

Municipal District of Ardee Annual Meeting - June 2021

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee Annual Meeting hosted in The Council Chamber County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 3rd June at 4.30 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John Sheridan - Present in Chamber

Members: Councillors: P. Butterly, D. Minogue - attending remotely over MS Teams
Councillors: P. McGeough and J. Tenanty in Cooley Room, County Hall

Apologies: Councillor Hugh Conlon

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services - Present in Chamber
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber

Minute No. 57/21

Speech from outgoing Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Sheridan opened the Annual Meeting and thanked members and officials for their assistance to him during the previous year. Cllr. J. Sheridan took the opportunity to thank all five other Municipal District colleagues for pulling together and working well during his term and during the constraints of COVID. Particular reference was given to their joint efforts to work against the closure of the Bank of Ireland in Dunleer, and to agree and set the Municipal District Budget for the betterment of Ardee. Cllr. J. Sheridan advised that he had reached out on behalf of Ardee to the Mayor of Nettuno Italy, (Ardee's Twin Town), to express sympathy for Italy's great losses during COVID.

Cllr. J. Sheridan thanked his partner Dean and his family for their support during his term of office.

All Councillors present praised Cllr. J. Sheridan on his work as Cathaoirleach and thanked him for his efforts.

Minute No. 58/21

Election of Cathaoirleach

To elect a Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

A request for nominations for election was called.

Cllr. J. Sheridan nominated **Cllr. J. Tenanty** as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Dolores Minogue seconded this proposal.

Cllr. P. McGeough nominated **Cllr. P. McGeough** as Cathaoirleach. This was not seconded and therefore did not meet the criteria for a valid nomination.

As there were no other nominees, **Cllr. J. Tenanty** was deemed elected Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee for the ensuing year in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Cllr. J. Sheridan welcomed the incoming Cathaoirleach, wished him well in his position and vacated the seat to make way for the incoming Cathaoirleach.

Following Covid safety measures to cleanse the vacated chair, Cllr. J. Tenanty entered the chamber and took up the post of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. J. Tenanty, thanked Members for their support and said he looked forward to working with everyone during the year ahead. Members welcomed Cllr J. Tenanty to the chair and wished him well in the year ahead.

On behalf of the Council, Director of Services for Ardee Municipal District, Joe McGuinness thanked Cllr. J. Sheridan for his great work during his term of office, and welcomed Cllr. J. Tenanty to the chair.

Minute No. 59/21

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

To elect a Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Cllr. J. Tenanty then called for nominees for Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. P. Butterly proposed that **Cllr. J. Sheridan** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. This was seconded by Cllr D. Minogue.

Cllr. P. McGeough proposed that **Cllr. P. McGeough** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. This was not seconded and therefore did not meet the criteria for a valid nomination.

As there were no other nominees **Cllr. J. Sheridan** was deemed elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ardee for the ensuing year in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____