



# **RESULTS**



## **SLIGO PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE**

### **ELECTED CANDIDATE**

**SLIGO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK ELECTIONS**

**CANDIDATES FOR SLIGO PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE**

**1 seats, 3 candidates**

	<p><b>Elected Candidate</b></p> <p><b>Padraig Meehan</b></p>	<p><b>Nominated by Sligo Neolithic Landscapes who state:</b></p> <p>“Pádraig Meehan, long term guide/information officer at the Carrowmore passage tomb complex, independent archaeological researcher and author. Passionate about Irish placename origins.”</p>
	<p><b>Substitute 1</b></p> <p><b>Bernadette Ni Ruairc</b></p>	<p><b>Nominated by Ard Aisling Residents Association who state:</b></p> <p>“My name is Bernadette Ní Ruairc, which colloquially translates to Bernie Groarke. I was born and raised in Bellaghy, Charlestown, Co. Sligo. I have a long association of volunteering for local group initiatives. I have been involved with groups in Tubbercurry since 2009, which include Ard Aisling Residents’ Association, Text Alert and Tidy Towns. My primary degree, from NUI Galway, was in Irish and Geography through Irish. These foundation studies in the early 80s sparked a keen interest for me in place names and fieldnames, which I have had all my life. The etymology of surnames and Christian names also holds a similar curiosity for me. I studied for a Master’s degree with the Open University in Applied Linguistics. I taught Irish, Geography, English and Drama at second level over a period of sixteen years in London, Oporto and in Sligo. In 2006 I joined the Department of Education as a school inspector.”</p>
	<p><b>Substitute 2</b></p> <p><b>Leo Leydon</b></p>	<p><b>Nominated by Sligo Field Club supported by Lissadell Coast Care who state:</b></p> <p>“I have a lifelong interest and passion in the study of history - particularly of my local community in north county Sligo. This interest led me to complete a Diploma in Archaeology from NUIG, through study at St. Angela’s College. I am a farmer and part-time tour guide, and have a keen knowledge and understanding of our Irish language. Much of my local knowledge and lore has come from speaking to older members of the local community. Using all of these resources, I aim to ensure that all of our older native place names are properly recorded and preserved. I am a long-standing committee member of Sligo Field Club, having served as past President. As the Club's nominee I am seeking your support for election to the County Sligo Place Names Committee. Thank you!”</p>