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Minutes
Special Meeting
14th March 2011, Council Chamber***

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Joseph Bonner, Sirena Campbell, Willie Carey, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Francis Deane, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Oliver Fox, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes, Suzanne Jamal, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Jenny McHugh, Seamus O'Neill, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Kevin Stewart (Acting)

Meetings Administrator Olive Falsey

Apologies:

Councillors Wayne Harding, Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Bryan Reilly, Catherine Yore

1. To fill the casual vacancies (2 No.), following the election of Councillors Regina Doherty and Ray Butler to Dáil Éireann, in the Membership of Meath County Council, in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher, Cathaoirleach, opened the meeting and outlined the format for the filling of the two casual vacancies created by the election of Councillors Regina Doherty and Ray Butler to Dáil Éireann and explained that the vacancies would be filled by co-option in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, with due notice having been given in accordance with the Act.

The Cathaoirleach proceeded to take the co-option from the Dunshaughlin Area.

Mr. Gerry O' Connor, 23 The Downs, Dunshaughlin was proposed by Councillor John V. Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Willie Carey.

On receiving the proposals the Cathaoirleach confirmed that Mr. Gerry O' Connor, having given consent in writing to his nomination, will fill the casual vacancy created by Cllr. Regina Doherty. Councillor O' Connor took his seat in the Chamber.

The Cathaoirleach proceeded to take the co-option from the Trim Area.

Mr. Joe Fox, Clondoogan, Summerhill was proposed by Councillor John V. Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Willie Carey.

On receiving the proposals the Cathaoirleach confirmed that Mr. Joe Fox, having given consent in writing to his nomination, will fill the casual vacancy created by Cllr. Ray Butler. Councillor Fox took his seat in the Chamber.



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Councillors O' Connor and Fox addressed the meeting and thanked those who nominated them to be co-opted to Meath Co. Council. Both Councillors expressed their wish to represent the people of their areas with honour and look forward to working with their fellow Councillors and officials of the Council.

All the Councillors present paid tribute to Councillors Fox and O'Connor and welcomed them to the Council Chamber and wished them every success in the future.
The Cathaoirleach endorsed all the comments and added that she looked forward to working with the new Councillors as they embark upon the great honour of representing the people in their respective areas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.