



Donegal County Supreme Council  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August  
Central Hotel, Donegal Town

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| John D. Flanagan (CH)   | Kim Mc Menamin (VC)     | Edward McNulty (SEC) |
| Angela McGovern (TREAS) | John B. Caulfield (PRO) | Louise Price         |
| Joe Griffin             | Anne-Marie Kane         | Colum Boyle          |
| Seán White              | Geraldine Mc Daid       | Jason Scanlon        |
| Owen Hannigan           | Niall Murray            | Paul Mc Cauley       |

All non-attending Council Members assigned their proxy to Paul Mc Cauley through the DCSC Group chat prior to the meeting.

Carmen Jitariuc (Secretary Oideachais) also in attendance

## Meeting begins at 19.05pm GMT/ 18.40pm IRT

The Chair thanks members for attending.

Seven Community Councils are to be amalgamated to establish a County Court for County Donegal. Much work is needed ahead of the EGM for the establishment of the County Court.

- The secretaries of the various Community Councils are tasked with collating the Deeds of A&C for all Co-Op Members. Proxies are required for all Co-Op Members who are unable to attend the EGM for the establishment of the County Court.
- The focus is on ensuring readiness to successfully establish the Court, including setting up and preparing for the day of establishment.

### Membership and Proxy Updates

- Membership numbers were discussed, including current members, proxies, and principal members, with efforts to update membership information.
- Challenges in contacting some members are noted, particularly those who didn't accept WhatsApp invitations or didn't answer phone calls.
- Efforts are focused on getting updated Deeds of A&C and Proxies, clarifying the process and ensuring everyone is on the same page.

The Chair stated to have a County Court we need at least five Community Councils with 100 + members (as per the Constitution)

All Co-Op Members must be from the mapped area of the Community as per the Manifesto.

Updated Manifestos and Code of Conduct for each Community Council Co-Op are to be signed by all Board Members and completed by 27<sup>th</sup> of September. A.P. all Secretaries.

### Justice Appointments and Court Roles

- Changes in justice appointments were discussed, with Colm Granahan moving to IRB Vice President and Louise Price incoming Chief Justice. Rory Price is nominated by the Donegal Town Co-Op Members to be appointed as Community Justice for Donegal Town and (once appointed) may also sit as County Justice in due course.

## EGM and Court Process

- Kim M is current Vice-Chair of DCSC and is therefore ex-officio Head Juror, and it is essential that Kim M is completely up to speed on process, requirements and duty. The Head Juror will be responsible for seeking and appointing 11 other jurors from Donegal's Co-Op Members for the EGM to establish Donegal County Court.

## Venue Search and Community Court Establishment

- The search for a suitable venue, ideally an old Town Hall or Community Centre predating 1963, was discussed, with the aim of eventual claim as GHQ for the Community Council Co-Op.
- The possibility of establishing a Donegal Town, Ballyhannon Community Court to be considered, combining areas for a larger jurisdiction.
- The Board is open to considering this option without detracting from the push for the County Court, aiming to combine efforts and increase membership numbers.
- The importance of continued collaboration and volunteer efforts was emphasized, recognizing the significant work being done.
  - Suggestions were made for better attendance and involvement from the Supreme Council, highlighting the responsibilities involved for the proposed EGM for the establishment of the County Court. Chair - *"it won't happen unless we are ready to make it happen"*
- The need for commitment from Board Members is reiterated, with appreciation expressed for those actively participating and greatly contributing to the efforts.

A sincere thanks was expressed by all present to Colm B for his relentless work on mapping all Community Areas of Éire

## Financial Matters and Expenditure

- Financial matters were discussed, including transferring funds to the designated Bank Account (see <https://faodhla.ie> donations) ensuring accurate referencing for community contributions.
- Expenditure items such as seals, flags, and poles were mentioned, with approximate costs provided for each item.
- The establishment of a central bank account and donation options were highlighted, aiming for transparency and community involvement in financial matters.

Funds from each of the councils to be gathered by the respective Treasurers and lodged to the central Bank Account with accurate narrative.

It was re-emphasised by the Secretary and agreed by all present that Supreme Council members are expected to attend and contribute at these fundamental meetings especially ahead of the upcoming EGM.

**Meeting closes at 20.15pm GMT/ 19.50PM IRT**