

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2016, AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor G. Mitchell, Deputy Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Butler, Byrne, Collins (J), Collins (M), Crowley, Donegan, Gilligan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keary, Keller, Leddin, Lynch, McCreesh, McMahon, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, O'Dea, O'Donnell, Pond, Prendiville, Ryan, Secas, Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehy, Teskey.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Daly.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Chief Executive (Mr. P. Dowling), Meetings Administrator (Mr. C. O'Connor), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox).

1. Support Services Directorate

Filling of Casual Vacancy

Already circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 4th March, 2016.

The Meetings Administrator stated that the filling of the casual vacancy on the Council consequent on the election of Councillor Maurice Quinlivan to Dáil Éireann had been deferred from the Special Meeting held on 14th March, 2016. The procedure was set out in Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, a copy of which had been circulated to Members. He added that all the required documentation had been received in relation to the co-option and was in order.

Proposed by Councillor McCreesh;
Seconded by Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh;

“That, Mr. John Costelloe, 16, Nicholas Street, Limerick, be co-opted to the Council to fill the casual vacancy caused by the election of Councillor Maurice Quinlivan to Dáil Éireann.”

As there were no other nominations, the Mayor declared Mr. John Costelloe co-opted as a Member of the Council for the Metropolitan District of Limerick and welcomed him as a Member of the Council.

Councillor Costelloe then took his seat in the Chamber.

Councillor Costelloe addressed the Meeting by saying that it was a great honour and privilege for him to become a Member of Limerick City and County Council. He said it had been a long, hard road for him to get to this point. He added that he was honoured and humbled and paid tribute to his predecessor, former Councillor Maurice Quinlivan, who had been a great support to him. He pointed out that the role was completely new to him but that he looked forward to the challenges ahead and, in particular, made reference to the housing crisis and the number of suicides occurring in the Limerick region. He concluded by thanking his proposer and seconder and the Members for their welcome and kind words of encouragement.

The Mayor and Members congratulated and extended a very warm welcome to Councillor Costelloe wishing him well in his new role and future political career. Tributes were also paid to Deputy Maurice Quinlivan.

The Deputy Chief Executive, on behalf of Management and Staff, joined in congratulating Councillor Costelloe and welcomed him to Limerick City and County Council saying that the staff would do everything possible to assist him in his new role.

Newly elected Dáil Deputy, Maurice Quinlivan, who was present in the Chamber, expressed his appreciation to the Members, Management and Staff for their assistance during his term on the Council. He wished Councillor Costelloe well in the future.

Signed:

Mayor

Date:
