

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY
AT 10am ON TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2025**

<u>Present</u>	Cathaoirleach: Cllr. John Carroll
<u>In person</u>	Cllrs: Acheson, T; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Burgess, D; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, MH; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; Lowry, MI; McGrath, M; Moran, E; Morgan Walsh, L; Morris, S; O'Meara, JP; O'Meara, MI; Quirke O'Meara, P; Ryan, AM; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan S; Smith, MI.
<u>Remote</u>	Cllr. Ambrose, S; Anglim, M, Brennan MI; Browne, L; Bugler, P; Cahill Skehan, K; Crosse, J; FitzGerald, J, Goldsboro, A; Kennedy, R; Molloy, R; Murphy, M; O'Heney, J
<u>Also Present</u>	Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive, Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator
<u>Apologies</u>	Cllr. Andy Moloney
<u>Meeting Protocol / Roll Call & Opening Prayer</u>	<p>Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Carroll welcomed all to the special meeting convened to facilitate potential Presidential candidates wishing to address the Council, that were seeking the nomination of Tipperary County Council to facilitate their entry as a candidate for the Presidential Election to be held on Friday 24th October 2025.</p> <p>He called on Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator to take a roll call of attendance and commence the meeting with the opening prayer.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach, having regard to Standing Order No 56, sought the permission of the Council, to facilitate the use of video cameras by a number of national media representatives, in the chamber during the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. D. Burgess seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald and resolved: -</p> <p><i>"That video cameras, sound recording and communication equipment may be used during the special meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2025".</i></p>
<u>Item 2.1 Nomination Address by Presidential Election Candidates</u>	<p>The Cathaoirleach outlined that on September 3rd 2025, James Browne, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, issued the Presidential Order appointing Friday, 24th October 2025, as Polling Day for the forthcoming Presidential Election.</p> <p>Under the provisions of Article 12 of the Constitution and Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993, a candidate for the Office of President of Ireland may be nominated by four County or City Councils.</p>

As of Friday, 12th September 2025, 24 candidates had expressed an interest in securing the nomination of Tipperary County Council, of which:

- 11 candidates had confirmed their attendance at the Special Meeting on Tuesday, 16th September – Schedule 1.
- 3 candidates indicated that they will not be in attendance but have asked that their nomination receive consideration - Schedule 2
- 10 candidates did not submit a response as of 5 pm on Friday, 12th September, 2025 – Schedule 3

He reminded members that all information provided by the candidates had been circulated to Councillors and uploaded to OneAdvanced for their consideration. He noted that to be eligible for election as President, candidates must be an Irish citizen who are 35 or older.

Candidates are deemed eligible by way of submission of a copy of their valid passport to Tipperary County Council and he referred members to the list of candidates circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach invited Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator to outline the process as follows as agreed by the Council.

It was noted that at a meeting of the Corporate Policy Group of Tipperary County Council on Friday, 5th September 2025, the members recommended a process for nomination of a Presidential candidate, which was agreed by the Council at its September monthly meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025.

The process was noted as follows:

- To be eligible for election as President, candidates must be an Irish citizen who is 35 or older.
- All candidates that have requested a nomination were required to submit a copy of their passport to prove that they are eligible for election.
- All eligible candidates were invited to a Special Meeting of the Council to present to the members.
- In the Special Meeting each candidate is allocated a maximum of 15 minutes, comprised of 5 minutes presentation/speaking time, and 10 minutes for questions and answers from the Council. If the candidate exceeds their allocated presentation/speaking time, then the time allocated for questions and answers will be reduced accordingly, not exceeding the maximum 15-minute time allocation per candidate.
- Following the completion of the candidate presentations the meeting will then adjourn for 30 minutes.
- Thereafter the meeting will recommence.
- A proposer and seconder of the decision to nominate any candidate will be sought, and agreement will be sought from the Council. If a counter-proposal is put forward not to nominate any candidate, the motion will be put to a vote. The motion will either be carried or not carried as an outcome of the vote in line with standing orders.
- If it is agreed to nominate a candidate, a proposer and seconder will be sought for candidates.
- If one candidate is proposed and seconded, they will be nominated as

