

Minutes of Annual Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 21st June, 2016 at 12.00 p.m. in Ennistymon MD offices

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. C. Curtin,

I Láthair:

Cllr. R. Nagle, Cllr. B. Slattery, Cllr. I. Lynch, Cllr. M. Hillery, Cllr. B. Chambers, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. P.J. Kelly,

Officials present:

Ms. A. Haugh, Area Co-Ordinator & Director of Service,
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.
Ms. Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Curtin welcomed everyone to the meeting. He indicated that at the AGM last year that it was agreed that there would be a process of wider engagement with the local community of the West Clare MD & to this end he advised that meetings were held in Inagh, Moneypoint, Kilrush, Kilfenora, Miltown Malbay, Ennistymon & Kilmihil. He added that over the course of the last year that 10 statutory meetings were held, 6 Special meetings, 8 Briefings & 10 Workshop sessions on the Draft Co. Development Plan. He indicated that the Members must be at centre stage in the planning & the execution of Council activities. He added that consultation & internal communication practices were inadequate between the Executive & the Members on decision making & the relay of follow up information. He thanked John Corry, Cyril Feeney, Morgan Lahiffe, Liam Browne & Anne Haugh. He also took the opportunity to welcome Siobhan McNulty A/SEE. He thanked the media for attendance at the meetings and fair coverage of proceedings.

The members and executive thanked Cllr. Curtin and complimented him on his leadership over the past year. It was also acknowledged that Cllr. Curtin had paid for refreshments at various locations throughout the year.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach for 12 months

Cllr. Keating proposed Cllr. Slattery for the position of Cathaoirleach. This was seconded by Cllr. Kelly. There were no other nominations & Cllr. Slattery was deemed elected.

Cllr. Slattery thanked the members and said it was an honour to serve as Cathaoirleach and he would endeavour to do his best to be fair & impartial & put the interest of the other Members & the communities they represent first at all times while he was Cathaoirleach. He added that tourism was the main industry in this area & that we needed to continue to look at ways to continue to improve tourism as it had the potential to create many jobs. He added that the West Clare MD covered 47% of the landmass of County Clare with almost 50% of the road network & 33% of the population and that it was a challenge to represent such a large area. He added that he wanted to welcome the media & he asked that going forward that they would report more on lesser issues such as roads etc which weren't being reported on presently.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach for 12 months

Cllr. Hillery was proposed by Cllr. Kelly for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach and was seconded by Cllr. Nagle. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Hillery was elected to the position. All members wished Cllr. Hillery well in his role as Leas Cathaoirleach.

3. Approval to payment of Allowance to Cathaoirleach of Municipal District

The approval to the payment of an allowance to the Cathaoirleach of the MD of €6,000 was proposed by Cllr. Chambers and seconded by Cllr. Keating.

4. Schedule of Meetings

It was agreed that the West Clare would meet on the following dates:

12th July 2016 at 11am
6th September 2016 at 11am
1st November 2016 at 4pm
17th January 2017 at 4pm
7th March 2017 at 4pm
2nd May 2017 at 11am

5. A.O.B.

The members unanimously welcomed S. McNulty as A/SEE to the West Clare MD area (North) & wished her well in her role. It was acknowledged that her role was very challenging because of inadequate road grants.

J. Corry indicated that he would be in further communication with the members re a Briefing which Housing wanted to hold with the West Clare MD.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed :

**Cllr. C. Curtin
Cathaoirleach**

Signed :

**J. Corry
Meetings Administrator**

Dated this the 12th day of July 2016.