

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, AND ONLINE, ON TUESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025, AT 4.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Príomh Chomhairleoir, Councillor D. McSweeney.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Foley, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Reale, Ruddle, Ryan (M), Secas, Sheahan, Slattery, Stokes, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director General (Dr. P. Daly), Acting Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development (Mr. J. Clune), Director, Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services (Mr. M. White), Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. C. Farrell), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (A. Foley).

The Príomh Chomhairleoir thanked all present for attending the Special Meeting which he had called to pass a Vote of Sympathy on the passing of former Member and Chairman of Limerick County Council, Eddie Wade, RIP. He said Eddie had represented the Castleconnell Electoral Area and was Chairman of the Council on a number of occasions. He had also served as a TD for the Limerick East constituency. He served as Vice-Chairman of Limerick GAA and had attended all All-Ireland Finals up to the pandemic. He added that Eddie would be deeply missed and his thoughts and prayers were with his family and friends.

Members thanked the Príomh Chomhairleoir for calling the Special Meeting on the sad passing of their former colleague. They too noted that Eddie was first elected as a Member of Limerick County Council in 1979 and had retained his seat at every subsequent Local Election until his retirement in 2014. He was elected as Chairman of the Council in 1986/1987, 1988/89, 1989/90 and again in 2004/2005.

Members paid tribute to him saying that he was a great servant to his community and had always advocated for the elderly and disadvantaged. He was a man of great faith and he looked after those people he represented to the best of his ability. He was a true Gael who was always interested in local affairs and he would be a great loss to his family. His three loves were his family, the GAA and Fianna Fáil and he was deeply passionate about all three.

They went on to say that Eddie had derived huge satisfaction when he won his Dáil seat in 2007 and that he was great company, a great colleague and a great Gael who would long be remembered in politics and in GAA circles.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir read apologies and condolences on behalf of the Mayor who was unable to be present.

The Director General, on his own behalf and that of the Staff, offered his sincere condolences to Eddie's family, friends and neighbours saying that he was a larger than life character and an incredible public servant who always had public service at heart.

The Meeting concluded with a silent prayer.

Signed:

**Príomh Chomhairleoir**

Date: