

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2020 COMMENCING 4PM

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR I. WINTERS, CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLORS T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, M. CREAN, S. CULLEN, G. DUNNE, E. DOYLE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. MITCHELL, J. NEARY, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS AND G. WALSH.

APOLOGIES:

COUNCILLORS A. CRONIN, P. GLENNON, J. MULLEN AND M. MURPHY.

IN ATTENDANCE:

MR. F. CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES/ MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. B. GLEESON, HEAD OF FINANCE
MR. L. FITZPATRICK, HEAD OF IS SERVICES
MS. B. KILKENNY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. T. HUGHES, ANALYST DEVELOPER
MS. K. BOYLE, ANALYST DEVELOPER
MS. G. LANG, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER
DEPUTY J. WHITMORE
DEPUTY S. MATTHEWS.

ITEM NO. 1

To consider the filling of casual vacancy arising from the election of former Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore to Dail Eireann in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

L. Gallagher advised that a letter had been received from the Social Democrats, dated the 19th of February, 2020 advising that the Social Democrat Party were proposing the nomination of Ms. Jodie Neary, 43, Rathdown Park, Greystones, Co. Wicklow to fill the casual vacancy arising from the election of former Councillor Jennifer Whitmore to Dail Eireann, in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Elected Members noted that a letter had been received from Ms. Neary on the 19th of February, 2020 accepting the nomination.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Crean, seconded by Cllr. A. Ferris and agreed that Cllr. Jodie Neary would fill the casual vacancy arising from the election of former Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore to Dail Eireann in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Cllr. Neary was invited to take her seat in the Chamber.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the filling of casual vacancy arising from the election of former Cllr. Steven Matthews to Dail Eireann in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

L. Gallagher advised that a letter had been received by email on the 19th of February, 2020 from the Green Party, advising that the Green Party were proposing the nomination of Ms. Erika Doyle, Sydenham Mews, Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow to fill the casual vacancy arising from the election of former Councillor Steven Matthews to Dail Eireann, in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Elected Members noted that a letter had been received from Ms. Doyle on the 19th of February, 2020 accepting the nomination.

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Scott, seconded by Cllr. A. Ferris and agreed that Ms. Erika Doyle would fill the casual vacancy arising from the election of former Cllr. Steven Matthews to Dail Eireann in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Cllr. Doyle was invited to take her seat in the Chamber

The Cathaoirleach and elected members collectively joined together in welcoming both Cllr. Jodie Neary and Cllr. Erika Doyle to the Chamber and wished them well in their position as elected members of the Council.

The Chief Executive on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Wicklow County Council welcomed both Councillors to the Chamber and advised that Council staff would be available to assist in any way possible to both councillors in their roles as elected representatives particularly in the early stages.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Deputy Whitmore and Deputy Matthews on their election to Dail Eireann along with returning Deputies Harris, Donnelly and Brady.

It was agreed to write to former Deputies Pat Casey and Andrew Doyle to thank them for their support and contribution to Wicklow County Council during their time as Dail Deputies.

Kilcoole Secondary School: In response to a query Ms. L. Gallagher advised that no response had been received from the Department of Education following a request for a meeting and that she would follow up with another letter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CLLR. IRENE WINTERS
CATHOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER
A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 15th June, 2020