	<p>the Presidential candidate from Tipperary County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If more than one candidate is proposed and seconded, they will be put forward for a roll-call vote. • The candidate with the majority of votes will be nominated as the candidate from Tipperary County Council. <p>Mr. Walsh outlined the candidates in attendance to address the Council noting that time slots had been allocated for each presentation. He listed the order of presenting candidates.</p>
	<p>The Cathaoirleach informed the members that he would now invite the candidates present who wish to present to the council in the scheduled order noting that the candidates were in the Foyer waiting area.</p> <p>He stated that the candidates had been reminded of their obligation to comply with the Code of Conduct and Tipperary County Council Standing Orders while addressing the meeting with emphasis on respect, dignity, equality and integrity. As Cathaoirleach he said it was his responsibility to protect the integrity of this chamber, and he reminded members that he would revoke speaking privileges to any candidate who violated the rules of the chamber.</p> <p>He reminded members again that each candidate was allocated a maximum of 15 minutes. 5 minutes presentation time and 10 minutes for questions and answers from the Councillors. If a candidate exceeded their speaking time, then the time allocated for questions and answers would be reduced accordingly, not exceeding the maximum 15-minute time allocated per candidate.</p> <p>He stated that each presentation would be timed, and a bell would ring after 5 minutes to mark the end of the presentation time. The bell would ring again at 14 minutes to remind candidates to sum up their address.</p> <p>He said that all those present were obliged to adhere to these times.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach then invited the first candidate, Mr. Gareth Sheridan to address the council.</p>
	<p>Mr. Sheridan introduced himself and said he had returned from the U.S. after 7 years where he founded Nutriband, a pharmaceutical company. He stepped down as CEO and withdrew from the EY Entrepreneur of the Year competition to focus on his Presidential campaign.</p> <p>In his presentation he outlined the importance of youth representation in politics, noting the disengagement of younger voters and he argued that his candidacy could inspire participation and inclusion. He outlined his belief in the democratic process and urges councillors to use their Constitutional power under Article 12.2.2 to nominate candidates, warning that otherwise nominations would be dominated by political parties.</p> <p>If he was in a presidential role he stated that he would not oppose the government but act as a "protagonist for the people," citing past Presidents Robinson, McAleese, and Higgins as role models.</p> <p>Central to his campaign theme was the aspiration for home ownership. He said he was shocked by the fact that so many adults had no choice but to live at home with parents. The social contract had been broken. He acknowledged the efforts by councillors and governments but called for a new, collaborative approach to housing citing Article 45.2.1 of the Irish Constitution, highlighting</p>

the right to adequate means of livelihood and domestic needs, including housing. He said that his broader vision would frame housing as foundational to solving wider societal issues and restoring trust in democracy. He referenced links to John Joseph Ahern. In outlining his policies, he stated he was pro EU membership, pro-neutrality, pro-choice and pro-business.

In closing his speech to the members, he expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to speak and respectfully stated that he was seeking fair consideration for nomination. He concluded with a message 'as gaelige' thanking the audience.

In response to members queries, the candidate outlined his views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined his knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland. He noted the members comments on how his experience would be suited to the Dáil and outlined why he had chosen to seek the presidential nomination and not run in a general election.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Sheridan for his contribution.

The Cathaoirleach then called on **Ms. Searlait Cabdi Ní Chianáin/Ms. Charlotte Keenan** to address the council.

Ms. Keenan outlined her core values and principles and said it was time for change. She stated her desire to be an advocate for empowerment through education and community participation. She stated her support for Palestine and for the people suffering hardship and stated that there was a moral obligation to aid those in war torn countries. In her presentation she outlined how respect and peace can foster growth and how Ireland has a reputation for its kindness.

Central to her campaign was a desire to strive for peace, access to education, literacy and social welfare reform. She would like to leave this as a legacy to the nation.

