Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare County Council
held at 2.00p.m on Monday, 14 March 2016
at Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare

Members Present: Councillor I Keatley (Deputy Mayor), Councillors A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, K Byrne, B Caldwell, D Callaghan, R Cronin, I Cussen, M Dalton, S Doyle, T Durkan, D Fitzpatrick, B Hillis, P Kennedy, A Larkin, M McCabe, P McEvoy, M Miley Jnr, N O'Cearúil, J Pender, R Power, S Power, D Scully, M Stafford, P Ward and B Young

Apologies: Councillors M Lynch, J McGinley, F McLoughlin-Healy, S Moore, T Murray, J Neville, S O'Neill, T Redmond, M Wall and B Weld.

Also Present: Mr P Minnock, A/Chief Executive, Ms S Kavanagh, A/Director of Services, Ms M Dalton (Meetings Administrator) and other officials.

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Casual Vacancies

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everybody to the meeting. He congratulated Deputies O'Loughlin, O'Rourke and Lawless on their election to Dáil Éireann and welcomed them to the public gallery. He said that there was only one item on the agenda and in this regard he asked the Meetings Administrator to proceed.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members that all statutory requirements in regard to filling the three vacancies in the membership of the council have been fulfilled. She added that Item 1 of the agenda of this special meeting on Monday 14 March was to fill the casual vacancy in the membership of the council arising for the election to Dáil Éireann of former Councillors Lawless, O'Loughlin and O'Rourke. Ms Dalton confirmed that she had received the appropriate documentation for the General Secretary of Fianna Fáil and the consent in writing from

Carmel Kelly who has been selected to replace Deputy James Lawless

Murty Aspell who has been selected to replace Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin and

Michael Coleman who has been selected to replace Deputy Frank O'Rourke.

Councillor R Power proposed Ms Carmel Kelly to fill the casual vacancy that arose from the election to Dáil Éireann of Deputy James Lawless. He said that Ms Kelly will the first islander to be elected to Kildare County council and that she is no stranger to politics and that she has been an excellent community worker over the years. Councillor Doyle seconded this proposal

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor R Power, seconded by Councillor Doyle, that Ms Camel Kelly be co-opted to Kildare County Council.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillor Kelly to the meeting.

Councillor Doyle proposed Mr Murty Aspell to fill the casual vacancy that arose from the election to Dáil Éireann of Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin. She said that Mr Aspell was a previous Mayor of Newbridge and had been a Town Councillor for many years. Councillor S Power seconded this proposal and said that this was a special day for the Aspell family.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor S Power, that Mr Murty Aspell be co-opted to Kildare County Council

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillor Aspell to the meeting.

Councillor O'Cearúil proposed Mr Michael Coleman to fill the casual vacancy that arose from the election to Dáil Éireann of Deputy Frank O'Rourke. He said that Mr Coleman was a former member of the Defence Forces and has been an extremely active member of the Fianna Fáil party. Councillor R Power seconded this proposal.

Resolved On the proposal of Councillor O'Cearúil seconded by Councillor R Power, that Mr Michael Coleman be co-opted to Kildare County Council.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillor Coleman to the meeting.

The members joined in welcoming the three new members to Kildare County Council and wished them well.

Councillors Kelly, Aspell and Coleman spoke briefly expressing thanks to their families for their support and to their colleagues who had nominated them and they said that they looked forward to the challenge ahead.

Mr Minnock, on behalf of the Chief Executive welcomed the new members stating that it was a significant day for them. He also welcomed their families and Deputies Lawless, O'Loughlin, and O'Rourke to the public gallery.

The meeting concluded

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