

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A
TIONÓLADH AN 9 MEITHEAMH 2023

*MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 9th JUNE, 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.*

Mayor, Councillor David Fitzgerald , Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr Martin Brett, Cllr John Coonan, Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Joe Malone Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Eugene McGuinness.

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 1st June, 2023, 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.

Adoption of Procedure:

Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett

And Agreed:

"That the procedure laid out under Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001 be adhered to for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor".

Cllr David Fitzgerald opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. He paid tribute to his late uncle Cllr Kieran Fitzgerald who died during the year and who held the Mayor's Office for 6 periods. He thanked his fellow Councillors and Kilkenny County Council staff for their exemplary work during his time as Mayor. He also paid tribute to the local media staff , Kilkenny People Office and Kilkenny Observer and photographers Ms Vicky Comerford & Dylan Vaughan .He paid special tribute to his family for their constant support and lastly to the people of Kilkenny for their kindness to him during his reign as Mayor. Mr Tim Butler addressed the meeting thanking the Mayor for his valued input and leadership during his term and presented the Mayor with a photo album.

ITEM NO. 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Proposed By: Cllr. Andrew Mc Guinness

Seconded By: Cllr. Martin Brett

and unanimously resolved:

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

Cllr. Joe Malone took the chain of office. All Members congratulated the Mayor on his election. Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, congratulated Cllr. Fitzgerald on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff and looked forward to working with him.

Cllr. Joe Malone addressed the meeting he spoke of the great honour of being elected Mayor for the second time. He paid tribute to his late mother who was present at his last election in 2015.

Cllr. Malone pledged his commitment to the following projects:

- Further development of the Brewery site
- Construction of a pedestrian bridge at Coote’s lane
- Butts Regeneration Plan
- Loughmacask Plan
- Ring road extension from Castlecomer road to Callan road.

The Mayor proposed that a handball statue be erected to honour all the handballers who has represented Kilkenny with distinction. He noted how the fabric of society has changed in the aftermath of the Ukranian war and how the refugees have integrated well into society. He paid tribute to Director of Services, Ms Fiona Deegan and her staff and the agencies involved in this process. Cllr. Malone spoke of his goal to honour and recognise the individuals and communities that go unnoticed. He plans to continue his collaborating with the various agencies such as Teach Tom, Meals on Wheels and the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. He stated that his faith was very important to him as is his involvement in the Kilkenny Medugorje Group and the prayer meetings held every Thursday. He referred fondly to his time in the Defence Forces and his involvement in the Irish Army Veteran Association he paid tribute to the Army Veterans present on the night in full uniform who were there to support him.

The Mayor spoke of the challenges that Covid has brought to our society and referenced the biggest “Pandemic “of all the scourge of drugs in our community. He called for the need for more resources in the fight against drugs and the importance of highlighting the issue in our schools. He commended the local agencies such as the Fr McGrath Centre and Teach Tom for their great work. He spoke of his wish that more young people will get involved in politics.

Lastly he thanked his fellow Councillors and Council Executives for all their hard work and support. He paid special tribute to his wife Josephine and son Jamie for their constant love and support and thanked all for attending.

ITEM NO. 2: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Proposed By: Cllr David Fitzgerald

Seconded By: Cllr Andrew McGuinness

and unanimously resolved

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

All members congratulated Cllr. Martin Brett on his election.

Cllr. Martin Brett thanked everyone for their support and accepted the chain of office. He congratulated Cllr. Joe Malone on his election as Mayor 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 Cllr. Martin Brett and looked forward to working with him.

ITEM NO. 3: FIX DATE OF MEETINGS

Proposed By: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded By: Cllr. John Coonan

and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

MAYOR

Date: _____