She stated that the public health service was not working and required more focus. She also said that there were complex mental health concerns and more accessible services were needed. She said suicide prevention was a priority and resources the services to be available at all times was necessary.

She concluded by saying that she planned to work for the common good. She would seek to protect the young people of Ireland and place a strong focus on Ireland's Heritage. She stated that artists do things for the love and she loved Ireland and all its people.

In response to members queries, the candidate outlined her views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined her knowledge of the language and provided

the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Keenan for her contribution.

The Cathaoirleach then called on **Dr. Cora Stack** to address the council.

Dr. Stack said her pre-speech statement thanked the Garda for assisting her in the past. She congratulated the victorious Tipperary Hurling team. In her presentation provided to the council she outlined her vision and values for a republic of service, solidarity, and shared Dignity and outlined her commitment to every citizen's dignity, voice, and participation. She said that she was not seeking power, but service

Her background was that of an academic leader with over 28 years of experience. Awarded Ramanujan Award for Excellence in Academic Leadership. She held governance roles at Technological University Dublin and led a national campaign on a Project Maths curriculum reform

She outlined in her presentation that her policy focus areas were, Housing & Cost of Living, Education & Higher Education, Healthcare & Carers, Justice & Human Rights, Equality & Inclusion, Rural & Community Renewal and Peace & Global Engagement.

Her presidential vision was to be an inclusive, reconciliatory, courageous, and diligent presidency. She took inspiration from Mary Robinson, Mary McAleese, and Michael D. Higgins and would focus on fairness, accountability, and constitutional duty. She also paid tribute to Mr. John Hume and Mr. Brendan Howlin.

She outlined her academic contributions to the members noting contributions to the Irish Times and the Irish Examiner and had organized national surveys on lecturer stress.

Dr. Stack added to the presentation provided saying that a change in the legal system was required and warranted more arbitration. She stated her disappointment that a number of councils had not nominated a candidate and decisions were made on party allegiance and not on merit. Citizens were being denied choice and the vast majority of candidates had been excluded and were faced with statutory barriers. She also expressed dissatisfaction that no written guidance had been issued to candidates on the process for approaching councils. She referred to the McKenna judgement and noted extensive international knowledge in policy research. She stated that people were being consistently overlooked and undermined and it gave a perception of exclusion and she said she believed democracy was weakened when decisions were agreed in advanced.

In response to members queries, the candidate outlined her views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined her knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Dr. Stack for her contribution.

The Cathaoirleach then called on **Professor Joseph Chikelue Obi** to address the council. Professor Obi was not present when called on by the Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach then called on **Mr. Keith McGrory** to address the council.

Keith Mc Grory introduced himself and said he was seeking support to appear on the ballot for the 2025 Presidential Election as an independent candidate. He highlighted his professional achievements, personal experiences, and vision for Ireland. He said he had 25 years of experience in residential construction and refurbishment and held a degree in Construction Economics/Quantity Surveying. He was an inventor and founder of the internationally patented Hightower Telescopic Paint Bucket System, recognized in the USA and Europe.

He outlined his personal background and said he was raised in Donegal during the Northern Ireland Troubles and had experienced personal loss and trauma, noting that his younger brother, Ronan Mc Grory had survived the Omagh bombing with lifelong injuries and had lost three friends. He said that these experiences shaped his commitment to peace, empathy, and unity.

He outlined his representations on various sports teams noting that he was part of the Derry Athletic Academy Soccer Team that won the Portsmouth International Soccer Tournament in 1996, fostering unity between Protestants and Catholics. He learned values of discipline, teamwork, and unity through sports.

Mr. McGrory said he had lived and worked in London, witnessing the pride Irish emigrants carry in their culture. This experience strengthened an understanding of the global Irish identity and its importance.

He said he believed that he was positioned to represent all generations, understanding pressures faced by young and old and would be an advocate for modern technology and digital communication as essential tools for effective leadership. He said he was involved in building multiple businesses, showcasing entrepreneurial spirit and passion for innovation and he believed in encouraging sustainable growth for Irish businesses locally and internationally.

