

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Monday 22nd September, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. and via MS Teams

Chair: Cllr PJ O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllrs Aughey, Campbell, Carthy, Clerkin, P. Conlon, S. Conlon, Coyle, Flynn, Gibbons, Gilliland, Johnston, Keelan, McCooey, P. Treanor, S. Treanor and Truell.

Mr. R. Burns, Chief Executive, Ms. C O'Hare, Ms. M. McGarvey, Meetings Administrator, Ms. M. McMahon, Staff Officer.

Apology: Cllr B. McAree

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all present to the meeting. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to afford prospective nominees for the forthcoming Presidential election on 24 October 2025 the opportunity to make a presentation to the Council. He stated that each prospective nominee would be allocated a maximum of 10 minutes for their presentations and 5 minutes for questions and answers from the Council should members wish to do so.

The Cathaoirleach then invited the Meetings Administrator, Ms. M. McGarvey to outline the procedure for the meeting.

Ms. McGarvey outlined the legislation and process in relation to a local authority nomination for the Presidential Election.

The Cathaoirleach individually welcomed each of the following prospective nominees to the meeting and invited them to address the members in the following order:

- Keith McGrory
- Tony Corrigan
- Lorna McCormack
- Seana Kerr
- Lucy-Anne O'Leary
- Walter Ryan-Purcell
- Aodhan OhArrachtain
- Dr. Cora Stack
- Peter Casey
- Diarmaid Mulcahy

Each prospective nominee outlined their intentions and objectives in their Presidential bid, following which they responded to questions from the members.

Group party leaders indicated that they would not be nominating a candidate to contest the forthcoming Presidential Election on 24th October 2025.

The Cathaoirleach called for a roll-call vote on the decision by Monaghan County Council not to nominate a candidate to contest the forthcoming Presidential Election on 24th October 2025, which resulted as follows:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The Cathaoirleach declared that the decision by Monaghan County Council not to nominate a candidate to contest the forthcoming Presidential Election on 24th October 2025 was carried.

The meeting then concluded.