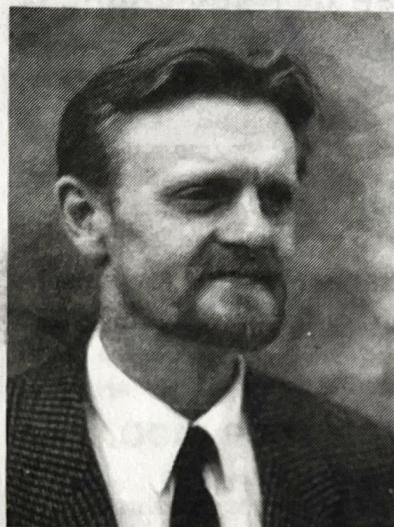


Vote MacElhinney No.1

Republican



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JOHN MacELHINNEY

IS YOUR LOCAL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

John is 40 years of age. His grandfather left the Letterkenny area at the turn of the century to work in Lifford and Strabane. Members of his family played an active role during the War of Independence.

John Mac Elhinney brought his family to the town of Letterkenny during the late 1970's. With his wife Socra he now runs a local Hackney Business. They have three children who attend local schools. Eileen and Ester attend Loreto Convent while Cormac is being educated at Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin.

John has been a Republican activist since joining the Fianna at the age of 12. He was first detained by Crown Forces on the morning of Internment, 9th August, 1971 and during the present phase of the armed struggle has served four prison terms for his activities. He remains a committed Republican activist. He has wide cultural interests - is a member of the local Conradh na Gaeilge, the Irish Writers' Union and plays a number of musical instruments with a particular emphasis on Irish traditional music.

THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION

He represents the only Republican party in Ireland which has rejected the Downing Street Declaration. He believes the Declaration is one of war and not peace. By allowing a Unionist veto the document in effect states *"so long as a greater number of the population of the Six North-Eastern counties of Ireland wish to remain under British rule, then Britain will USE MILITARY FORCE to maintain that position regardless of Irish majority opinion"*. Hardly the stuff of which peace is made.

THE HUME / ADAMS DOCUMENT

John also believes that the Hume / Adams Document must now be published so that Republicans can decide what common ground it offers to those who seek the establishment of a 32 County Republic.

POLICY FOR PEACE

John represents the party which stands first and foremost by the 1916 Proclamation of Independence and remembering fallen comrades, takes this opportunity to re-state clearly the three basic requirements necessary to bring about a lasting cessation of hostilities between the Irish and British peoples:

- (1) A British declaration of intent to withdraw from Ireland within a specified period of time. (The life of a single British parliament).
- (2) An amnesty for all political prisoners.
- (3) Free 32 County based elections - open to all.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

UNEMPLOYMENT

Until the unification of the country takes place unemployment cannot be tackled in any meaningful way. Other politicians may make rash promises to fight for large job creation programmes. The economic division of the country makes lies of such promises. John will agitate for increases in Social Welfare payments and name those politicians who fail to support him.

SERVICE CHARGES

He will vote against all such charges until such time as they are seen to be used for the benefit of those who actually pay them. Such proper use, he believes, would be the creation of service related jobs within the town area rather than the payment of petty bureaucrats to administer an unpopular system.

HOUSING

John believes a point system for the allocation of Council housing should be adopted. People who sign on the register should know they will be allocated a house on a predominantly seniority basis.

He will work to see a Land Buying policy is adopted and maintained by the UDC. The present ludicrous situation where the Urban Council hasn't actually bothered to acquire land to build houses on must never occur again.

EDUCATION

He will work with all other representatives regardless of party allegiances to ensure that The North-West University of the Twenty First Century is founded here in Letterkenny town. John believes that much of the infrastructure already exists. Such a venture he believes could entail the granting of University status to the present RTC set up with the addition of a number of incorporated degree courses. He insists it is the responsibility of the Urban Council to fund a feasibility study immediately if we are to steal a march on our competitors and reap the long term financial and cultural rewards.

HEALTH

Healthcare needs more money. John believes it is the duty of all public representatives, regardless of party politics to unite against cuts in Health spending. He will support all attempts to bring about change in this regard.

LOCAL POLICING

John refuses to jump on the bandwagon of hysteria which some local candidates are stirring up to the detriment of the town. He maintains Letterkenny is not some sort of lawless town in danger of running out of control. There are literally thousands of young people from both local family backgrounds and the RTC who are a credit to the town and whom we should be proud to have as ambassadors to non-locals who come into the town on a daily basis. Local politicians he maintains would be better fitted attempting to get funding for a local youth club and let the professional law men get on with the job they are being paid to do.

DRUGS, SOLVENT AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

The Urban Council must appoint a Youth Liaison Officer. His/her task would be to educate young people about the causes and dangers of substance abuse and where they can find help. His/her manner should be that of an advisor with a non-authoritarian role. Funding should come from central government

REPUBLICAN SINN FÉIN - NATIONAL POLICY

ÉIRE NUA

Over the past twenty years the party has formulated a complete plan for a New Ireland "maximum devolution of government powers through local authorities" was the basic concept which led to a more detailed and complex study of Federalism. This study resulted in the publication of a number of discussion documents throughout the 1970's and 80's and culminated in present day party policy.

Further information on party policy may be obtained by contacting:

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THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

OF THE

IRISH REPUBLIC

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasable. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and all of its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien Government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish Nation must, by its valour and discipline and the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on behalf of the Provisional Government,

Thos. Clarke
Seán MacDiarmada *Thos. MacDonagh*
P. H. Pearse *Eamonn Ceannt*
James Connolly *Joseph P. Kehoe*