In addressing the housing crisis, he called it a critical national issue. As president he would offer practical solutions based on formal qualifications and hands-on experience in house building. He would be an advocate for affordable homes and financial stability for new homeowners. He said he had a strong grasp of international business affairs, particularly the economic relationship with the USA and was committed to strengthening this bond for future generations.

He said he was guided by faith, purpose, and public service and his aspirations were to unite, inspire, and lead with integrity as a fresh, independent voice.

In closing his presentation, Mr. Mc Grory expressed his thanks for the opportunity to share his vision and seeks nomination support. He concluded with a quote - "Ireland's future will be defined by our actions today and our vision for tomorrow."

In response to members queries, the candidate outlined his views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Ireland's neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as

	<p>President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined his knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. McGrory for his contribution.</p>
	<p>The Cathaoirleach then called on Cllr. Kieran McCarthy to address the council.</p> <p>Cllr Kieran McCarthy presented his candidacy for the Presidency of Ireland, emphasising the theme of "Building Communities Together." His speech outlined three practical messages.</p> <p>His first message was to the need to Champion Ireland's Cultural Heritage. HE said that the Presidency should embody the soul of Ireland and its cultural heritage. Cllr. McCarthy proposed creating a "Voices of Ireland" cultural hub in collaboration with national and local organizations to preserve and promote Irish heritage.</p> <p>Secondly, he said that he believed there should be more engagement with our people abroad and would place a strong focus on strengthening links with the Irish Diaspora and internationalisation.</p> <p>He highlighted his diplomatic experience and the need to deepen connections with the Irish diaspora and international ambassadors and emphasised the potential of the diaspora to contribute to Ireland's development and resilience.</p> <p>Finally, he outlined his desire for increased connection between local authorities and the office of the President. He said that collaborating with Local Authorities was needed and he would advocate for stronger ties between the Presidency and Ireland's local authorities.</p> <p>Cllr. McCarthy proposed the President would act as a broker to address local challenges such as poverty, sustainable development, and economic growth.</p> <p>In concluding, Cllr. McCarthy said his messages were practical in nature and he expressed his commitment to inspiring and uniting communities through the Office of President. He emphasised the importance of democracy and expressed his thanks to Tipperary County Council for hosting a democratic meeting.</p> <p>In response to members queries, the candidate outlined his views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question `as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined his knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach thanked Cllr. McCarthy for his contribution.</p>
	<p>The Cathaoirleach then called on Mr. Walter Ryan Purcell to address the council.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan Purcell introduced himself by outlining his Tipperary connections and noted the was the President of Purcell Society. He referenced his background</p>

and achievements as circulated. He holds a degree in Agricultural Science from University College Dublin and is a graduate of the Marketing Institute of Ireland. He also studied Management and Marketing at Boston College through a scholarship from the International Fund for Ireland. He completed four guiding courses through Kerry and Cork ETBs. He also detailed the leadership roles he held across various sectors:

Mr. Ryan Purcell presented himself as a candidate "Representing All" with a focus on Housing, Healthcare, and Sustainability. He also stated his desire to empower Local Government and would propose expanded planning exemptions, revolving housing stock, and allocate €300 million of Apple Tax to each County and City Council. He would promote economic incentives to encourage Irish abroad to return home. He outlined his extensive industry experience and would to facilitate increased trade agreements for Ireland.

He stated his commitment to leading talks on a United Ireland, preserving neutrality, and engaging in international peace talks and He emphasised Article 13.7.1 of the Irish Constitution, which allows the President to address the Oireachtas on matters of national importance.

In concluding his presentation, he said it was an honour to present his views to the council and asked that they consider nominating him.

In response to members queries, the candidate outlined his views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined his knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Ryan Purcell for his contribution.

The Cathaoirleach then called on **Mr. William P. Allen** to address the council.

