

## **Municipal District of Dundalk Annual Meeting - June 2021**

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Minutes of the Municipal District of Dundalk Annual Meeting hosted in The Council Chamber County Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 5.15 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Emma Coffey - Present in Chamber

**Members:** Remote Attendees: Councillors M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, S. Kelly, A. McKevitt, K. Meenan, L. Reilly, J. Reilly, T. Sharkey, A. Watters, M. Yore.

**Officials:** Frank Pentony, Director of Services - Present in Chamber  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber

### **Minute No. 60/21**

#### **Speech from outgoing Cathaoirleach**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E. Coffey thanked the members and officials for their assistance to her during the previous year. She noted that when she took up the post of Cathaoirleach during Covid there was a hope of returning to normality but little did they know of the year of lockdowns ahead. She noted the adaptability of the Council and people of Dundalk throughout a pandemic which still saw ceremonies like Louth in Bloom take place albeit online, works and services were still provided, e.g. on St. Nicholas Quarter and the Famine Graveyard. A great sense of pride & community persisted in Dundalk despite Covid and Cllr. E. Coffey advised she took great pride in wearing the chains of Cathaoirleach and hoped her successor would feel the same.

### **Minute No. 61/21**

#### **Election of Cathaoirleach**

***To elect a Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.***

A request for nominations for election was called.

Cllr. J. Reilly nominated Cllr. M. Doyle as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. M. Butler seconded this.

As there were no other nominees, **Cllr. M. Doyle** was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the ensuing year in accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Cllr. E. Coffey welcomed the incoming Cathaoirleach, and wished her well in her position.

Frank Pentony, Director of Services thanked Cllr. E. Coffey on behalf of the council for her good work as Cathaoirleach during a very difficult time, and Cllr. E. Coffey departed her seat as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. M. Doyle entered the chamber and took up her post as Cathaoirleach. She advised she was delighted to be elected and looked forward to the year ahead.

### Minute No. 62/21

#### Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

*To elect a Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.*

Nominees for Leas Cathaoirleach were then called for.

Cllr. A. McKeivitt proposed that **Cllr. S. Kelly** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. This was seconded by Cllr. E. Coffey

Cllr. T. Sharkey proposed that **Cllr. K. Meenan** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach. This was seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan

Members were advised that as there were two nominees they would be requested to state which nominee they had preference for and the nominee with the highest votes would be deemed elected.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

<b>Councillor Voting</b>	<b>Kevin Meenan</b>	<b>Sean Kelly</b>
Marianne Butler	1	
Emma Coffey		1
Edel Corrigan	1	
Maria Doyle	1	
Conor Keelan		1
Sean Kelly		1
Andrea McKeivitt		1
Kevin Meenan	1	
John Reilly	1	
Liam Reilly		1
Tomás Sharkey	1	
Antóin Watters	1	
Maeve Yore	1	
<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

And Councillor Cllr. K. Meenan was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the ensuing year.

This concluded the Municipal District of Dundalk Annual Meeting for 2021.

**The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:**

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

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

**Meeting Administrator:** \_\_\_\_\_