

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, ON THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2022, AT 9.00 AM, IN ORDER TO PASS A VOTE OF SMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER AND CATHAOIRLEACH OF LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL, MARY JACKMAN, RIP.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor D. Butler, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Benson, Carey, Collins (J), Collopy, Daly, Donegan, Egan, Foley, Galvin, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mitchell, O'Donoghue, O'Sullivan, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Talukder, Teefy, Teskey.

Apologies: Collins (M), Murphy, O'Hanlon, Ruddle

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive (Mr. P. Daly), Director, Planning, Environment & Place Making (Ms. N. Gallagher), Director, Transportation & Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, National & Regional Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Director, Economic Development & Enterprise (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), AO. Corporate Services & Governance (Mr. M Leahy), SSO. Corporate Services & Governance (Ms. A. Foley)

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 Member and former Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council, Mary Jackman, who had sadly passed away. Deep sympathy was expressed to her husband Nicholas, daughter Nicola, sister Ursula, and to her friends, neighbours and community, for their loss.

The Mayor went on to state that Mary was a very warm engaging person who was highly regarded by all. She was a very active woman and always willing to offer her support and guidance. The Mayor recalled her very successful political career and describe her as a great advocate for Women in Politics. Mary was first elected to Limerick County Council in 1985, and topped the poll at the 2004 and 2009 local elections. During that time, she also served two terms in the Seanad, between 1989 and 1993, and 1997 and 2002. She was one of the longest serving councillors for the local authority when she retired in 2014, after almost 30 years of service. She was elected as Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council in 1999, and at the time, was the first female Cathaoirleach of the County. He added that she was always full of life and full of energy, stating that she remained very active within her own community after her political career was over.

Members thanked the Mayor for calling the Special Meeting. They recalled Mary as an outstanding politician who was very dedicated to her constituents, and had a great knowledge of politics. They stated she was a lady, she was inspiring and encouraging, and a great advocate for women in politics. They recalled her very successful political career and how dedicated she was. The Members expressed their sympathies to her husband Nicholas, daughter Nicola, and her sister Ursula. They went on to say her loss will be missed by all her family, friends and her community.

The Chief Executive paid tribute to Mary, on his own behalf and on behalf of the management and staff, and extended his deepest sympathies to her family, community and friends. He applauded Mary as being elected the first female Cathaoirleach in Limerick County Council, and went on to remember her as a true lady. He stated that she is remembered fondly here today, and our prayers and thoughts go to her family, friends and community, on her sad passing.

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.

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**Mayor**

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