

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE AND ONLINE ON TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 2026 AT 9.00 A.M. IN ORDER TO PASS A VOTE OF SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF FORMER MEMBER AND CATHAOIRLEACH OF LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL, MICHAEL O'KELLY, RIP.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor T. Ruddle, Príomh Chomhairleoir.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Moran.

Councillors Butler, Carey, Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Foley, Galvin, Gavan, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), Pond, Reale, Ryan (M), Scanlan, Sheahan, Stokes, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

An apology for his inability to attend the meeting was received from Councillor Hickey-O'Mara.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (Dr. P. Daly), 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, Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development (Mr. B. McCarthy), Director, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup (Mr. S. Duclot), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts and Príomh Chomhairleoir (Ms. K. White), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

The Príomh Chomhairleoir welcomed all present to the Special Meeting, which had been convened to pass a Vote of Sympathy on the passing of former Member and Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council, Michael O'Kelly, RIP. He extended his deepest sympathy to Mr. O'Kelly's sons John and Mícheál, his daughters Cliona and Úna and to his extended family, friends and neighbours on their sad loss.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir noted that Michael O'Kelly was first elected to Limerick County Council in 1979 and served his community with dedication and commitment for over 25 years. He acknowledged the significant contribution he had made to Abbeyfeale and West Limerick, noting his commitment to improving the lives of the people in the area. He further noted that Michael had served as Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council from 1999 to 2000.

Members thanked the Príomh Chomhairleoir for calling the Special Meeting on the sad passing of their former colleague. They paid tribute to Michael, acknowledging that he had served the people of Abbeyfeale and West Limerick with distinction and remembered him as a true gentleman, a man of great integrity and a dedicated public representative. Some

Members spoke of Michael as a close friend and reflected on the many years they had worked together.

Members noted Michael's great love of politics and that he was a proud member of the Fianna Fáil Party, remaining involved with the Party until recent years. They referred to his professional vocation as a teacher and his great love of the Irish language. Members paid tribute to his service on the Vocational Education Committee and the Board of Abbeyfeale Vocational School and recognised his involvement in numerous organisations in Abbeyfeale, where he played a significant role in many aspects of his local community.

The Mayor joined in the tributes paid to Michael and extended his sincere sympathies to his family, friends and former colleagues. He noted Michael's deep commitment to public life, his understanding of the communities he represented and his dedication to improving the lives of others.

The Director General, on his own behalf and that of the Management and Staff, expressed his sincere condolences to Michael's family, friends and neighbours. He acknowledged Michael's long association with education and local development and paid tribute to his strong commitment to his local community and public life over many years.

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

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date:
