MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 16TH OF MARCH 2011

PRESENT:	**Councillors**	James Deegan	In the Chair
		Rotimi Adebari	William Aird
		Pat Bowe	Patrick Bracken
		Ben Brennan	Ray Cribbin
		James Daly	John Joe Fennelly
		Catherine Fitzgerald	David Goodwin
		John King	Michael Lalor
		Seamus McDonald	John Moran
		Tom Mulhall	Brendan Phelan
		Mary Sweeney	
APOLOGIES:	Councillor	John Bonham	Padraig Fleming
		Jeremiah Lodge	Paul Mitchell
		Kathleen O' Brien	Martin Phelan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messers Gerry Gibson, Deputy County Manager, Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Senior Executive Officer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary

25. FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor James Deegan welcomed all Members to the Council Chamber to the special meeting for the purpose of the filling of the casual vacancy on Laois County Council following Councillor Brian Stanley's election to Dáil Eireann.

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Senior Executive Officer read out the nomination received from Sinn Féin Head Office and also the letter of consent received from Mr. Alan Hand, T.C.

On the proposition of Councillor Pat Bowe and seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan, Mr. Alan Hand was unanimously co-opted to Laois County Council, to fill the casual vacancy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____ **CERTIFIED:** _____

CATHAOIRLEACH **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**