

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 2018, AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor S. Keary, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Butler, Collins (J), Collins (M), Hogan, Hourigan, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, O'Donnell, O'Hanlon, Pond, Secas, Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Teefy.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Donegan, Galvin, Gleeson, Hurley, Loftus, O'Donoghue, Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (Mr. C. Murray), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Economic Development (Mr. P. Daly), Director, Regional and Cultural Services (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Physical Development (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Director, Support Services – Finance, Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Meetings Administrator (Mr. T. O'Callaghan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. J. Clune).

At the outset, a minute's silence and reflection was observed as a mark of respect.

The Mayor thanked everybody for attending the Special Meeting explaining that it was being held in order to pass a Vote of Sympathy for former Councillor and former Chairman of Limerick County Council, John Finucane, who had passed away. Deep sympathy was expressed to his children Orla, Triona, Áine, Sinéad, James and extended family, friends, neighbours and community, for their loss.

The Mayor welcomed former colleagues, Mary Jackman and Paddy Hourigan, from the Castleconnell Electoral Area. Apologies were received from Eddie Wade, another former colleague.

The Mayor went on to state that John Finucane was very much respected amongst his electorate. He had served as Councillor from 1991-1999 and served as Chairman in 1997/1998. He added that he was a dedicated Councillor and was totally committed to Limerick and the people of Limerick. The Mayor also referred to his role serving on many

other Bodies during his term on the Council, including Limerick Harbour Authority, Moorepark Regional Advisory Council to Teagasc, County Strategy Group and Limerick Market Trustees on which John served as Chairman in 1997.

Members thanked the Mayor for calling the Special Meeting. They recalled John as a popular former colleague and gentleman who worked tirelessly for his local community and who always had such a positive outlook. His involvement in various groups and organisations was remembered – Murroe/Boher GAA, Boher Development Association, Limerick County Board of the GAA, Limerick Show Society for over 40 years during which he was Chairman and President; the Friesian Breeders' Association, North Munster Cattle Breeders' Society and Bóthar. It was noted that John was one of the original members of Bóthar and his trips to Africa assisting Bóthar were also recalled. The Members specifically remembered his love of Limerick and his dedication in representing the Council at many functions, both at home and abroad, where he was recalled as a fantastic ambassador for Limerick.

The Chief Executive paid tribute to John, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, and extended sincere sympathy to his family, community and friends. The Director, Physical Development, also recalled his time working with John and again remembered his work for his constituents and the people of Limerick and also his humour and warm personality.

Former Members of Limerick County Council, Mary Jackman and Paddy Hourigan, also remembered their former colleague and, in particular, his pleasant, warm nature and dedication to the people he represented.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Date: _____