

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE  
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL PLENARY MEETING CIVIC RECEPTION FOR SÉAMUS POWER HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, WATERFORD.**

**Present**

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| Cllr. John O’Leary (Mayor) | Cllr. Cristiona Kiely   |
| Cllr. Donal Barry          | Cllr. Jason Murphy      |
| Cllr. David Daniels        | Cllr. Pat Nugent        |
| Cllr. Joeanne Bailey       | Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan   |
| Cllr. Declan Doocey        | Cllr. Thomas Phelan     |
| Cllr. Mairead Tobin        | Cllr. Jody Power        |
| Cllr. Conor McGuinness     | Cllr. Mary Roche        |
| Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald       | Cllr. Seamus Ryan       |
| Cllr. Damien Geoghegan     | Cllr. Adam Wyse         |
| Cllr. John Hearne          | Cllr. Stephanie Keating |
| Cllr. Seanie Power         |                         |

Apologies: Cllr. Ger Barron, Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Jim Griffin, Cllr. Joe Kelly, Cllr. Seamus O’Donnell, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Eamon Quinlan, Cllr. Frank Quinlan.

**Officials in Attendance**

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive.  
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing  
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Economic Development  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meeting Administrator  
Ms. A. Flynn, Corporate

**1. Civic Reception to honour Séamus Power**

The Mayor welcomed Séamus and his family to City Hall. He said Séamus was an accomplished sportsman who just weeks ago had won his second PGA Tour golf event in Bermuda and who currently sits 28<sup>th</sup> in the Official World Golf Rankings. He said he was a credit to his family and to Waterford and wished him every success for the future. The Mayor called on Councillor Pat Nugent to formally propose the motion.

Cllr. Nugent said he was honoured to propose the motion that a civic reception be accorded to Séamus Power. He recalled the earlier sporting achievements of Séamus and he said he represented Ireland in amateur golf from 2003 and was selected to represent Ireland in the Home Internationals and European Championships. He was offered a Scholarship to East Tennessee State University in the USA where he won 5 Individual Division 1 College titles including setting a record in the Jerry Pate National which still stands at 198 shots over 3 rounds. He said Séamus has won 4 times on the E-Golf Tour and became the first Irish golfer to win on the Web.com tour with his 2016 United Leasing and Finance Championship win in Indiana. He also represented Ireland at the Rio Olympics in 2016 and in 2021. In April 2022 Séamus played at The Masters at Augusta and won his 2<sup>nd</sup> PGA Tour in Bermuda in October 2022. He said Séamus is No.1 in the Fed Ex Cup standings and is ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the world which he said is a superb achievement. He went on to say that Séamus is a credit to Waterford and to his family and wished him every success for the future.

Cllr. Tobin seconded the motion saying she was delighted to do so having followed his career with interest. She said he became just the 6<sup>th</sup> golfer from the island of Ireland to win a PGA tour event when he won his 1<sup>st</sup> PGA at the Barbasol Championship in 2021 and he won again just 7 weeks ago on the PGA Tour in Bermuda which is an amazing achievement. She restated that she was delighted to second the motion to afford Séamus Power a Civic Reception.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Nugent and seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed by all.

Cllr. Phelan, Cllr. Geoghegan, Cllr. McGuinness and Cllr. J. Power also spoke in support of the motion and extended their congratulations to Séamus and wished him continued success.

Séamus Power addressed the Council thanking them for their kind words and for the incredible honour of being afforded a civic reception.

The motion was passed by the unanimous affirmation of the members present. The Mayor presented a scroll and a commemorative piece of Waterford Crystal to Seamus Power.

Mayor invited Seamus Power, guests and the members to the Large Room for photographs and refreshments.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of Waterford City & County Council

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_