

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2018 AT 3.30 P.M.**

**Chair:** Eamon Aylward

**Cllrs:** John Brennan, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Ger Frisby, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McKee, Pat Millea, Malcolm Noonan, Melissa O'Neill, Patrick O' Neill & Sean Tyrrell.

**Officials:** Colette Byrne, Sean McKeown, Mary J. Mulholland, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville & Anne Maria Walsh.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Maurice Shortall, Pat Fitzpatrick & Joe Malone.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward opened the meeting and advised Members that the purpose of the meeting is to give the potential candidates for the upcoming Presidential Election an opportunity to address the Elected Members and seek a nomination from Kilkenny County Council.

Cllr. Aylward requested that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the media to record and film the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed that Standing Orders No. 53 be suspended for this Special Meeting.

Cllr. Aylward welcomed the potential candidates to the Chamber and advised that they will be given eight minutes to make their presentation. Time will be strictly adhered to as there are a number of candidates to be heard. Time will be allowed for Members to ask questions.

The following potential candidates addressed the Elected Members:

- James P. Smyth
- Kevin Sharkey
- Senator Joan Freeman
- Gavin Duffy
- William Delaney 1957 - 1970

Each candidate spoke about their priorities if they were elected as President of Ireland. All requested the Members to consider using their powers to nominate a person to run for President.

Members asked each candidate a number of questions in relation to their aspirations for Presidency including their qualities for the role of President and funding of their campaign.

Cllr. Aylward thanked all the candidates for attending this Special Meeting and wished them well in their endeavours.

Cllr. Aylward advised the Members that requests have been received from other candidates to make a presentation to the members.

Following discussions it was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Pat Millea and agreed that a Special Meeting be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 2.00 p.m. to allow the remaining candidates to address the Members.

Cllr. Aylward advised that the Council may consider a nomination at this meeting also.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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