

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, AND ONLINE, ON THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 2024, AT 9.30AM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Príomh Chomhairleoir Councillor D. McSweeney

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Moran.

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Foley, Galvin, Gavan, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan, Slattery, Stokes, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (Mr. P. Daly), Deputy Director General and Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development (Mr. G. Daly), Director, Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services (Mr. M. White), Director, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. C. Farrell), A/Administrative Officer, Corporate and Governance (Ms. A. Foley), Staff Officer, Corporate and Governance (Ms. C. Sheehy)

The Príomh Chomhairleoir congratulated Deputy Conor Sheehan on his recent success in the General Election and wished him well for the future. The Príomh Chomhairleoir also took the opportunity to acknowledge the Elected Members who contested the election and commended them for doing so.

1. Filling of Casual Vacancy by Co-option

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services, dated 13th December, 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Leddin;
Seconded by Councillor Secas;

"That, Mr. Padraig Reale, Garryowen, Limerick, be co-opted to the Council to fill the casual vacancy consequent on the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann."

As there were no other nominations, the Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Mr. Padraig Reale co-opted as a Member of the Council for the Metropolitan District of Limerick and welcomed him as a Member of the Council.

Councillor Reale then took his seat in the Chamber.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir congratulated Councillor Reale on his co-option and wished him well in his role as an Elected Member for Limerick City and County Council. The Members congratulated and welcomed Councillor Reale, wishing him well in his new role and noted they looked forward to working with him during the term of this Council. Tributes were also paid to Deputy Sheehan on his election to Dáil Éireann and Members acknowledged all that he had achieved during his term as a Councillor.

The Director General, on behalf of the Management and Staff, joined in congratulating Councillor Reale and looked forward to working with him. He also congratulated Deputy Sheehan on his election to Dáil Éireann and wished him all the best.

Councillor Reale addressed the Meeting and thanked the Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir, Elected Members and Director General for their warm welcome. Councillor Reale congratulated his colleague Deputy Conor Sheehan and thanked him for the encouragement to take up this role, and outlined he hoped to carry out his functions in the same professional manner as Deputy Sheehan did. Councillor Reale acknowledged and thanked Councillor Leddin for proposing his co-option and Councillor Secas for seconding the nomination. Councillor Reale thanked his family for their unwavering support and looked forward to working and building new relationships with both the Elected Members and Staff for the betterment of Limerick.

2. Filling of Subsequent Vacancies

Circulated, report of the Meetings Administrator dated 13th December, 2024, in relation to the filling of subsequent vacancies consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann.

a) Chair-Designate of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Príomh Chomhairleoir advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of a replacement Chair-Designate of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann.

On the proposal of Councillor Secas seconded by Councillor Reale it was proposed that Councillor Joe Leddin would be the replacement Chair-Designate of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann.

On the proposal of Councillor Hickey-O'Mara seconded by Councillor Benson it was proposed that Councillor O'Donovan would be the replacement Chair-Designate of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann

As there was more than one nomination, a vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Leddin

Councillors Butler, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Doyle, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan (S), Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mayor Moran, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Reale, Ryan (M), Secas, Sheahan, Slattery, Stokes, Talukder, Teskey, Ward **(28)**

For Councillor O'Donovan

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Donoghue, Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, O'Donovan, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Teefy **(9)**

There were no abstentions.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Joe Leddin appointed Chair-Designate of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

b) Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited

The Príomh Chomhairleoir advised that the Council was required to consider the nomination of a replacement to Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann.

On the proposal of Councillor Leddin seconded by Councillor Secas it was proposed that Councillor Pádraigh Reale would be appointed to the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donovan seconded by Councillor Benson it was proposed that Councillor Shane Hickey-O'Mara would be appointed to the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited consequent to the election of Councillor Conor Sheehan to Dáil Éireann.

As there was more than one nomination, a vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Reale

Councillors Beasley, Butler, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Doyle, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mayor Moran, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Reale, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan, Slattery, Stokes, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey, Ward. **(34)**

For Councillor Hickey-O'Mara

Councillors Benson, Donoghue, Gavan, Hickey O'Mara, O'Donovan. (5)

There were no abstentions.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir declared Councillor Pádraigh Reale appointed to the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Limited.

