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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TRALEE ON MONDAY, 22ND JUNE 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AN CHÉAD CRUINIÚ BLIANTIÚIL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN 22 MEITHEAMH, 2015.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. B. Cronin
Cllr. J.J. Culloty
Cllr. M. Gleeson
Cllr. D. Grady**

**Cllr. D. Healy-Rae
Cllr. N. Kelleher
Cllr. B. O'Connell
Cllr. J. Sheahan**

In attendance/i láthair

**Ms. A. McAllen
Mr. G. O'Brien
Ms. M. Galvin**

**Delegated Executive for the MD
Meetings Administrator
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The meeting commenced at 11.05am.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty addressed the Meeting. He thanked the Councillors for their co-operation during the past year. He said that everyone worked in the best interest of the Municipal District. Cllr. Culloty sincerely thanked the Management and in particular, Ms. A. McAllen and Ms. N. O'Sullivan for their assistance. They had worked very well together. He said Killarney was a great district and had a lot going for it. Cllr. Culloty said that social housing was going to be a problem over the next couple of years. As Killarney is a busy tourist town, all the accommodation spaces are rented out. The rent allowance and supplements are not matching the cost of the rental properties.

Cllr. B. Cronin complimented Cllr. J.J. Culloty on the past 12 months. He said that Cllr. Culloty had promoted the Municipal District in an excellent fashion and attended a lot of events as Mayor. Cllr. Cronin acknowledged Mr. J. Breen, Ms. A. McAllen and the staff in Corporate Affairs for their work behind the scenes. Cllr. Cronin referred to the abolition of the Killarney Town Council but said that Killarney Municipal District had proven itself as a municipal area.

Cllr. N. Kelleher complimented Cllr. J.J. Culloty on his term as Cathaoirleach. He said that Cllr. Culloty had attended as many events as possible representing Killarney Municipal District. Cllr. Kelleher said that it will be a large task to fill his shoes. He said that Cllr. Culloty was very committed to the role as First Citizen and did so with great honour. As a newly Elected Councillor at the last Local Elections, Cllr. Kelleher said that Cllr. Culloty, his Party colleague, was a great help to him in fulfilling his role and he was very grateful to him for the assistance he gave him. Cllr. Kelleher also referred to the loss of Killarney Town Council but reckoned that the Municipal District was a better place because of it. Cllr. Kelleher also acknowledged all the fundraising efforts that Cllr. Culloty was involved in during his term as Cathaoirleach and congratulated him on the money that had been raised for charities.

Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Cllr. Culloty for his hard work during the past year and said that he had bridged the gap following the abolition of Killarney Town Council. Cllr. Gleeson said that Cllr. Culloty was a credit to the Municipal Area in everything he did and said and thanked him for his work.

Cllr. J. Sheahan wished Cllr. Culloty well in the future and that he did Killarney proud. He said Cllr. Culloty was always there to help people with their concerns and issues. Cllr. Sheahan also commended Ms. A. McAllen for her work to date in her new role as Area Manager. He said there was plenty more work to be done.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae congratulated Cllr. Culloty on an excellent performance as Cathaoirleach and wished him well for the future. Cllr. Healy-Rae also congratulated Ms. A. McAllen on her new role and thanked Mr. J. Breen for his many years of service when he was Town Manager. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted that after 12 months, the Government were now reviewing the decision to abolish the Town Councils. He said that the town needed its own Council but that the Councillors would do their best in its absence.

Cllr. D. Grady acknowledged that Cllr. Culloty always did his best for the Municipal District of Killarney and said that he had a hard task due to the changeover of the new structure. It was not an easy job. He said that Ms. A. McAllen would have a hard task ahead. Cllr. Grady referred to the letter received from the Department regarding the recent request submitted at Full Council to revert to the title of Mayor. He was extremely disappointed with the response received and said that we should be able to use the term "Mayor of Killarney". It is important for a Municipal area to have a Mayor and he would continue to use this title. He wished Cllr. Culloty well in the future.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that the term "Mayor" should be given official status. As tourism was very important to Killarney, the term of Mayor could not be over emphasised as Killarney relied on tourism more than any other town in the country. Cllr. Culloty said that he had been very lucky to be involved in the Municipal District and acknowledged that it was a fantastic place. He thanked all the Members for their kind comments.

