

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN ÁRAS
AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE ON 16TH OF MARCH 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors **Tom Jacob** In the Chair

John Bonham Paddy Bracken
Ray Cribbin James Daly
James Deegan Geraldine Delaney
David Goodwin Brian Stanley
Michael Lalor Jerry Lodge
Michael Moloney Paul Mitchell
John Moran Brendan Phelan

APOLOGIES: Councillors William Aird John Joe Fennelly
Catherine Fitzgerald Laurence Kavanagh
Seamus McDonald Dick Miller
Martin Phelan Michael Rice
Mary Sweeney John D. Turley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messers Peter Carey, County Manager, Gerry Gibson, Director of Services, Declan Byrne, Director of Services, Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, John Daly, Director of Services, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Senior Executive Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary

27. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

The Cathaoirleach, Mr. Tom Jacob indicated that official notification had been received from I.M.P.A.C.T. & S.I.P.T.U regarding notice of industrial action measures. The initial proposed day of National Protest will be on Monday, March 30th 2009 which is co-inciding with the March monthly meeting of Council.

On the proposition of Councillor John Bonham seconded by Councillor Brian Stanley, the Members unanimously agreed to the holding of the March monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 31st 2009 at 11.00 a.m.

28. VOTE OF SYMPATHY

It was unanimously agreed that votes of sympathy be extended as follows:-

- (i) To Councillor Dick Miller on the death of his sister, Sr. Julie Miller
- (ii) To Ms. Orla Barrett on the death of her father, Mr. Thomas Gleeson
- (iii) To Ms. Dorothy Fitzpatrick on the death of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Heavey

29. 110th ANNIVERSARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. James Deegan indicated that the 110th anniversary of Local Government founded in 1899 be commemorated. It was suggested that it might be fitting for it to coincide with the L.A.M.A, Conference to be held in Portlaoise on the 16th and 17th of April 2009. The County Manager indicated that proposals would be examined.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Director of Corporate Affairs