

**Draft Minutes of the Procedures Committee Meeting of
Galway City Council held in the Boardroom & online via MS Teams
2pm on Tuesday, 16 April 2024**

Presiding:	Mayor E. Hoare
Present Councillor	Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. A. Cheevers
Online:	Cllr. M. O'Connor, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. A. Curran
In attendance	P. Philbin, Interim CE, E. Fanning, A/DoS, A Rohan, SEO, G. Reilly, ASO

Mayor E. Hoare welcomed all to the meeting.

Item 1: To consider bestowing the Freedom of the City of Galway

Mayor Hoare proposed the bestowing of the Freedom of the City of Galway upon Mr. Keith Finnegan and spoke of his reasons for same. Mr. Finnegan was involved in the consortium that started Galway Bay FM and is known as the voice of Galway throughout the City and County. He has given a voice to charities, public representatives and many more throughout his career. He contributed to the establishment of the Sister Cities Chicago Twinning and is heavily involved with the Milwaukee Festival which is one of the largest festivals in the world. Keith has worked for many years in a voluntary capacity, in particular with the Galway Hospice Foundation.

Members discussed bestowing the Freedom of the City of Galway upon Mr. Keith Finnegan. It was echoed by all members that Mr. Finnegan is a worthy recipient and deserving of the honour.

Proposed by: Cllr. E. Hoare **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

That the Freedom of the City of Galway is bestowed upon Keith Finnegan

In Favour: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Present: 7

The proposal was unanimously agreed for recommendation to full Council.

It was requested that confidentiality be maintained by all present at the meeting until the proposal has been considered by full Council.

Item 2: Any other business

A Special Meeting of Galway City Council is to be arranged for Monday 22nd April at 3pm to consider the following items:

- To consider bestowing the Freedom of the City of Galway
- Proposal from the Civic Naming Committee – proposed naming of the Salmon Weir Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge

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The meeting concluded at 2.25p.m.