

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER, 2018 IN THE
CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN**

PRESENT

Cllr. John O'Leary (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Seán Reinhardt
Cllr. Cha O'Neill	Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan	Cllr. Declan Doocey
Cllr. Pat Nugent	Cllr. Blaise Hannigan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. John Hearne

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Breda Brennan	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Siobhan Whelan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. Ray Murphy	

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. F. Reidy, A/ Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Cllr. John O'Leary (Deputy Mayor) welcomed all candidates and advised that they have 10 minutes to make their presentation to council.

Mr. Sean Gallagher addressed Council outlining he wasn't seeking nomination as he has received the requisite number of nominations to be included in the Presidential Election. He welcomed the opportunity to address council members highlighting areas to be dealt with such as homelessness, supports for people with disability, unemployment and supports for the defence forces.

Mr. John O'Hare addressed Council and outlined his own background in Agri business and his focus on the need to support enterprise and business set up. He spoke of his concern on the impact of Brexit and need to develop and build on relationships with Northern Ireland. He concluded by asking the Council to support his nomination.

Mr. Peter Casey addressed Council outlining his involvement in the Good Friday Peace Agreement and his proposal to influence businesses to come to Ireland and develop relationships with international companies. He wanted to create an environment for Irish people to return to Ireland. He concluded by asking the Council to support his nomination.

Ms. Gemma Doherty addressed Council outlining her background in investigative journalism. She highlighted her concerns for the environmental damage relating to wind turbines, tackling of corruption, the housing crisis and current state of the health care system. She concluded by asking the Council to support her nomination.

Ms. Sarah Louise Mulligan addressed Council and highlighted that Ireland needed a president that would be in touch with people and those that are the most vulnerable in society. She outlined her concerns about abuse, homelessness and suicide in Ireland and also how she would be supportive of entrepreneurship. She concluded by asking the Council to support her nomination.

All candidates dealt with a number of questions from Councillors.

Cllr. John O'Leary, Deputy Mayor invited proposals for Presidential nominations.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr. Hannigan that Gavin Duffy is nominated as the presidential candidate from Waterford City & County Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reinhardt and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that Gemma Doherty is nominated as the presidential candidate from Waterford City & County Council.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

Gavin Duffy	Gemma Doherty	Abstain
Cllr. Brazil	Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Hearne
Cllr. Cronin	Cllr. Reinhardt	
Cllr. Geoghegan		
Cllr. Hannigan		
Cllr. Mulligan		
Cllr. J. Murphy		
Cllr. Nugent		
Cllr. O'Donnell		
Cllr. O'Leary		
Cllr. O'Neill		
Cllr. M.J. O'Ryan		
Cllr. Power		
Cllr. Pratt		
Cllr. Tobin		
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As Mr. Gavin Duffy received the majority of votes from those voting he was declared as the Waterford City & County Council nominee for the Presidential Election.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____