

***Minutes of Special Election Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Kiltyclogher Community Centre, Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016***

**Members Present:** Councillor Armstrong–McGuire, Finola  
Councillor Barry, Brendan  
Councillor Bohan, Mary  
Councillor Gerry Dolan  
Councillor Dolan, Frank  
Councillor Fallon, Pdraig  
Councillor Ellis, Caillian  
Councillor Guckian, Des  
Councillor Guckian, Sinead  
Councillor Gurn, Felim  
Councillor Kenny, Martin  
Councillor Logan, Seadhna  
Councillor McDermott, Sean  
Councillor McGowan, Sean  
Councillor O'Rourke, Paddy  
Councillor Stenson, Enda  
Councillor Warnock, Justin

**Absent:** Councillor John McCartin, Cathaoirleach

**Officials Present:** Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive  
Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation  
Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services  
Mr. John McKeon, A/Head of Finance & Water Services  
Mr. Shay O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure  
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Kathleen McGovern Ellis, Assistant Staff Officer

At the outset of the meeting, the Cathaoirleach, Councillor John McCartin excused himself from the meeting. He outlined that he may have a conflict of interest in his role as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and being a nominee proposed to represent the Council on the Governing Body to the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive chaired the Meeting in the absence of the Cathaoirleach, Councillor John McCartin.

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**Election of Representative to the Governing Body of National University of Ireland, Galway**

**Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott**

“That Councillor John McCartin be appointed as Leitrim County Council’s representative on the Governing Body of National University of Ireland, Galway.

**Proposed by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan**

"That Councillor Mary Bohan be appointed as Leitrim County Council's representative on the Governing Body of National University of Ireland, Galway.

Councillor Mary Bohan thanked her proposer Councillor Paddy O'Rourke and her seconder Councillor Sean McGowan for the nomination to the Governing Body of the National University of Ireland, Galway. Councillor Bohan outlined that she was withdrawing her nomination due to other commitments in relation to her representative role on the ETB Board and on the Board of Sligo IT. Councillor Bohan also outlined that Councillor John McCartin is the current representative on the Governing Body of National University of Ireland, Galway and she proposed that he should continue in this role.

Councillor Des Guckian outlined his concerns and dissatisfaction with the nomination of a political representative to an educational establishment. He went on to state that academic institutions should have freedom of thought and that such institutions are poorly funded.

Councillor Mary Bohan requested that Councillor Des Guckian withdraw his remarks and she paid tribute to former Members of Leitrim County Council that had served on the Governing Body of the National University of Ireland, Galway. Councillor Bohan stated that the former members had fulfilled their role with distinction.

Councillor Des Guckian refused to withdraw his comments.

Councillor Paddy O'Rourke supported Councillor Bohan and stated that there is merit in having Elected Members on the Governing Body of the National University of Ireland, Galway as the Elected Members can lobby the Government to provide funding for third-level institutions.

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive outlined that following the withdrawal of Councillor Mary Bohan's nomination that Councillor John McCartin is deemed appointed as Leitrim County Council's representative on the Governing Body of National University of Ireland, Galway.

Councillor John McCartin returned to the meeting at this point. He thanked his proposer and seconder and outlined that he looked forward to representing County Leitrim on the Governing Body of the National University of Ireland, Galway.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**SIGNED: Cllr John McCartin  
Cathaoirleach**

**SIGNED: Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator**

**DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**