

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2020, AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. Sheahan, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Costelloe, Daly, Egan, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin (J), McSweeney, Mitchell, Murphy, O'Brien, O'Dea, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheehan, Slattery, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Collins (J) Donegan and Ryan (M).

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Support Services (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), A/Director, Economic Development (Mr. V. Murray), Director, Physical Development (Mr. B. Kennedy), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. F. McCormack).

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from the Chief Executive.

The Mayor congratulated Councillors Brian Leddin and Richard O'Donoghue on their recent success in the General Election and wished them both well for the future. The Mayor also took the opportunity to acknowledge the Elected Members who contested the election.

1. Support Services

(a) Filling of Casual Vacancies

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services, dated 14th February, 2020.

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider filling two casual vacancies on the Council consequent on the election of Councillors Brian Leddin and Richard O'Donoghue to Dáil Éireann. The procedure was set out in Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, a copy of which had been circulated to Members. He also confirmed that all the required documentation in relation to the co-option had been received and was in order.

Proposed by Councillor Hartigan;
Seconded by Councillor Kiely;

“That, Ms. Saša Novak Uí Chonchúir, 69, Mayorstone Drive, Mayorstone, Limerick, V94 PR9K, be co-opted to the Council to fill the casual vacancy consequent on the election of Councillor Brian Leddin to Dáil Éireann.”

As there were no other nominations, the Mayor declared Ms. Saša Novak Uí Chonchúir co-opted as a Member of the Council for the Metropolitan District of Limerick and welcomed her as a Member of the Council.

Councillor Novak then took her seat in the Chamber.

Proposed by Councillor Teefy;
Seconded by Councillor Daly;

“That, Mr. John O’Donoghue, Ballinaculla, Dromin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, V35 RW73, be co-opted to the Council to fill the casual vacancy consequent on the election of Councillor Richard O’Donoghue to Dáil Éireann.”

As there were no other nominations, the Mayor declared Mr. John O’Donoghue co-opted as a Member of the Council for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale and welcomed him as a Member of the Council.

Councillor O’Donoghue then took his seat in the Chamber.

The Mayor congratulated Councillors Novak and O’Donoghue on their co-option and wished them well in their role as Elected Members. The Members congratulated and extended a very warm welcome to Councillors Novak and O’Donoghue, wishing them well in their new role and future political career. Tributes were also paid to Deputy Brian Leddin and Deputy Richard O’Donoghue.

The Deputy Chief Executive, on behalf of the Management and Staff, joined in congratulating Councillors Novak and O’Donoghue.

Councillor Novak addressed the Meeting and thanked the Mayor, Elected Members and Deputy Chief Executive for their warm welcome. Councillor Novak acknowledged and thanked Councillor Hartigan for proposing her co-option and Councillor Kiely for seconding the nomination. Councillor Novak thanked her family for their support and looked forward to working with the Elected Members.

Councillor O'Donoghue then addressed the Meeting and thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to address the Chamber. Councillor O'Donoghue acknowledged the work of Deputy Richard O'Donoghue and looked forward to working with the Elected Members. Councillor O'Donoghue acknowledged the support he had received from his family.

(b) Filling of Vacancies on Strategic Policy Committees

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of a replacement to the following Strategic Policy Committees consequent on the election of Councillors Brian Leddin and Richard O'Donoghue to Dáil Éireann:

Councillor Brian Leddin

• **Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor Saša Novak Uí Chonchúir would be appointed to replace Councillor Brian Leddin on the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

• **Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor Saša Novak Uí Chonchúir would be appointed to replace Councillor Brian Leddin on the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

Councillor Richard O'Donoghue

• **Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor John O'Donoghue would be appointed to replace Councillor Richard O'Donoghue on the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

• **Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor John O'Donoghue would be appointed to replace Councillor Richard O'Donoghue on the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

(c) Filling of Vacancies on Other Bodies

Circulated, report of the Meetings Administrator dated 18th February, 2020, in relation to the filling of vacancies on other Bodies.

The Meetings Administrator stated that vacancies were required to be filled on a number of Bodies, as set out in his report, consequent on the election of Councillors Brian Leddin and Richard O'Donoghue to Dáil Éireann:

Councillor Brian Leddin

(i) Limerick Market Trustees

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor Saša Novak Uí Chonchúir would be appointed to the Limerick Market Trustees to fill the vacancy consequent on the election of Councillor Brian Leddin to Dáil Éireann.

(ii) Implementation Advisory Group on the Establishment of a Directly Elected Mayor for Limerick with Executive Functions

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor Saša Novak Uí Chonchúir would be appointed to the Implementation Advisory Group on the Establishment of a Directly Elected Mayor for Limerick with Executive Functions to fill the vacancy consequent on the election of Councillor Brian Leddin to Dáil Éireann.

Councillor Richard O'Donoghue

(i) Limerick 2030 Strategic Development DAC

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor John O'Donoghue would be appointed to Limerick 2030 Strategic Development DAC to fill the vacancy consequent on the election of Councillor Richard O'Donoghue to Dáil Éireann.

(ii) Joint Policing Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J) seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Councillor John O'Donoghue would be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee consequent on the election of Councillor Richard O'Donoghue to Dáil Éireann.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Date: _____