3. Strategic Policy Committees

The Príomh Chomhairleoir advised that the Council was required to consider the following:

- (a) The nomination of Members of the Council to each Strategic Policy Committee of Limerick City and County Council.
- (b) The approval of Sectoral Nominations to each Strategic Policy Committee of Limerick City and County Council.

Members of the Council to each Strategic Policy Committee

At the outset of the discussion on this item, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Collins (B), seconded by Councillor Sheahan, to take a 5 minute adjournment.

On resumption, a further adjournment of 5 minutes was proposed by Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor Collins (B), and agreed.

Once the meeting recommenced, the nominations of Members of the Council to each Strategic Policy Committee of Limerick City and County Council were considered.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor O'Donovan;
And Resolved:

The following Elected Members be appointed to Strategic Policy Committees as set out:

Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning

Councillors Doyle, Collins (B), Pond, O'Hanlon, Foley, Galvin, Keary, O'Sullivan (T), McSweeney, O'Sullivan (O), O'Donoghue, Donoghue, Scanlan, Reale, Gavan, Benson.

Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment

Councillors Leddin, O'Hanlon, Pond, Collins (B), Foley, Kiely, Galvin, Stokes, Sheahan, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Ryan (E), Daly, Secas, Hickey-O'Mara, Carey.

Travel and Transportation

Councillors Teefy, Ward, Kilcoyne, Ryan (M), Doyle, Butler, Conway, Ruddle, Teskey, Hartigan (S), O'Donoghue, Scanlan, Ryan (E), Secas, O'Donovan, Gavan.

Home and Social Development

Councillors Keary, Beasley, Talukder, Ward, Collins (M), Slattery, Kiely, Ruddle, Stokes, O'Sullivan (T), Teskey, Donoghue, Daly, Leddin, O'Donovan, Benson.

Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture

Councillors Kilcoyne, Beasley, Slattery, Ryan (M), Collins (M), Taluker, Butler, O'Sullivan (O), McSweeney, Sheahan, Conway, Hartigan (T), Teefy, Reale, Hickey-O'Mara, Carey.

Sectoral Nominations to each Strategic Policy Committee

Circulated, report of the Meetings Administrator dated 18th December, 2024, in relation to the Sectoral Nominations to each Strategic Policy Committee of Limerick City and County Council.

The report stated that the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029 was formally adopted by the Council at its November Meeting and following the adoption of the Scheme, nominations were requested from the Limerick Public Participation Network to the five Strategic Policy Committees. The report circulated included the 12 nominations received to date from the Limerick Public Participation Network and the remaining nominations would be submitted in due course.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Meeting that a total of 18 nominations were also sought from the following Pillars; (i) Agriculture/Farming Pillar (5); Development/Construction Pillar (4); Business/Commercial Pillar (7); and Trade Union Pillar (2). 2 nominations had been received from the Trade Union Pillar and the remaining 16 nominations from the Sectoral Groups would be submitted in due course.

The approval of the Council was now being sought to the Sectoral Nominations.

Proposed by Councillor Leddin;
Seconded by Councillor Stokes;
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to Sectoral Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees as set out below:

Trade Union

Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

- Dan O'Neill
- Carol McNamara

Community/ Voluntary

Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee

- Declan Hehir, BGM Community Council CLG
- Brian Thompson, St. Mary's Adult Education Group

Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee

- Bruce Harper, Limerick Cycling Campaign
- Caillum Hedderman, Ballybricken 46th Scout Group

Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

- Farron Flaherty, Limerick Cycling Campaign

Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee

- Una Burns, Noval Initiatives

Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture

- Pete Moles, Engineering Limerick Filmmakers
- Marion Hurley, Kilmurry Arts and Heritage Centre

Social Inclusion

Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee

- Vadivel Raj, Limerick Migrants Forum

Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

- Maureen Browne, Step Forward Disability Group

Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee

- Toyin Salmon, Limerick Migrant Forum

Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture

- Khurram Iqbal, Limerick Migrants Forum

The Príomh Chomhairleoir concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked the Elected Members and Staff for their cooperation throughout the year.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date: _____