**Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis,**

**held at 2.30pm on Friday 11th June, 2021,**

**in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir,**

**New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** P. Daly, J. Flynn, C. Colleran Molloy, A. Norton, P. Murphy, M. Howard & M. Nestor

**Officials:** Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Leonore O’Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Eamon O’Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Niamh O’Connor, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator, Lily McInerney, Staff Officer

The outgoing Mayor of Ennis, Cllr. P. Murphy addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM for the Municipal District of Ennis.

Members paid tribute to Cllr. Murphy on his very successful twelve months as Mayor of Ennis.

Cllr. Murphy thanked his fellow Elected Members for their help during the year and stated that it was a pleasure to represent them.

Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, thanked Cllr. Murphy on behalf of the executive and acknowledged his successes as Mayor during a very difficult year, in particular his ability to maintain strong communication channels between Members and the public. The Director also added that Cllr. Murphy had been a great Mayor to work with.

**Item No. 1. Election of Mayor/Cathaoirleach**

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly, cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn, agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. Ann Norton is Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months”.

As there were no other nominations for the position of Mayor, following Cllr. A. Norton’s acceptance of the position, Cllr. P. Murphy declared Cllr. A. Norton Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next year. The Mayoral chain of office was handed over to Cllr. A. Norton.

Cllr. A. Norton thanked the Elected Members and stating it is an honour to be Mayor of Ennis. She acknowledged the passion and commitment of outgoing Mayor Cllr. Murphy. She also acknowledged her family members in attendance and their support to her.

She referenced the appropriateness of Carers’ week falling on the week she is elected as Mayor and that she would work hard for Carers rights during her term. She presented her vision, to support the people of Ennis who had suffered disastrous effects from the Covid pandemic in the past year. The Mayor described Ennis as a centre for influential businesses, hospitality, innovation and excellent tourism potential.

Carmel Kirby, Director of Service, congratulated and welcomed Cllr. A. Norton as Mayor, on behalf of the Executive team and stated she looked forward to working with her in the busy year ahead.

All Members congratulated Cllr. A. Norton on becoming Mayor of Ennis and wishing her every success for the coming year.

Cllr. Flynn paid tribute to the Senior Executive team for their stalwart efforts during the year in keeping the show on the road despite lockdown restrictions and a small element of very undeserved public detraction. He stressed that all Members will strongly support the Executive team in the next year.

**Item No. 2. Election of Deputy Mayor**

Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Nestor, agus glacagh leis,

“That Cllr. P. Murphy is Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months”.

As there were no other nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and following Cllr. P. Murphy’s acceptance of the position, Cllr. A. Norton declared Cllr. P. Murphy, Deputy Mayor of the Municipal District of Ennis for the next 12 months.

**Item No. 3. Approve allowance for Mayor**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy, the allowance of €12,000 for the role of Mayor was approved.

**Item No. 4. Nominations to various organisations/bodies**

All nominations for various organisations/ bodies were fixed in 2019 for the 5 year term.

Leonore O’Neill, Senior Executive Officer, paid tribute to Cllr A. Norton and Cllr P. Murphy, Cllr. M. Nestor as Vice Chair, and all Members for their hard work in the past year. She acknowledged the huge amount of work done by Councillors behind the scenes and she guaranteed the support of the Executive in helping Councillors deliver on their commitments.

Members again warmly congratulated Cllr. A. Norton on her election as Mayor and congratulated outgoing Mayor Cllr. P. Murphy for his dedication and energy over the past year.

Carmel Kirby Director of Services acknowledged the work of the teams behind the scenes of Ennis Municipal District, in particular the outdoor teams.

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Mayor of Ennis

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Meetings Administrator

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