

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON FRIDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2016, AT 10.00 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor L. Galvin, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Butler, Byrne, Collins (J), Collins (M), Crowley, Donegan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keller, Leddin, McCreesh, Mitchell, Neville, O'Donnell, O'Hanlon, Quinlivan, Ryan, Secas, Teefy.

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Sheehy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive (Mr. C. Murray), Director, Regional Services (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Physical Transportation & Travel & Environment Directorate (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Mr. C. O'Connor), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox).

**Schedule of Meetings**

At the outset of the Meeting, the Mayor informed the Members of the following Schedule of Meetings which had been discussed and agreed with the Party Leaders. This was in addition to the scheduled Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Full Council scheduled for Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

- Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, at 2.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle – Special Meeting to discuss the issues set out in Requisition received from a number of Fianna Fáil Members in relation to flooding and emergency funding.

- Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 – 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Special Meeting – Briefing to take place on Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme.
- Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle – Special Meeting to consider the submission of observations on Draft Flood Maps for Limerick to the Office of Public Works.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins (M), seconded by Councillor Hourigan, the Schedule of Meetings, as outlined by the Mayor, was agreed.

The Mayor then proceeded to thank everybody for attending the Special Meeting explaining that it was being held in order to pass a Vote of Sympathy for former Councillor and Mayor, Terry Kelly, who had passed away. Deep sympathy was expressed to her family, friends, neighbours and community for their great loss.

Members thanked the Mayor for calling the Special Meeting. It was stated that the former Councillor had been born into a very politically prominent family. Her father, Anthony Barry, had served in the Dáil and Seanad and had served as Lord Mayor of Cork in 1961/1962. Her brother, Peter Barry, had a very distinguished political career. He had been Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for the Environment and former Lord Mayor of Cork. Her niece, the MEP Deirdre Clune, had also served as Lord Mayor of Cork.

The former Councillor had moved to Limerick with her family in 1974 where they became the proprietors of the Shannon Arms on Henry Street. Despite the death of her husband in 1980, and her heavy family and business commitments, Terry Kelly took an active part in the public life of Limerick City.

Terry was a passionate believer of education and was particularly interested in the Women's Movement. She was one of the founders of Adapt, which had provided accommodation and support for women and children who were subjected to domestic abuse. The Members referred to Terry's great love and passion for art and architecture.

From 1979 to 1985, Terry Kelly had served as a Member of Limerick City Council and had served as Mayor from June 1983 to June 1984. She was the second Lady Mayor of Limerick, following in the footsteps of Frances Condell, and then followed by current Minister for Education, Jan O'Sullivan, Fine Gael's Councillor Maria Byrne, and Independent Councillor, Kathleen Leddin. She was described as a progressive Mayor who had pushed the boundaries. During her Mayoralty, she was described as a fantastic ambassador and advocate for Limerick at home and abroad. Members referred to Terry as a lovely lady, who had served the City well and who had adopted a stately approach while in office.

Members said that Terry worked tirelessly to enhance the co-operation between Limerick City Council and the business community in Limerick. She was described as a pillar of the community who had fought hard for issues and for the people she represented. She was very much respected by her constituents. In turn, she was extraordinarily helpful, professional, hardworking and committed to the area she represented.

Members said that Terry Kelly had served Limerick proudly and with great distinction. She was a firm believer in the symbolic traditions associated with the Office. Even though she did not run in the Local Elections of 1985, she remained interested in politics all her life.

Terry had made a major contribution to the public life of the country, through her roles in the Heritage Trust, Crafts Council of Ireland, Irish Landmark Trust, EBS Building Society and Design Yard.

Members referred to Terry's family and, in particular, the wonderful care and support which Terry had received from them over the last number of years during her illness which, they said, was second to none. It was stated that this was an extremely hard and difficult time for her family.

The Chief Executive paid tribute to Terry on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff and extended sincere sympathy to her family, community and friends. He made reference to the very important traditions associated with the Mayoralty and stressed the importance of preserving and continuing these traditions going forward.

The Mayor concluded by saying that he had attended the funeral and had met with Terry's family. He said it was a very sad occasion but that her family was very appreciative of the representation from Limerick and to those Members who had travelled to either Dublin or Cork to convey their sympathies.

The Mayor then asked the Members to stand for a silent prayer.

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**Mayor**

Date:

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