Mr. Allen introduced himself and stated his occupation was an electrical contractor. He outlined his West Cork Origins and referenced connections to the War of Independence, noting that his mother worked in Eamonn De Valeras office. He said he had a deep interest in Irish history, which included family connections to significant events such as the Kilmichael Ambush and the Bantry to Dublin march.

His presentation stated his respect for the Presidency and emphasized the ceremonial and unifying role of the President, transcending party politics

He outlined his Athletic and Community involvement noting that he was Chairman of Cork County Athletics Board and West Cork Athletic Board for 14 years and an organiser of the Cork Marathon and race director for the Ladies Mini Marathon. He volunteered with the Civil Defence for 7 years. He stated that he would be an advocate for inclusive sports, including athletes with disabilities.

He outlined his vision for the Presidency as one which would promote health and sports for all ages in inclusive communities. He would be an advocate for green energy initiatives and he highlighted his experience, community involvement, and commitment to the role.

	<p>In concluding, Mr. Allen expressed his readiness to fully commit to the office of President and requested the Council's support for his candidacy.</p> <p>In response to members queries, the candidate outlined his views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined his knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Allen for his contribution.</p>
	<p>The Cathaoirleach then called on Mr. Gerben Uunk to address the council. Mr. Uunk was not present when called on by the Cathaoirleach.</p>
	<p>The Cathaoirleach then called on Mr. Donnacha McGabhann to address the council.</p> <p>Mr. McGabhann introduced himself 'as gaeilge' to the members.</p> <p>He outlined his personal background and detailed his professional career noting he had served as a public servant and a history teacher for 35 year and had held the role of Assistant Principal at a local secondary school. He was involved in the introduction of the Transition Year programme and contributed nationally to the development of Leaving Certificate Applied modules.</p> <p>He outlined his artistic achievements, examples of this community involvement and detailed extensive academic research he had undertaken, notably his involved in a 20-year study on the Book of Kells.</p> <p>He expressed his concerns that citizens rights are not being upheld and in recent years he became aware of issues with Irish democracy and the constitution. He highlighted failed efforts to amend the constitution and referenced various cases and case laws in his address to the members.</p> <p>Mr. McGabhann said his education and background made him a suitable candidate. He strongly believes that the presidents office is an ideal platform to maintain the constitution and he considered this role to be of great significance as a protector of the constitution, notwithstanding that the president's office is not a political one as the president does not frame policy.</p> <p>In concluding his submission, he said that he would tour the 26 counties if elected to engage with local people. He would engage with the Irish nation through the forum of a citizens assembly and was seeking support to put fundamental issues on the national agenda.</p> <p>In response to members queries, the candidate outlined his views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined his knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of</p>

	<p>Ireland.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach thanks Mr. McGabhann for his contribution.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach then called on Professor Dolores Cahill to address the council.</p> <p>Professor Cahill acknowledged the honour it was to address the council. She outlined her qualifications as a scientist, immunologist, and retired professor and stated that she had over 30 years of experience in research, advisory roles, and innovation. She said her origins were from a farming family in Slievenamon Valley, Tipperary. She outlined her professional and management accolades, noting was on Nobel Peace Prize nominating committee along with holding other government advisory and expert roles.</p> <p>She said that her motivation for candidacy stems from a deep love for Ireland, its heritage, and its people. She referenced misrepresenting comments made about her by the media and took the opportunity to warn people of the dangers associated with this.</p> <p>She voiced concerns that rural Ireland has faced neglect, including decline in employment and tourism and stated that there was insufficient support for farming families. She commented on the high emigration rates among youth due to housing crisis and cost of living and said that social cohesion and cultural vibrancy are diminishing.</p> <p>Her vision for the presidency is to use the presidential platform to promote rural enterprise and tourism and to revive rural communities to make them viable for families. She would preserve Irish traditions while embracing modern opportunities. She would focus on education, cooperatives, and remote working to reverse demographic decline.</p> <p>She said the role of the president was ceremonial and she would use the role to focus on Irish entrepreneurship and rural development. To conclude she said the local authorities have the opportunity to give choice to the people of Ireland in this election.</p> <p>In response to members queries, the candidate outlined her views on a number of subject areas, namely, a United Ireland, Gaza, Public Water Ownership, the Triple lock and Irelands neutrality and citizens right to Housing. The candidate was also posed a question 'as gaeilge; "Conas ata do chuid Gaeilge agus Mar Uachtarain, cad a dheanfa an Gaeilge/ar teanga, agus ar bhfeiniulacht culturtha a chur chun cinn" which translated as, "How is your Irish, and as President, what would you do to promote Irish as a language and our cultural identity?" The candidate outlined t knowledge of the language and provided the members with their plans for the language if they were elected President of Ireland.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach thanked Professor Cahill for her contribution.</p>
<u>Correspondence</u>	<p>Correspondence received in support of the various candidates was noted by the members.</p> <p>Apologies from Mr. Gerban Uunk & Ms. Séana Kerr were noted.</p>
<u>Adjournment</u>	<p>On conclusion of the candidates address the Cathaoirleach thanked each of the candidates for their time and effort in addressing the Council.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald</p>

