

# Donegal County Supreme Council Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August Central Hotel, Donegal Town

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 Kim Mc Menamin through the DCSC Group chat prior to the meeting.

Meeting begins at 17.16pm GMT/ 16.51pm IRT

# **Introduction**

The Chair informs the Donegal County Supreme Council that himself and John B. Caulfield attended Crossmolina earlier in the day for a similar purpose as this pre-EGM meeting; to sit with the Council to ensure that everything and everyone is clear about what needs to be achieved for the establishment of the Donegal County Court.

### **Donegal County Court**

The Donegal County Supreme Council was established on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025, with an objective to align together the Community Councils in Donegal to establish the Donegal County Court. We are aspiring to establish the Donegal County Court on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (location TBC). The Chair reminds the Board of the agreement by the room that day whereby Edward Mc Nulty was considered a suitable candidate for the position of Court Registrar and Michael McGee a suitable candidate for the position of Law Convener, provided both of those proposals attain unanimous approval from the Ballybofey Co-Op Members. Edward McNulty confirms this hasn't occurred yet and it is agreed by the Board that the Council would review the status of these proposals in 2 weeks' time. It is also discussed and accepted that while everyone on the Board holds the utmost respect for Michael McGee, given his current battles with courts etc., now may not be the appropriate time for his ratification as a Law Convener and it will be reviewed after the 27<sup>th</sup> September. (sic: ). Louise Price confirms that Rory Price's nomination as a Law Convener has achieved nearly 100% unanimous approval from the Donegal Town Co-Op and will endeavour to seek the final votes required at earliest opportunity. The Chair reiterates how important it is that we have all our ducks in a row for the 27<sup>th</sup>, and that everything we do stacks up with a pure paper position.

## **Deeds of Acknowledgement & Confirmation**

The Chair outlines that by right we should have an accumulative total of 600+ Deeds of A&C for Sovereign Claimants in Donegal County by 27<sup>th</sup> September. It is agreed by the Board that the priority up until the 27<sup>th</sup> should be on getting all the paperwork in place for the Members we have right now. We currently have approximately 304 Deeds stemming from the EGM in Letterkenny on 2<sup>th</sup> April. The estimates of Deeds of A&C required for each of the 7 fully established Community Councils in Donegal is as follows:

Ballybofey: 80+

Inishowen South: 40+

Inishowen North: 20+

Glenties: 16+

Ballyshannon: 10+

Donegal Town: 60+

Letterkenny: 90+

John F and John C will prepare the Notice of EGM for each of the Community Councils. Edward and Joe will take on the task of completing the Deeds of A&C for Ballybofey, Kim will complete for Inishowen South and inform Paul Mc Cauley of what's needed for Inishowen North, John C will speak with Owen Hannigan to inform him of what's required for Letterkenny, Kim will complete for Glenties, Louise will complete for Donegal Town and Angela will complete for Ballyshannon.

This will tidy up the Deeds for the Members we already have. In Crossmolina, it was agreed by the Board that because they have 111 out of the 300+ Co-Op Members, and because of Principle 14 of the Manifesto whereby anyone who's on the Co-Op group chat is aware of any Resolution put

forward by the Council and if they fail to engage they are deemed to be generally happy to pass the Resolution, their focus will be dividing up amongst the Council the 194 Members who are not on the Co-Op group chat and contacting them re their attendance/proxy for the EGM. The proxy will be given to the Secretary and there will be 2 types of proxies; one re Principle 14 for those who don't engage in the Co-Op group chat (but are Notice of it), and one re Principle 13 for those who are not on the Co-Op group chat but have been contacted directly by a Council Member for their proxy. This model is agreed by the Board for the 27<sup>th</sup> September. What's essential is that on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, between the physical attendees and the Deeds of A&C, that we have 600+ Visible Votes. As per the EGM Notices of 26<sup>th</sup> April for the Donegal Community Councils, each EGM Notice and proxy will have the relevant Community Council and Co-Op Flags on them.

