

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2011**

CATHAOIRLEACH:
I LATHAIR FRESIN:-

Cllr. M. Maher

Baill:-

Cllrs. S. Canney, L. Carroll, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, S. Cunniffe, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, M. Hoade, Comh. S. Ó Laoi, E Mannion, T. Mannion, T. Mc Hugh, J McDonagh, M. Noone, P. Roche, K. Ryan, Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager,
Mr. M. Owens, County Secretary and Ms. R. O'Boyle, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

**1. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR NOMINATION AS
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE 779**

The Mayor referred to the July Monthly Meeting of Council at which it was agreed to afford applicants, who had corresponded with Galway County Council in relation to their nomination as a Presidential Candidate, the opportunity to address a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Friday, 2nd September 2011.

The Mayor welcomed the applicants who had accepted the Council's invitation to address the Special Meeting of Council as follows:

- **Ms. Mary Davis**
- **Mr. Sean Gallagher**
- **Dr. Pat Jones**
- **Mr. Richard McSweeney**
- **Mr. Dermot Mulqueen**
- **Mr. Gary Smylie**

The Mayor stated that each applicant would address the meeting in alphabetical order by surname, for a maximum of 10 minutes, and after the sixth speaker, he would open for questions from the Members with the Members being afforded the opportunity to address questions to either all or specific applicants.

Ms. Davis, Mr. Gallagher, Dr. Jones, Mr. McSweeney, Mr. Mulqueen and Mr. Smylie then addressed the Council in turn and outlined their reasons for seeking the nomination and their vision for the office should they be successful.

The Mayor then invited questions from the Members, and the questions as raised by the Members were responded to by each of the relevant applicants.

2. TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FOR THE NOMINATION BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE PERSON NAMED UNDER TO BE A CANDIDATE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT 1993: 780

SURNAME OF CANDIDATE:	DAVIS
OTHER NAMES :	MARY
ADDRESS:	MARY DAVIS CAMPAIGN OFFICE, FITZWILLIAM HALL, FITZWILLIAM PLACE, DUBLIN 2
OCCUPATION (IF ANY):	PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR - SPECIAL OLYMPICS EUROPE/EURASIA

Mr. Owens referred to Report dated the 2nd September 2011 already circulated and previous correspondence of the 17th August in relation to this item. Mr. Owens confirmed that the Presidential Election Order having been made by the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government on Tuesday, 30th August 2011 and that the Council having complied in full with the requirements of Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act, 1993, may by resolution resolve to nominate one named person to be a candidate at a presidential election, having given 3 clear days notice of the intention to propose the named person to every member of the Council.

Mr. Owens confirmed that the 3 clear days notice having been given and the Council having received written confirmation from Ms. Davis, consenting to her proposed nominated by Galway County Council, for her to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the Office of President, in accordance with the Presidential Elections Act 1993, confirming that Ms. Davis was eligible for election to the Office of President and that in particular, in accordance with Article 12.4 of Bunreacht na hÉireann 1937 / Constitution of Ireland, Ms. Davis was a citizen of Ireland and had reached her thirty-fifth year of age, the Council may proceed to consider the resolution on the Clár.

The Mayor called a vote on Cllr. Cuddy's proposal, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion that having complied with the terms of Section 16 of the Presidential Election Act 1993 and being satisfied that the Applicant for nomination as Presidential Candidate ("the Applicant") is eligible for election to the office of President and having received the Applicant's consent to the nomination, Galway County Council hereby resolve to nominate:

Surname of Candidate	Davis
Other Names	Mary
Address	Mary Davis Campaign Office, Fitzwilliam Hall, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2

Occupation (if any) President and Managing Director – Special Olympics Europe / Eurasia

to be a candidate at the Presidential Election in accordance with Section 16 of the said Act, that the Nomination Paper be completed and and that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto

The vote taken resulted as follows:

For

Cllrs. S. Canney, L. Carroll, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, S. Cunniffe, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, M. Hoade, S. Ó Laoi, T. Mannion, M. Noone, S. O' Tuairisg, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

Against

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Abstained

Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Feeney, M. Maher, J. McDonagh, K. Ryan, B. Willers (6)

The Mayor delcared the resolution carried.

The Mayor and Members congratulated Ms. Davis who in turn expressed her deep appreciation for the support of the Council.

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