

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting of Full Council held at 2.30 p.m.

Friday 23 June 2023 in the Council Chamber

Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare.

Members Present: Councillor F Brett (Cathaoirleach), Councillors VL Behan, A Breen, A Breslin, D Fitzpatrick, B Caldwell, B Clear, M Coleman, A Connolly, N Connolly, Í Cussen, S Doyle, B Dooley, K Duffy, T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, P Hamilton, N Heavey, I Keatley, C Kelly, N Killeen, M Leigh, P McEvoy, S Moore, J Neville, N Ó Cearúil, T O'Dwyer, C. Pender, R Power, B Quinn, M Stafford, P Ward, B Weld and B Wyse.

On Line Councillors C. Galvin, V. Liston, F McLoughlin Healy.

Apologies: Councillors E Sammon and P. O'Dwyer.

Also Present: Ms S Kavanagh Chief Executive, Ms. A Aspell, Mr. E Ryan, Mr A Dunney (Directors of Service) Ms. C Barrett, (A/Director of Service) Ms. F Millane (A/Head of Finance), Ms. C O'Grady (Meetings Administrator), Mr. J Hannigan (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Special June meeting of Council. He welcomed Mr Bob Quinn to the meeting and also welcomed former Councillor Colm Kenny whom he described as a true green. He informed the meeting that Mr Kenny could be immensely proud of the work he had done as a councillor. He had been involved with the De Burgh lands in Naas and the successful delivery of the LAP and the County Development Plan and other things while at the same time he was working in Naas Hospital during a pandemic. He could be very proud of his achievements.

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Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations.

02/0623

To fill the casual vacancy in the membership of the council in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended,

The Cathairleach confirmed that the members had received due notice on the 19th June of the nomination of Mr. Bob Quinn by the Green Party to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Colm Kenny. It was confirmed that he was a member of the party and his consent to the nomination had been received.

Councillor Peter Hamilton proposed Mr Bob Quinn a member of the Green Party to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of former Councillor Colm Kenny. He informed the meeting that Mr Quinn had a strong community background, was a member of the LCDC and was active in the campaign to keep antenatal services in Naas hospital. He had a strong set of skills which would serve him well.

Councillor Anne Breen seconded the nomination of Mr Quinn, informing the members that she knew him personally.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. Hamilton, seconded by Cllr. Breen and with the agreement of all members present that Mr Bob Quinn be coopted to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of former Councillor Colm Kenny.

Councillor Quinn took his seat in the chamber and he thanked former Councillor Colm Kenny for his support and the members for his nomination. He looked forward to the challenges ahead and to working with the local communities. He confirmed he had worked on the LCDC. He thanked his family for their support.

The Cathairleach, group leaders and individual councillors welcomed Councillor Quinn to the council and looked forward to working with him.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the work of former Councillor Kenny and welcomed Councillor Quinn whom she knew through his work with the LCDC.

The meeting concluded.