

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE AND ONLINE ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026 AT 1.00 P.M. IN ORDER TO PASS A VOTE OF SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF FORMER MAYOR OF LIMERICK, KEVIN KIELY, RIP.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor Collins (B).

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Beasley, Butler, Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Foley, Galvin, Gavan, Hartigan (S), McSweeney, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, Reale, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Sheahan, Stokes, Talukder, Teefy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Deputy Director General and Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm (Ms. P. Liddy), Director, Environment, Climate Action and Fire (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings (Mr. S. Lenihan), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

In the absence of the Príomh Chomhairleoir and Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir, Councillor Collins (B) took the Chair.

Councillor Collins (B) welcomed all present to the Special Meeting, which had been convened to pass a Vote of Sympathy on the passing of former Mayor of Limerick, Kevin Kiely, RIP.

She noted that the late Kevin Kiely was first elected to Limerick City Council in 1985 in Ward Two electoral area of the City. He went on to serve as Mayor of Limerick from 2009 to 2010. She referred to his strong sense of commitment to Limerick, to his constituents and the wider community. She extended her deepest sympathy to his wife Doreen, daughter Koreen, son Kevin, grandson Sam and to his extended family and friends and the wider community.

Councillor Collins (B) noted that the Mayor had submitted his apologies as he was absent on Council business and sent his deepest sympathies and condolences:

“Kevin Kiely gave many years of public service to the people of Limerick. As a Councillor and as Mayor of the city, he was deeply committed to the communities he represented and to improving life in the city he loved. His passion for local issues and his willingness to speak his mind were well known in the council chamber and beyond. On behalf of the people of Limerick, I extend my sincere sympathies to Kevin’s family and friends.”

The following apologies were also received from those who were unable to attend the meeting but wished to extend their sincere sympathies to the family of the late Kevin Kiely:

Councillor Catherine Slattery, Príomh Chomhairleoir;  
Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon;  
Councillor Elisa O'Donovan;  
Dr. Pat Daly, Director General.

Members thanked the Príomh Chomhairleoir for calling the Special Meeting on what was a sad occasion and thanked Councillor Collins (B) for taking the chair in the Príomh Chomhairleoir's absence.

Members joined in the tributes paid to Kevin and associated themselves with the Vote of Sympathy. Members noted Kevin's deep commitment to the people of Limerick and the communities he represented. They also acknowledged his dedication and strong work ethic, always seeking to improve life in the city he loved.

He was especially committed to supporting the elderly and underprivileged, and Members remarked that he would be a huge loss to the wider community.

Members referred to his great love of sport and his personal achievements in handball. He was a lifelong supporter of local rugby, which he followed with great pride throughout his life. They acknowledged that Kevin had left school at a young age but later returned to college, an achievement that he was extremely proud of. Members noted that he had borne his illness with great dignity over the years.

Councillor Galvin proposed that the Mayor and Príomh Chomhairleoir hold an event in the last six months of the Council term to acknowledge former Members who had passed away during the term and that their families be invited to the event. This was seconded by Councillor Collins (B).

Members requested that a Book of Condolences be available at the March Meeting of Council.

The Deputy Director General, on behalf of the Management and Staff, and particularly Management and Staff who had worked closely with Kevin during his time on the Council, expressing his sincere condolences to Kevin's family, friends and to his constituents in Limerick. He acknowledged Kevin's strong sense of commitment and passion for the city throughout the years.

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

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

This concluded the Meeting.

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**Príomh Chomhairleoir**

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