# **Donegal County Supreme Council Manifesto**

John C reads aloud the updated Manifesto for the Organisation. The Chair explains that some of the Principles have been re-arranged for better flow and the removal of fiat currency as well as the inclusion of the Deed of A&C. All attending Council Members sign the updated Manifesto.

# **Oaths for Secretary & Treasuer**

The Chairs explains the reasoning behind the introduction of the Oaths in order to better safeguard the assets and records of the Organisation for the Community. Both the Treasurer and Secretary read and sign their Oath, which is witnessed by two Executive Members.

### Flags and other items

The Chair advises of the need for Flags and Flagpoles for the Donegal County Court. There is approximately €500 in the collective kittys of the Donegal Community Councils. The Council is in agreement this can be used to purchase two Flags and Flagpoles. The importance of the Donegal County Flags are emphasised whereby when those Flags stand at 1919mm or above, that will give Position to the Donegal County Court. The Éire Flag Sargent will be present in Donegal to bring the Éire Flags. There is also a need for the Faodhla sign, as shown to all attendees, which will adorn the Donegal Court, as well as framed By-Laws for the County in English & Irish. The Chair also advises of the updated donation system available whereby people can now donate into the Oideachas na hÉireann on behalf of a Community Area of their choice. The Chair also explains the significance of the native Donegal Rock which will be Sandblasted with the Éire Courts Seal, used akin to the Saphers Mark of old, which will denote that wherever area that rock is present, that mapped Community Area is under the protection of the Éire Courts. This a WIP and not needed to be complete in advance of the 27th September.

The Chair makes the point of reiterating that if Donegal is not ready, we will not proceed on the 2<sup>th</sup> September with setting up the Court as we're not going to fluff this through. The pure paper position must stack up and we must have this completed in the Public Domain.

# **Venue for 27th September**

John F and John C visited a prospective venue called the Rock Hall in Ballyshannon earlier that day to see about it's suitability for hosting the Donegal County Court. It was deemed to perhaps not be suitable as the Venue due to it's close proximity to church grounds but still open for consideration. Everyone on the Council are going to consider where else may be an appropriate venue which potentially could also be claimed and used as a GHQ.

### The Position of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair advises of his dissatisfaction re a gathering of \(^{\gamma}\) of the Executive in Kinsale on \(^{\gamma}\) August, whereby it was noted that Kim's particularly forceful and visible activism is of concern to the Organisation. He advises of his wish to remain on the Donegal County Supreme Council and his position as Vice-Chair of the Organisation. The Chair expresses that there wasn't a deliberate meeting to discuss Kim's conduct but one that was necessary to have given recent social media activity by Kim. It was agreed at this meeting in order to better facilitate Kim's enthusiastic endeavour, that he would be best served stepping away from the Donegal County Supreme Council. Edward was tasked with informing Kim of this. Kim proceeded to post and delete a message into the Donegal County Supreme Council WhatsApp group confirming his resignation and agreement with the overall strategy. It is confirmed and reaffirmed to Kim and the entire Board that the Co-Op Members are the ones with the Power, the Council Members have all the Responsibility. Council Members have a duty to uphold the integrity of what they signed up for (Manifesto & Code of Conduct). The Code of Conduct is read aloud to remind everyone what it entails. There is a 1,3 & 5 year plan in place for Eire which we must stick to or else the plan will fail. Kim advised that he was never going on highland radio again. The Chair advised of his strong concerns following Kim's latest interview, having harassed or being perceived to harass builders from Derry at an IPAS Centre. He advises of the potential damage to the integrity of the Organisation had the interviewer asked him "Kim, you're the Vice Chair of Donegal County Supreme Council, is that what these Organisations stand for?". Kim confirmed to the Board that he would not be conducting any more interviewers and that he wished to remain on the Board and position of VC and he acknowledged the parameters of the Code of Conduct and Manifesto of the Organisation.

Meeting closes at 6.36pm GMT/ 6.11PM IRT