

**CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON**  
**FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019, AT 2.30 PM**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Outgoing Mayor Cllr. Peter Cleere.

**Apologies:** None

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer and Meetings Administrator opened proceedings by welcoming everyone and called on the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Peter Cleere to address the meeting. Cllr Cleere thanked Anne Maria Walsh and congratulated all the new and existing Councillors on their success at the elections. He read a letter from the Shortis family thanking the Members for the guard of honour at their Dad's funeral, the Chief Executive for attending and Council Staff for carrying the ceremonial sword and mace.

Cllr Cleere, on behalf of himself and his family spoke about the honour and privilege it was to serve as Mayor of Kilkenny. He thanked the Executive and Staff for all their help and support over his term of office particularly John Dunphy and Phil Costigan. He commiserated with former Councillors who were not re-elected and thanked the Kilkenny People and all the local media for their balanced and fair reporting of meetings. He finished by thanking the people of Kilkenny for their kindness and courtesy during his term as Mayor.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh thanked Cllr Cleere for all his work as Mayor and for representing Kilkenny with such energy, dedication and enthusiasm. She presented him with a momentum in recognition of his work over the year.

**Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 7th June, 2019, was read, convening the Statutory Annual 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:**

The procedure for election of Mayor, as laid down under Section 37 Local Government Act, 2001, having been explained, it was 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”.

**Item No. 1.                    Election of Mayor:**

Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And unanimously resolved

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

Cllr. Martin Brett was presented with the chain of office by the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Peter Cleere.

All members congratulated the Mayor on his election and the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Peter Cleere, on his hard work and commitment during his mayoralty.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, on behalf of the Executive and all the Staff, congratulated Cllr. Brett.

Cllr. Brett addressed the meeting. He thanked everyone for their support and to the people in the community for electing him. He spoke about the previous Council he served, the Election in 2014 where he failed to get elected and the difference between them. He went on to talk about the focus for the new Council including tourism, businesses in the City, rates, housing and hopefully a campus for the South East University located in Kilkenny. He concluded by saying that it was a great honour to be back.

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

Proposed by:                    Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by:                    Cllr. Joe Malone

And unanimously resolved

“That Cllr. John Coonan be elected to fill the Office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

All members congratulated Cllr. John Coonan on his election.

Cllr. Coonan thanked everyone for their support. He congratulated the incoming Mayor Cllr Martin Brett and praised the outgoing Cllr. Peter Cleere. He thanked

Minister Phelan for attending this special occasion. He paid tribute to the late Pat Shortis. He concluded with the hope that everyone will work together for the betterment of the community.

**Item No. 3: Fix Date of Meeting**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And agreed that Kilkenny Municipal District meeting will be held on the second Friday of each month.

**Item No. 4: Approve Standing Orders of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City**

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, explained that there were a number of changes to the Standing Orders. Main changes as follows:

- 12) The quorum for a meeting of the municipal district member shall be 3
- 42) When the municipal district members decides that a member leave a meeting, that member shall immediately leave the meeting and shall not be entitled to speak or take any further part in the meeting on that day.

The Chair shall not permit re-entry to that Member to this or subsequent meetings until such time as a written apology has been received and accepted by Members.

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

And Agreed by all that the Standing Orders been approved with an additional requirement stating that Members will stand when they are addressing the Chair.

**Item No. 5: City Wall Steering Committee**

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

And agreed that in future all items in relation to the City Wall will come before the full Municipal District meeting. It was agreed at this stage not to nominate any members to this sub-committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_