## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS** **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council September 2018 Special County Council Meeting (Presidential Nomination) held on 20th September 2018.

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Looney, D. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Donovan, P. |  | Mc Cann, C. |
| Duff, M. |  | McMahon, C. |
| Dunne, L. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Egan, K. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Ferron, B. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Foley, P. |  | Nolan, R. |
| Genockey, M. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Brien, D. |
| Graham, J. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Hendrick, E. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Higgins, E. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Russell, R. |
| King, C. |  | F. Timmons |
| Lawlor, B. |  | Ward, M. |
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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Directors/ Heads of Function | L. Maxwell. |
| Senior Executive Officers | C. Hurson. |
| Administrative Officers | C. Murphy. |
| Senior Staff Officer  Staff Officer  Clerical Officer | R. McGarry.  L. Abbey.  D. Murphy, |
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The Mayor M. Ward Presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors F. Duffy, T. Gilligan, S. Holland, B. Leech W. Lavelle and L. O’Toole.

**OPENING BY MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed the Members to the Special Meeting of the Council to consider whether South Dublin County Council would nominate a candidate for the Presidential Election.

The Mayor informed the meeting that a request had been received from one of the potential candidates, who due to illness could not attend, to allow a representative present to the Council on his behalf. This request was put to the floor.

Cllr. F. Timmons proposed and Cllr. E. Higgins seconded a motion “that this council does not agree to let a representative present on behalf of one of the candidates”. The motion was unanimously agreed.

The Mayor Cllr. Mark Ward then invited the potential candidates who were present to enter the chamber. He outlined to the candidates that they each be given 10 minutes to address the Members followed by a questions and answers session.

**ADDRESS BY PROSPECTIVE NOMINEES**

The following potential candidates addressed the Members:

Ms. Marie Goretti Moylan presented.

Following Ms Moylan’s presentation a number of questions were put by Councillors J Graham, D O’Donovan and P Gogarty. Ms Moylan responded to the queries raised

Ms. Sarah Louise Mulligan presented.

At 6:10pm due to a disturbance in the Chamber and also in the public gallery the Mayor Cllr. Mark Ward, in accordance with Standing Order nos. 38 and 49, temporarily adjourned the meeting to facilitate the removal of those responsible. The meeting resumed at 6:20pm.

Following the resumption of the Meeting, Mr. John O’Hare made his presentation.

Following Mr O’Hare’s presentation a number of questions were put by Councillors P. Gogarty, G. O’Connell and R. McMahon. Mr. O’Hare responded to the queries raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Gogarty and seconded by Cllr. F. Timmons that South Dublin County Council nominate Mr John O’Hare for the Presidential Election to be held on Friday 26th October 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Nolan and seconded by Cllr. G. O’Connell that South Dublin County Council nominate Ms Gemma O’Doherty for the Presidential Election to be held on Friday 26th October 2018.

The Mayor, Cllr. M. Ward, questioned if a person could be nominated in their absence and after some discussion it was clarified that the person could be proposed in their absence.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Duff and seconded by Cllr. E. O’Brien that South Dublin County Council would not nominate any candidate for the Presidential Election to be held on Friday 26th October 2018.

The Meeting was informed that Ms. Gemma O’Doherty had arrived and wished to address the Members. The Mayor Councillor M. Ward asked the Members if they were in agreement to allow Ms. O’Doherty to address the chamber. The Members agreed and the Mayor Councillor M. Ward welcomed Ms. O’Doherty and invited her to proceed.

Ms. Gemma O’Doherty presented.

Following Ms O’Doherty’s presentation a number of questions were put by Councillors L. Dunne, M. Duff, M. Johannson, P. Gogarty and R. Nolan. Ms O’Doherty responded to the queries raised.

As there was an additional presentation The Mayor, Councillor M. Ward called for new motions.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Duff and seconded by Cllr. E. O’Brien that South Dublin County Council would not nominate any candidate for the Presidential Election to be held on Friday 26th October 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Gogarty and seconded by Cllr. F. Timmons that South Dublin County Council nominate Mr John O’Hare for the Presidential Election to be held on Friday 26th October 2018.

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The calling for new motions was challenged from the floor and it was proposed that the earlier motions should be taken in the order that they were moved. A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Looney, M. Duff, E. Higgins, R. Nolan, E. O’Brien and M. Ward in which it was highlighted that the Agenda stated “You are hereby given notice that it is the intention of the Mayor, subject to a preceding vote of the Members, to propose a resolution to nominate an agreed person”. It was stated by a number of contributors to the discussion that the preceding vote mentioned in the Agenda notification was to allow the Members to decide, in the first instance, if they wished to proceed to consider the nomination of any candidate.

Having considered the points raised during the discussion The Mayor Councillor M. Ward, ruled that Councillor M. Duff’s motion be voted on first.

**A roll call vote was taken on the Motion not to nominate a candidate and the results were as follows:**

**FOR: THIRTEEN (13)**

Councillors B. Bonner, M. Duff, P. Foley, E. Hendrick, M. Johansson, B. Lawlor, D. Looney, E. Murphy, D. O’Brien, E. O’Brien, D. Richardson, R. Russell and

M. Ward.

**AGAINST: NINE (9)**

Councillors P. Gogarty, J. Graham, R. McMahon, K. Mahon, M. Murphy, R. Nolan, G. O’Connell, D. O’Donovan and F. Timmons.

**ABSTAIN: NINE (9)**

Councillors V. Casserly, P. Donovan, L. Dunne, K. Egan, B. Ferron, E. Higgins, C. King, C. McCann and C. McMahon.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

As Cllr M. Duff’s motion was **AGREED,** the two motionsnominating potential candidates **FELL.**

The meeting finished at 7:20pm

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Mayor

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