

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE LIFFORD ON 5th
JANUARY, 2015

- C/1/15 MEMBERS PRESENT
Cllrs J Campbell (Cathaoirleach), E Bonner, C Brogan, P Canning, T Conaghan, G Crawford, A Doherty, G Doherty, L Doherty, R Donaghey, M Farren, M T Gallagher, M Harley, N Jordan, J Kavanagh, N Kennedy, M Mc Bride, J P Mc Daid, M McDermott, S Mc Eniff, P Mc Gowan, B McGuinness, G McMonagle, J Murray, S O'Domhnaill, J O'Donnell, J S O'Fearraigh, M Quinn, J Ryan, & T Slowey.
- C/2/15 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE
Mr Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Mr Liam Ward, Director of Housing, Corporate & Planning Control/ Meetings Administrator, Mr Michael Heaney, Director Community, Culture & Planning, Mr Garry Martin, Head of Finance, Director Information Systems & Emergency Services, Ms Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate Services
- C/3/15 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Cllrs Crossan and McGarvey who were unable to attend the meeting.
- C/4/15 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
On the proposal of Cllr Mc Eniff, seconded by, Cllr Gallagher, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting for a fifteen minute recess.
- C/5/15 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM REPRESENTATION FROM DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ON DONEGAL EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD
The Cathaoirleach informed Members that there had been an anomaly in the appointment of Members to the Donegal Education Training Board.
- Mr Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator advised that the nomination had to take place in accordance with the Education & Training Boards Act 2013 (Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014.

He drew Members attention to Section 4 and Section 5 of the Regulations which stipulated that :-

Each Local Authority shall

- (a) establish a panel of all the female members, and
- (b) establish a panel of all the male members of the Local Authority concerned

Where only one local Authority is specified in Column (2) of Schedule 4 to the Act of 2013 opposite the reference to an Education & Training Authority specified in column (1) of that Schedule, the Local Authority shall –

- (a) where the panel of female candidates includes 5 or less than 5 members, deem all of the members on the panel to be elected to the Education & Training Board concerned.

Donegal County Council, it was acknowledged, was thereby obliged to nominate 3 no females and 9 no males to the panel.

Current representation it was noted consisted of 2 no females and 10 no males.

Cllr Gallagher said it was unfortunate that the Council had to revisit the matter 6 months after the initial nomination process. She noted that back in June the focus had been on selecting the best person for the job. She herself, she added, had at the time declined the nomination as she wanted to focus on particular responsibilities associated with the Community, Social and Cultural SPC.

Consideration had also, she said, been given at the time to the fact that there were three or four other candidates well qualified to undertake the position. The Sinn Fein Grouping, she said, had at the time made their decision based on this criteria.

She said she was disappointed that the matter had to be revisited and that it amounted effectively to dictatorship

from above. This, she affirmed, was not the right way to encourage women into political life.

Cllr Quinn concurred with Cllr Gallagher, acknowledging the excellent work carried out by the women in public life project over the past number of years. This requirement was, he said nothing short of bullying.

At this juncture Cllr O' Fearraigh advised of his intention to stand down as a representative on the Donegal Education & Training Board.

Cllr Quinn proposed, seconded by, Cllr Ryan that the following female panel be nominated as Donegal County Council representatives on the Donegal Education & Training Board:-

- Cllr N Kennedy
- Cllr R Donaghey
- Cllr M T Gallagher

The Meetings Administrator deemed all of the above elected to the Donegal Education & Training Board in accordance with Section 5(a) of the Education & Training Boards Act, 2013 (Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014.

Cllr Quinn proposed, seconded by, Cllr Mc Bride that the following male panel be nominated as Donegal County Council representatives on the Donegal Education & Training Board:-

- Cllr J P McDaid
- Cllr S Mc Eniff
- Cllr A Doherty
- Cllr G Doherty
- Cllr M Farren
- Cllr M Harley
- Cllr J Kavanagh
- Cllr M Mc Bride
- Cllr J Campbell

The Meetings Administrator deemed all of the above elected to the Donegal Education & Training Board in accordance

with Section 5(a) of the Education & Training Boards Act,
2013 (Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.