Ms. A. McAllen thanked Cllr. Culloty for his work over the past year. She acknowledged that it had not been an easy role. Ms. McAllen said that Cllr. Culloty had been of great assistance to her and he was a very positive person. Ms. McAllen said that it was great to be Manager of Killarney Municipal District but it was not without its challenges. She also acknowledged the staff and their hard work. They worked well with the community and the businesses of the area. Ms. McAllen wished Cllr. Culloty the best for the future.

15.06.22.01 Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Sheahan PROPOSED that Cllr. B. O'Connell be elected Cathaoirleach.

This Proposal was SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher.

As no further proposal was received, Mr. G O'Brien deemed Cllr. B. O'Connell to be elected Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Killarney.

Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked his Proposer, Cllr. J. Sheahan and his Second, Cllr. N. Kelleher. He said that he was honoured to be elected Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District and he thanked his predecessor Cllr. J.J. Culloty for his excellent work.

Cllr. O'Connell said that Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District was a daunting challenge. He said that initially there was scepticism as he is not from the Town of Killarney but this was now a Municipal District and all the areas have to be represented. He acknowledged that Killarney was the best town in Ireland from a tourism perspective and assured the Members that he would give it the attention it deserved. He said he was ready for the challenge ahead.

Cllr. O'Connell also paid tribute to Cllr. Culloty and his wife, Mary. He said that Cllr. Culloty had a tremendous year as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. O'Connell said he was looking forward to working with Ms. A. McAllen and Mr. G. O'Brien in the year ahead.

15.06.22.02 Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Sheahan PROPOSED that Cllr. M. Gleeson be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

This Proposal was SECONDED by Cllr. D. Grady.

As no further proposal was received, Mr. G O'Brien deemed Cllr. M. Gleeson to be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Killarney.

Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked his Proposer, Cllr. J. Sheahan, and Second, Cllr. D. Grady and his other colleagues for making it a unanimous decision. He said he would do his best to represent the Cathaoirleach if called upon. Cllr. Gleeson said

the Municipal District of Killarney was now all-inclusive. He wished Cllr. O'Connell the best in his new role.

Cllr. N. Kelleher congratulated Cllr. B. O'Connell on his election as Cathaoirleach. He said it was encouraging to hear his words. He said there may be fears having someone from outside the town of Killarney as Cathaoirleach but it was important for the other towns and villages to see that we represent the whole area. He said Cllr. O'Connell would represent the area in its entirety with great distinction.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae congratulated Cllr. O'Connell on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him and Cllr. M. Gleeson the best for the year ahead. He said Cllr. O'Connell was assured of his support and they would work together for the people they represent.

Cllr. B. Cronin congratulated Cllr. O'Connell and wished him every success. Cllr. Cronin also supported the concept of the Municipal area as a whole.

Cllr. D. Grady congratulated Cllr. O'Connell and said he would do a wonderful job. Cllr. Grady said that he had a hard task ahead but guaranteed him his full support. He was delighted that Cllr. M. Gleeson was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach and he knew of his capabilities. He wished both Members the best for the year ahead.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty congratulated Cllr. O'Connell. He said he was certain that he would do an excellent job. He said it was important to have a Cathaoirleach from outside Killarney Town. At the previous Municipal District Meeting it had been agreed to put more images of the Killarney Municipal District area on a new pendant on the Mayoral Chain as this would acknowledge that the role covered the whole area as opposed to solely the town of Killarney. Cllr. Culloty also congratulated Cllr. M. Gleeson and said he knew he would be there if called upon. He wished both Councillors continued success.

Cllr. J. Sheahan congratulated Cllr. O'Connell. He acknowledged that he would do a good job for the Municipal District of Killarney. He said Killarney was a great town but people were now aware of the areas outside the town. He also congratulated Cllr. Gleeson and wished him well in his role.

The meeting concluded at 11.40am.

Cathaoirleach of Killarney M.D.

Mr. G. O'Brien
Meetings Administrator