

Minutes of Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday, 10th September 2018

Members Present: Councillor Armstrong-McGuire, Finola
Councillor Bohan, Mary
Councillor Dolan, Frank
Councillor Dolan, Gerry
Councillor Ellis, Caillian
Councillor Fallon, Padraig
Councillor Guckian, Des
Councillor Guckian, Sinead
Councillor Gurn, Felim
Councillor Logan, Seadhna
Councillor McCartin, John
Councillor McDermott, Sean
Councillor O'Rourke, Paddy
Councillor Stenson, Enda
Councillor Warnock, Justin

And Councillor McGowan, Sean
Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Councillor Barry, Brendan
Councillor Mulvey, Caroline
Mr Lar Power, Chief Executive

Officials Present: Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services
Mr. Vincent Dwyer, Head of Finance and Water Services
Mr Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Mairead Shanley, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Kathleen McGovern Ellis, Assistant Staff Officer

At the outset of the meeting Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sean McGowan outlined that a request had been received from the Media to record the result of the Presidential Election Nomination. Members agreed that the request be facilitated.

Notices of Motions

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10/09/2018 Presidential Election Nomination

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sean McGowan outlined that Motion No 1 in the name of Councillor Mary Bohan and Motion No 2 in the name of Councillor Enda Stenson and Motion 3 in the name of Councillor John McCartin were all nominating Sean Gallagher as a candidate for the Election for the Officer of President of Ireland.

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan

“That Leitrim County Council do hereby nominate Seán Gallagher of Eden Gate, Delgany, Greystones, Co. Wicklow as a candidate for the Election for the Office of President of Ireland pursuant to Article 12 of Bunreacht na hÉireann and the Presidential Election Act 1993 as amended.”

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson

“That Leitrim County Council do hereby nominate Seán Gallagher of Eden Gate, Delgany, Greystones, Co. Wicklow as a candidate for the Election for the Office of President of Ireland pursuant to Article 12 of Bunreacht na hÉireann and the Presidential Election Act 1993 as amended.”

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

“That Leitrim County Council do hereby nominate Seán Gallagher of Eden Gate, Delgany, Greystones, Co. Wicklow as a candidate for the Election for the Office of President of Ireland pursuant to Article 12 of Bunreacht na hÉireann and the Presidential Election Act 1993 as amended.”

Councillor Enda Stenson said it was a great honour for him to propose Mr Sean Gallagher to go forward to contest the Presidential Election. Councillor Mary Bohan supported this and said Mr Gallagher conducted his last campaign for President Election in a very honest manner and he is a man of the highest integrity.

Councillor John McCartin said it was a privilege to put forward a motion to nominate Mr Sean Gallagher to go forward to contest the Presidential Election and he pointed out that he is a man that understands border issues and he is a man who has worked hard for the marginalized in society.

Councillor Des Guckian opposed the motion and paid tribute to President Michael D Higgins and the manner in which he has carried out the role and defends the constitution. Councillor Mary Bohan said that the Members were not casting aspirations or discussing Michael D. Higgins presidency.

Councillor Pdraig Fallon expressed his disappointment that the Members did not have an opportunity to ask questions to the candidates. He said he would like to have known their views on votes for the Disapora and citizens in the North and if they were elected how they would act as a guarantor of the constitution and would intend to pursue, support and advocate in favour of Irish Unity.

Councillor Seadhna Logan said that the Sinn Fein Members would not block the democratic process and he noted that their abstention is not either an endorsement or indication of support but he acknowledged candidates should be facilitated for election.

**Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan
AND RESOLVED:**

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The business of the meeting concluded at 1.20 pm

**Signed: Councillor Sean McGowan
Cathaoirleach**

**Signed: Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator**

Dated: 5th November, 2018