

08th March, 2011

To: Each Member of Donegal County Council

I hereby give notice under Paragraph 7 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001, having received a requisition from the Mayor pursuant to Paragraph 6 (1) (a) of said schedule, that a Special Meeting of Donegal County Council shall be held at 12.00 noon on Monday 21st March, 2011 in the Council Chamber, County House, Lifford, County Donegal to transact the following business, as set out in agenda contained within the aforementioned requisition. A copy of the requisition is attached.

AGENDA

Filling by way of co-option, casual vacancies in the membership of the Council arising from the election of the following members to Dáil Éireann:

Clr. Charlie McConalogue
Clr. Pádraig MacLochláinn
Clr. Thomas Pringle

E Sweeney
Meetings Administrator

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 21ST
MARCH, 2011

C/94/11 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. Cora Harvey, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, J. Campbell, P. Canning, M. Doherty, R. Donaghey, M. Farren, M.T. Gallagher, M. Harley, J. Harte, D. Larkin, F. McBrearty, N. McBride, I. McGarvey, , P. McGowan, B. Mc Guinness, J. Murray, S. Ó'Domhnaill, B. O' Neill, M. Quinn, J. Ryan, and T. Slowey.

C/95/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs Crawford and Mc Eniff who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/96/11 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Seamus Neely, County Manager, Mr Liam Ward, Director of Corporate and Housing, Mr John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Mr Joe Peoples, A/Director of Water and Environment, Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Community, Culture and Planning, Mr. Garry Martin, A/Head of Finance, Director of Emergency Services Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/97/11 MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to fill the casual vacancies occasioned by the election of former Councillors Charlie Mc Conalogue, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Thomas Pringle to Dáil Eireann.

She extended congratulations to the new deputies and wished them well in their new positions.

The Meetings Administrator advised that the vacancies were being filled in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and Standing Order 84..

C/98/11

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ARISING FROM THE
ELECTION OF CLR CHARLIE MAC CONALOGUE TO
DAIL EIREANN

Clr. Brogan extended best wishes to the three new Dail Deputies. All three he noted had gained considerable experience with Donegal County Council, something which he hoped could now be used to promote the county at national level.

On the proposal of Clr. Brogan, seconded by Clr. Donaghey, Mr. Paul Canning was co-opted as a member of Donegal County Council to fill the casual vacancy occasioned by the election of Clr. Charlie Mc Conalogue to Dáil Eireann.

Clr. Canning stated that it was an honour to be selected to replace Clr. Mc Conalogue. He acknowledged the faith shown in him by the Fianna Fail party. Thanking his parents and entire family circle he pledged to work with his fellow councillors for the benefit of all constituents in the Inishowen Electoral Area.

Extending her congratulations the Mayor asked the Party Whips to speak on behalf of their respective groupings. Clrs Brogan, Slowey, Quinn, Mc Brearty and Mc Garvey extended best wishes and assured Clr. Canning of their ongoing support and co-operation.

C/99/11

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ARISING FROM THE
ELECTION OF CLR PADRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN TO
DAIL EIREANN

On the proposal of Clr. Harvey, seconded by Clr. Gallagher, Mr. Jack Murray was co-opted as a member of Donegal County Council to fill the casual vacancy occasioned by the election of Clr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn to Dáil Eireann.

Welcoming Clr Murray to the chamber, the Mayor said she was of the opinion that he would be a great asset to Donegal County Council, bringing a new and vibrant approach to local politics.

Clr. Murray stated that it was a great honour to have been selected by the Sinn Fein Party. He was extremely proud to fill the seat which had once been held by the late Clr. Eddie

Fullerton. Thanking all concerned for their support he pledged to continue with the excellent work undertaken to date by former Clr. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Clrs Brogan, Slowey, Mc Brearty, and Mc Garvey welcomed Clr. Murray to the Chamber and pledged the full support and co-operation of their respective groupings.

C/100/ 11 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY OCCASIONED BY THE ELECTION OF CLR THOMAS PRINGLE TO DAIL EIREANN.

The Mayor called on Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator to outline the protocol in relation to the co-option of a non-party candidate.

Standing Order No 84, he advised, outlined the procedure for the filling of a casual vacancy by a non-party candidate. Clr Pringle, he confirmed, had previously lodged with the Meetings Administrator's Office a list of his preferred nominees. This contained 2 names, in order of priority, with his number one choice being Mr. John Campbell.

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Brearty, seconded by Clr. Mc Garvey, Mr. John Campbell was co-opted as a member of Donegal County Council to fill the casual vacancy. The Mayor welcomed Clr. Campbell to the chamber and wished him well for the future.

Clr. Campbell stated that it was a proud day for himself and his family, and he paid particular tribute to his late father and, also, to his mother who was unable to attend the meeting.

Congratulations were extended by Clrs Mc Garvey, Brogan, Slowey, Quinn, and Mc Brearty on behalf of their respective groupings.

The County Manager welcoming the new members, advised that they were now part of a large organisation which had the best part of €1 million per working day to invest in service delivery.

Donegal County Council, as a large employer, contributed significantly to the economy of the region, and was a

significant enabler of life in the county in terms of social, cultural and economic activity.

Acknowledging that every effort needed to be made to get the best value out of such a massive investment, the County Manager outlined his ongoing commitment to work with all concerned for the benefit of the county.

This concluded the business of the meeting