and the members, with local authorities seeing a lot of change. He advised that the role and functions of the new Municipal Districts would be covered in a lot more detail at the members training day coming up on the 26th June. He advised that Mark Prendiville Head of Finance will give a presentation to the members in the near future on the financial arrangements for the new municipal district. He wished the elected members well in their new role and assured them of the staff’s commitment to making the new structure deliver for the people of south Kilkenny.

Training Date

Following a request from the members with regard to changing venue and date for training, Kevin Hanley agreed to check details and revert to members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.