

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 3.00 P.M.

- Chair:** Peter Cleere.
- Cllrs:** Eamon Aylward, , John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness and Patrick O'Neill.
- Officials:** Colette Byrne, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Sean McKeown and Anne Maria Walsh.
- Apologies:** Tomás Breathnach, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran and Joe Lyons

Cathaoirleach opened the Special Meeting and welcomed all. He advised the purpose of the meeting is to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Malcolm Noonan as TD.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that the Council has received notification in writing from the Green Party that Ms. Maria Dollard has been nominated to fill the vacancy. Ms. Dollard has indicated in writing that she is willing to accept the co-option, if approved.

1. **Filling of Casual Vacancy on Kilkenny County Council**

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed by all that:

*"In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Special Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 co-opted **Maria Dollard, Vianore, Greenshill, Kilkenny**, Member of the Green Party to replace Cllr. Malcolm Noonan as a Member of Kilkenny County Council.*

*Maria Dollard has indicated in writing prior to the meeting that she is consenting to be co-opted if the Council decided to accept her nomination".*

(ii) **Filling of Vacancies on Committees Caused by Election of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan as TD**

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, seconded by Cllr. Michael McCarthy and agreed by all that:

*"Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Special Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 co-opted **Maria Dollard, Vianore, Greenshill, Kilkenny**, Member of Green Party to replace Mr. Malcolm Noonan, onto the following Committees of Kilkenny County Council:*

- (i) *Kilkenny City Municipal District.*
- (ii) *SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism, Planning & Development Policy.*
- (iii) *SPC 4: Environment Protection, Climate Action & Energy.*
- (iv) *Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.*
- (v) *Kilkenny Heritage Forum.*

*Maria Dollard has indicated in writing prior to the meeting that she is consenting to be co-opted if the Council decided to accept her nomination."*

Cathaoirleach invited Cllr. Maria Dollard to take her seat in the Council Chamber.

He welcomed her as a Councillor and wished her well in her endeavours.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. John Coonan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Joe Malone, Deirdre Cullen, David Fitzgerald, Martin Brett, Pat Fitzpatrick, Andrew McGuinness and John Brennan. All Elected Members congratulated Cllr. Dollard on her co-option and wished her well. All Members offered their support and hoped that all Members will work in partnership for the betterment of all our citizens.

Cllr. Dollard thanked all the Members for their welcome. She said it was a privilege to be selected by the Green Party to fill Malcolm Noonan's seat. She spoke about her priorities as a Councillor.

Ms. Colette Byrne on behalf of the Executive and staff welcomed Cllr. Dollard and looked forward to working with her. She offered her the support of all staff in her role as a Councillor.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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