

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, ON TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2022, AT 9.30AM, IN ORDER TO PASS A VOTE OF SMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL, PADDY HOURIGAN, RIP.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor D. Butler, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins (B), Collins (J), Collins (M), Daly, Egan, Foley, Hartigan, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mitchell, Murphy, O’Dea, O’Donoghue, O’Hanlon, O’Sullivan, Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Slattery, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (Mr. P. Daly), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), SEO. Corporate Services & Governance (Ms. A. Foley)

The Mayor thanked everybody for attending the Special Meeting. He explained that it was being held in order to pass a Vote of Sympathy for former Member and former Chairman of Limerick County Council, Paddy Hourigan, who had sadly passed away. Deep sympathy was expressed to his wife Anne, and children Monica, James, Kathleen and Patrick, and to his friends, neighbours and community, for their loss.

The Mayor went on to state that Paddy Hourigan was a true gentleman and very much respected amongst the electorate and the wider community of Limerick. The Mayor noted his very successful political career and his great understanding of politics. Paddy Hourigan was co-opted to Limerick County Council in 1972, where he continued to serve on the Council for 32 years, until 2004. He served as Chairperson of Limerick County Council in 1993-1994. He added that he was a dedicated Councillor and referred to him as a real community person, stating that he remained actively working in the community after his political career ended.

Members thanked the Mayor for calling the Special Meeting. They recalled Paddy Hourigan as a gentleman and a colleague who was very well respected by all. He worked tirelessly for his local community and continued working in the community after retiring from politics. The Members specifically remembered the love he had of Limerick, and recalled him as having a great knowledge of politics, and how he shared that knowledge with those who had the pleasure of working with him. The Members expressed their sincere sympathy to his wife Anne, daughters Monica and Kathleen, his sons James and Patrick. They went on to say his loss would also be missed by all his family, friends and community.

The Chief Executive also paid tribute to Paddy Hourigan, on his own behalf and on behalf of Management and staff, and he extended his sympathies to his family, community and friends. He remembered Paddy Hourigan as a true gentleman and a hardworking Councillor who always had Limerick at heart.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Mayor held a minute's silence and reflection as a mark of respect.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Date: _____