

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Galway City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams on Monday 15 September 2025 at 4.00p.m.	
Presiding:	Mayor Cllr. M. Cubbard.
Elected Members Present:	Councillors: A. Cheevers, F. Fahy, E. Hoare, D. Lyons, J. McDonagh, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty, H. Ogbu, E. Seoighthe.
Elected Members Online:	M.J. Crowe, C. Higgins.
Absent:	Councillors: A. Burke, A. Curran, J. Forde, S. Forde, P. Keane, D. McDonnell.
Executive Present:	Chief Executive L. Cleary, Director of Services: H. Kilroy, D. Pender, A/DoS: E. Fanning, Senior Executive Officer A. Rohan, Administrative Officer M. Duddy.

In line with Standing Orders the Meeting commenced with a statement of intent to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with agreed Standing Orders which was followed by moment of silent reflection

The procedures were outlined by Ms. A. Rohan, Senior Executive Officer. The Candidates were listed in alphabetical order to address the Elected Members and outline their manifesto for a maximum of 5 minutes. The Elected Members would then be afforded the opportunity to address questions to the candidates.

Mayor Cubbard informed the meeting that there would be a delay to proceedings as no candidate was present at City Hall.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed that the meeting conclude at 4.30p.m. if no speakers were present by that time.

A vote was taken on the motion

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded by: Cllr. E. Hoare
To conclude the meeting should no speakers be present by 4.30p.m.	
Present: 11	In Favour: 7
Against: 3	Abstain: 1
The motion was carried	

The meeting was adjourned and subsequently reconvened at 4:20 p.m. to accommodate a nominee who had arrived and was invited to speak ahead of their scheduled time.

Agenda Item 1:

To hear a presentation from persons seeking a nomination from Galway City Council to participate in the election for the Office of President Of Ireland

Mr. Diarmuid Mulcahy

Mr. Diarmuid Mulcahy gave a presentation to Councillors on his background and why he was putting himself forward as a Presidential candidate seeking the nomination of Galway City Council. Mr. Mulcahy shared details on positions he has held with responsibility and trust, in business, the community sector and representational roles, both locally, nationally and internationally. A fluent Irish and French speaker, an accomplished Traditional Irish musician (All Ireland titles), and deeply steeped in both Irish history, sport and culture. Speaking of the undergoing massive change in Ireland, Mr. Mulcahy as President, would look to a unifying presence and look to build consensus with a huge focus on Peacemaking.

The Candidate engaged and addressed questions posed by the Councillors.

Mayor Cubbard expressed his thanks to the candidate and wished them well.

Mr. Nick Delehanty

Mr. Nick Delehanty gave a presentation to Councillors on his background and why he was putting himself forward as a Presidential candidate seeking the nomination of Galway City Council. As a business owner and previous background in corporate law, his story reflects the hopes and struggles of a generation who feel the social contract has been broken. The President has the constitutional right to address the nation on matters of importance, providing a platform of immense influence. The President must embody this "Fidelity to the nation". (Article 9.3, Bunreacht na hÉireann). Mr. Delehanty informed of his efforts to create platforms for youth involvement in politics and championed Danish values.

The Candidate engaged and addressed questions posed by the Councillors.

Mayor Cubbard acknowledged his effort to reach out personally by phone call expressed his thanks to the candidate and wished them well.

Mr. Keith Mc Grory

Mr. Keith Mc Grory gave a presentation to Councillors on his background and why he was putting himself forward as a Presidential candidate seeking the nomination of Galway City Council. Mr. Mc Grory informed of his background in construction Economics and inventor reflecting his hard work, innovation, and resilience. With the hope to work constructively with the Minister for Housing to help address the long-standing housing issues. Growing up in Donegal his life was shaped by the realities of conflict and division that gave an understanding of the importance of peace, empathy, and unity. Through sport he learned the value of discipline, teamwork, communication, and unity across divides.

The Candidate engaged and addressed questions posed by the Councillors.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the candidate and wished them well.

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Cubbard proposed a recess of ten minutes. The meeting resumed at 6:23 p.m.

Agenda Item 2:

To consider if appropriate to resolve that Galway City Council nominate a person to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the office of President of Ireland, in accordance with the Presidential Elections Act 1993, Circular F08-25 and Presidential Election (Forms) Regulations 2011 – S.I. 258 of 2011 amended by S.I. 329 of 2018.

Ms. Rohan advised Councillors that should a nomination(s) be put forward, that a Special Meeting will be convened to consider same with a minimum notice period of three days. Ms. Rohan further advised that the details of those not in attendance had been circulated for the Council's consideration.

Mayor Cubbard invited Councillors to put forward nomination(s) if any.

Councillors extended their best wishes to each candidate in their future endeavours. It was acknowledged that all three individuals have potential to make meaningful contributions to political life, both during and beyond the election period.

No nominations were forthcoming, the meeting concluded at 6.27p.m.

Minutes, Confirmed & Signed

Mayor of Galway

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