

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PORTLAOISE MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH OF JUNE 2022 IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND BY MICROSOFT
TEAMS**

PRESENT Mr. John Joe Fennelly, Leas Cathaoirleach (In the Chair)
Ms. Catherine Fitzgerald, M.C.C.
Ms. Caroline Dwane Stanley, M.C.C.
Mr. Willie Aird, M.C.C.
Mr. Noel Tuohy, M.C.C.
Ms. Thomasina Connell, M.C.C.
Mr. Barry Walsh, M.C.C.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Simon Walton, Director of Services
Mr. Seamus Quinn, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer

Councillor John Joe Fennelly, Leas Cathaoirleach extended thanks to all his colleagues and officials for their support during his term of office as the interim Cathaoirleach of the Portlaoise Municipal District, following the retirement of Councillor Mary Sweeney.

(1) Election of Chair

Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley proposed Councillor Noel Tuohy to be elected Cathaoirleach of the Portlaoise Municipal District. This Motion was seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy.

Councillor Thomasina Connell proposed Councillor Barry Walsh to be elected Cathaoirleach of the Portlaoise Municipal District. This Motion was seconded by Councillor Willie Aird.

A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows: -

	Councillor Barry Walsh	Councillor Noel Tuohy
Councillor Aird	✓	
Councillor Connell	✓	

Councillor Dwane Stanley		✓
Councillor Fennelly	✓	
Councillor Fitzgerald	✓	
Councillor Walsh	✓	
Councillor Tuohy		✓

The result of the roll call was 5 votes in favour of Councillor Walsh and 2 votes in favour of Councillor Tuohy. Councillor Barry Walsh was deemed elected Cathaoirleach of the Portlaoise Municipal District for the coming year. Councillor Walsh thanked his proposer and seconder and all his colleagues and paid tribute to the former interim Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, Councillor John Joe Fennelly. The Members also paid tribute to Ms. Mary Sweeney during her role as Cathaoirleach in 2021 of the Municipal District. Mr. Simon Walton, Director of Services wished Councillor Barry Walsh well on his election and paid tribute to Councillor Fennelly & Mary Sweeney during their terms as Cathaoirleach.

(2) Election of Leas Chathaoirleach

Councillor John Joe Fennelly proposed Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald to be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Portlaoise MD . This Motion was seconded by Councillor Willie Aird.

Councillor Noel Tuohy proposed Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley to be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach. This Motion was seconded by Caroline Dwane Stanley.

A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

	Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley
Councillor Aird	✓	
Councillor Connell	✓	
Councillor Dwane Stanley		✓
Councillor Fennelly	✓	

Councillor Fitzgerald	✓	
Councillor Walsh	✓	
Councillor Tuohy		✓

The result of the roll call was 5 votes in favour of Councillor Fitzgerald and 2 votes in favour of Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley. Councillor Fitzgerald was deemed elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Portlaoise Municipal District for the coming year.

Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, having been elected Leas-Cathaoirleach thanked her proposer and all her colleagues.

(3) Agree Schedule of Meetings

It was agreed that the September meeting of the Portlaoise MD would take place on the 14th of September 2022 as the National & World Ploughing Championships are scheduled for the 20th – 22nd of September 2022 – schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year would be issued to the Members.

Signed: _____

John Joe Fennelly, M.C.C. Leas Cathaoirleach.