

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council
held on Friday 20th of May, 2022,
at 3.30pm in the Hardiman Hotel, Eyre Square, Galway.**

<u>Presiding:</u>	Cllr. C. Connolly, Mayor of the City of Galway
<u>Present:</u>	Councillors: A. Cheevers, M. Cubbard, F. Fahy, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, P. Keane, D. Lyons, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, M. O'Connor & T. O'Flaherty
<u>In Attendance:</u>	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer Ms. A. Rohan, Senior Executive Officer/Meetings Administrator Ms. E. Finan, A/Administrative Officer Ms. A. Bhreathnach, A/Administrative Officer Ms. F. Coen, Staff Officer Mr. D. Feeney, A/Assistant Staff Officer Ms. S. King, Clerical Officer Ms. A. Ní Chúláin, Clerical Officer
<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors: I. Byrne, J. Connolly, M.J. Crowe, O. Hanley, N. Larkin & N. Murphy

The Mayoral Procession entered the room.

Ms A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intention to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Proposed By: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded By:** Cllr. D. Lyons

To suspend Standing Order no. 22 to allow for audio/visual recordings.

This was agreed.

Ms. A. Rohan welcomed Patricia Burke Brogan and her family and the family members of the late Ms. Ena McEntee to the Special meeting.

Mayor C. Connolly outlined how she was delighted to propose the motion to honour Patricia Burke Brogan and the late Ena McEntee. She added that this is the highest honour Galway City Council can bestow on anyone. Mayor C. Connolly indicated that the honour was richly deserved in recognition of the outstanding acts of courage and bravery of these two women in helping women from the Magdalene Laundry.

Ms. A. Rohan invited the Mayor to give her address.

Mayor C. Connolly gave her address about the two women who performed the most difficult of tasks in assisting the women of the Magdalene Laundry, only a few minutes' walk away. She said that we are grateful for their actions and assistance in the dark times of the prevalence of Magdalene Laundries all over Ireland, and we are sure that they offered a small glimmer of hope to those women who were otherwise possessed of none at the time.

The family of Patricia Burke Brogan signed the Scroll of Honour and therefore accepted the Freedom of the City, with the award being conferred by Mayor C. Connolly on behalf of Galway City Council.

The family of the late Ena McEntee signed the Scroll of Honour and therefore accepted the Freedom of the City, posthumously, with the award being conferred by Mayor C. Connolly on behalf of Galway City Council.

Galway City Councillors signed the Scroll book.

Mayor C. Connolly acknowledged the presence of former recipients of the Freedom of the City and former Mayors.

The meeting concluded at 4.21pm.