

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022, AT 10.00 AM, IN ORDER TO PASS A VOTE OF SYMPATHY ON THE SUDDEN DEATH OF SITTING COUNCILLOR OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL, JERRY O'DEA, RIP.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor D. Butler, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Benson, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (J), Collopy, Daly, Donegan, Egan, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, McSweeney, Mitchell, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O'Brien, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheehan (C), Slattery, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive (Mr. P. Daly), Deputy Chief Executive (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Housing (Ms. C Curley), Director, Planning, Environment and Place Making (Ms. N Gallagher), Director, National & Regional Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Director, Economic Development & Enterprise (Mr. V Murray) Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), Administrative Officer Corporate Services (Mr. M Leahy), Senior Staff Officer Corporate Services & Governance (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Engineer Housing (Mr. Conor Culloo), Senior Engineer Transportation & Mobility (Mr. H. McGrath), Senior Executive Officer Regeneration (Mr. B Troy), Management Accountant Property & Community (Ms. J Leahy)

The Mayor thanked everybody for attending the Special Meeting and opened by saying that he was both shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden and untimely death of a colleague and dear friend, Councillor Jerry O'Dea. He said that he had called the meeting as a mark of respect to Jerry, and to pass a Vote of Sympathy to his father John Joe, daughter Katherine and son JD, their mother Sinead, his wider family, friends and his community, on their sad loss.

The Mayor went on to state that Jerry O'Dea was a true gentleman and known for his warm smile. He said that he was very well respected amongst his community and in particular the soccer community in Limerick. The Mayor spoke about all the work Jerry did for communities' right across Limerick, and how they will miss his great support and guidance.

The Mayor stated that he was elected to Limerick City and County Council on his very first time running as a candidate in 2014, and subsequently re-elected to Limerick City and County

Council in 2019. Jerry was elected Mayor of Limerick Metropolitan District in 2015 – 2016, something he was extremely proud of.

Members thanked the Mayor for calling the Special Meeting. They all agreed they were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Councillor Jerry O’Dea on a day when they should be paying tribute to him as Mayor of Limerick City and County Council. They recalled him as a gentleman who had a warm and welcome smile. He was very generous to his community, and always available to guide and advise anyone who came to him for help. The Members expressed their sincere sympathy to his father John Joe, daughter Katherine and son JD, their mother Sinead, his wider family, friends and his community. They went on to say his loss would be greatly missed by everyone that knew him.

The Chief Executive paid tribute to Jerry O’Dea, on behalf of Management and staff, and he extended his sympathies to his family, community and friends. He said it was a great shock and sadness to be here today and remembered Jerry as a very courteous gentleman and a pleasure to work with. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family today.

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

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This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_