and agreed that the meeting would adjourn for thirty minutes to allow the Councillors an opportunity to consider the matter further.

Item 3.1
Consider
Nomination for
Presidential
Election

On resumption of the meeting, the Meeting Administrator clarified the procedures.

A proposer and seconder of the decision to nominate any candidate will be sought, and agreement will be sought from the Council. If a counter-proposal is put forward not to nominate any candidate, the motion will be put to a vote. The motion will either be carried or not carried as an outcome of the vote in line with standing orders.

If it is agreed to nominate a candidate, a proposer and seconder will be sought for candidates.

If one candidate is proposed and seconded, they will be nominated as the Presidential candidate from Tipperary County Council.

If more than one candidate is proposed and seconded, they will be put forward for a roll-call vote.

The candidate with the majority of votes will be nominated as the candidate from Tipperary County Council.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Carroll then proceeded to call for proposals for the nomination of a candidate for the Presidential Election by Tipperary County Council.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Seamus Morris** that Tipperary County Council would nominate a candidate for the Presidential Election. This was seconded by **Cllr. Liam Browne**.

It was counter proposed by **Cllr. Michael Smith** that Tipperary County Council would not nominate a candidate for the Presidential Election. This was seconded by **Cllr. William Kennedy**.

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator stated that as outlined in the procedures as a counter proposal was put forward not to nominate any candidate this motion would be put to a vote.

A vote was taken as follows:

Tipperary County Council Counter Proposal

'Not to nominate a candidate for Presidential Election 2025'

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Smith

Seconded by: Cllr. William Kennedy

	COMHAIRLEOIR	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
1.	Acheson, Tom	✓			
2.	Ambrose, Siobhán	✓			
3.	Anglim, Micheál	✓			
4.	Bonfield, Fiona		✓		
5.	Bourke, Kieran	✓			
6.	Brennan, Michael		✓		
7.	Browne, Liam		✓		
8.	Bugler, Phyll	✓			
9.	Burgess, Declan	✓			

10.	Cahill Skehan, Kay	✓			
11.	Crosse, John	✓			
12.	Dennehy, Niall		✓		
13.	Dunne, David	✓			
14.	English, Pat		✓		
15.	FitzGerald, John	✓			
16.	Fitzgerald, Mark		✓		
17.	Goldsboro, Amy	✓			
18.	Hannigan, Joe		✓		
19.	Hourigan, Mary		✓		
20.	Kennedy, Roger	✓			
21.	Kennedy, William	✓			
22.	Lee, Shane		✓		
23.	Lowry, Michael		✓		
24.	McGrath, Máirín		✓		
25.	Molloy, Richie		✓		
26.	Moloney, Andy				✓
27.	Moran, Eddie		✓		
28.	Morgan Walsh, L		✓		
29.	Morris, Seamus		✓		
30.	Murphy, Marie	✓			
31.	O'Heney, John		✓		
32.	O'Meara, J.P.	✓			
33.	O'Meara, Michael		✓		
34.	Quirke O'Meara, P		✓		
35.	Ryan, Anne Marie		✓		
36.	Ryan, Jim		✓		
37.	Ryan, Peggy	✓			
38.	Ryan Séan	✓			
39.	Smith, Michael	✓			
40.	Carroll, John	✓			
TOTALS		19	20		1

The Meetings Administrator noted the result of the vote at 19 for the Counter Motion – Not to Nominate a Candidate, 20 against the Counter Motion – Not to Nominate a Candidate, with 1 Councillor deemed absent when the vote was called.


