

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 2.00 P.M.**

Chair: Eamon Aylward

Cllrs: John Brennan, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McKee, Pat Millea, Malcolm Noonan, Melissa O'Neill, Patrick O' Neill & Sean Tyrrell.

Officials: Colette Byrne, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Mary J. Mulholland, Sean McKeown, & Anne Maria Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. Maurice Shortall.

Cllr. Aylward opened the Special Meeting and advised that the purpose of the meeting is to receive potential candidates for the Presidential Election and to listen to them.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner and agreed that the decision to nominate a named person be deferred to Monthly Meeting on the 17th September, 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee, seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed that Standing Orders No. 53 be suspended for this Special Meeting.

Cllr. Aylward congratulated Cllr. John Brennan on the birth of his two granddaughters.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Cllr. John Carey, Waterford City & Council.

A minutes silence was observed.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward welcomed Mr. Sean Gallagher to the Chamber and advised that he would be given eight minutes to make his presentation. Time will be strictly adhered to and time will be allowed for Members to ask questions.

Mr. Sean Gallagher spoke about his priorities for the Presidency and humbly asked the Members for their nomination. Members asked Mr. Gallagher a number of questions in relation to his qualities for the post of President and funding of his campaign. Cllr. Aylward thanked Mr. Gallagher for making his presentation.

Cllr. Aylward advised that the remaining two candidates are running late due to attendance at other Council Meetings. It was agreed to adjourn meeting until 4.00 p.m. to facilitate them.

Mr. Butler advised Members on the procedure to be taken in the event of a nomination at the Monthly Meeting. Details of procedure will be circulated.

Meeting resumed at 4.00 p.m.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward welcomed Ms. Gemma O'Doherty and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms. O'Doherty outlined to the Members her reasons for seeking the nomination and what role she would take as President of Ireland.

Members asked Ms. O'Doherty a number of questions in relation to her qualities for the post of President and financing of her campaign.

Cllr. Aylward thanked Ms. O'Doherty for making her presentation.

Cllr. Aylward advised that Ms. Sarah Louise Mulligan would not be attending. She has requested that her video be circulated to all Members.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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