**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL ON FRIDAY 3rd OF JUNE AT 2.00AM**

**Chair: Cllr P Fitzpatrick**

**Cllrs: Cllrs J Brennan, M H Cavanagh, M McCarthy, P Millea and M Shortall.**

**Officials: P Beubry, M Delahunty, M Mulholland & N Byrne**

1. **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

Prior to Clllr P Millea relinquishing his seat as Cathaoirleach, he thanked all the members and staff present for their help and co-operation over the past year. He also asked PBeubry to convey his thanks to all staff attached to the Castlecomer Area Office for their help and assistance during the past year.

Members were unanimous in their praise and gratitude for the fair and efficient manner in which Cllr P Millea had conducted business as Cathaoirleach. M Delahunty echoed these comments and M Mulholland thanked Cllr Millea for the welcome and assistance he had provided as she settled into her new role.

Cllr P Millea sought nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr P Fitzpatrick was proposed for the position by Cllr M McCarthy and was seconded by Cllr M H Cavanagh. There were no further propositions.

Cllr P Fitzpatrick was elected as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr P Fitzpatrick then took the position of Chair of the meeting. He thanked his proposer and seconder and advised that he was very honored to be elected to the position and acknowledged with pride the attendance of his mother and daughter in the public gallery on this special occasion. Cllr P Fitzpatrick acknowledged the high standard set by his 2 predecessors in the position of Cathaoirleach since the establishment of Castlecomer Municipal District. He advised that he looked forward to the year ahead and supporting North Kilkenny as it faces a number of challenges including need for economic support for business and enterprise, non availability of broadband and need to improve the tourism sector.

1. **ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH**

Cllr P Fitzpatrick sought nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr J Brennan was proposed for the position by Cllr M H Cavanagh and was seconded by Cllr P Millea. There were no other propositions.

Cllr J Brennan was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr J Brennan thanked his proposer and seconder and advised Cllr P Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach that he would have his full support for the year. Members were unanimous in their good wishes to Cllr Brennan in his new role and acknowledged his many years service as a councillor.

Cllr MH Cavanagh raised the issue that it would be appropriate to have a chain of office to reflect the status of the Municipal District. Members were in agreement and the issue to receive further discussion after the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

 Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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