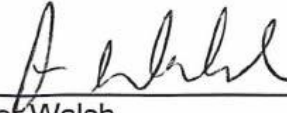
He declared the Counter Motion '**Not to nominate a candidate for Presidential Election 2025**' defeated.

It was then proposed **Cllr. Liam Browne**, seconded by **Cllr. Seamus Morris** ***"That Gareth Sheridan be nominated as a candidate by Tipperary County Council for the 2025 Presidential Election"***.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. David Dunne** ***"That Kieran McCarthy be nominated as a candidate by Tipperary County Council for the 2025 Presidential Election"***.

As there were 2 candidates proposed, the Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a roll call of the members present as follows:.

	COMHAIRLEOIR	1	2	Absent	Abstain
		Gareth Sheridan	Kieran McCarthy		
1	Acheson, Tom			✓	
2	Ambrose, Siobhán				✓
3	Anglim, Micheál				✓
4	Bonfield, Fiona	✓			
5	Bourke, Kieran				✓
6	Brennan, Michael	✓			
7	Browne, Liam	✓			
8	Bugler, Phyll				✓
9	Burgess, Declan				✓
1	Cahill Skehan, Kay				✓
1	Crosse, John			✓	
1	Dennehy, Niall	✓			
1	Dunne, David		✓		
1	English, Pat		✓		
1	FitzGerald, John				✓
1	Fitzgerald, Mark				✓
1	Goldsboro, Amy				✓
1	Hannigan, Joe	✓			
1	Hourigan, Mary Hanna	✓			
2	Kennedy, Roger				✓
2	Kennedy, William				✓
2	Lee, Shane	✓			
2	Lowry, Michael	✓			
2	McGrath, Máirín	✓			
2	Molloy, Richie	✓			
2	Moloney, Andy			✓	
2	Moran, Eddie	✓			
2	Morgan Walsh, Louise	✓			
2	Morris, Seamus	✓			
3	Murphy, Marie				✓
3	O'Heney, John	✓			
3	O'Meara, J.P.				✓
3	O'Meara, Michael	✓			
3	Quirke O'Meara, P	✓			
3	Ryan, Anne Marie		✓		
3	Ryan, Jim	✓			
3	Ryan, Peggy				✓
3	Ryan Séan			✓	
3	Smith, Michael				✓
4	Carroll, John				✓
	TOTALS	17	3	4	16

	<p>The Meetings Administrator confirmed the result of the roll call as follows:</p> <p><i>For Gareth Sheridan 17</i></p> <p><i>For Kieran McCarthy 3</i></p> <p><i>Abstain 16</i></p> <p><i>Absent 4</i></p> <p>The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Gareth Sheridan be and is hereby the nominated candidate of Tipperary County Council for the Presidential Election 2025 in accordance with Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993.</p>
	<p>The Cathaoirleach extended congratulations to Mr. Sheridan and invited him to say a few words. Mr. Sheridan thanked the Council for affording them the opportunity to address the Council. He said that Tipperary sent a message regarding a constitutional right and he commended them for that. His nomination had played a critical part in democracy.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive and the Corporate Services staff for their work.</p>
	<p>The meeting then concluded.</p>
	<div><div>Signed by:  4E21043A0F2049E...</div><div>Signed/ _____ Cathaoirleach.</div></div> <p>Date: 13th October, 2025</p> <div><div></div><div>Signed/ _____ Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator.</div></div> <p>Date: <u>13th October, 2025</u></p>