

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAY 2022 VIA TEAMS

Present

Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. James Tobin
	Cllr. Adam Wyse

Apologies: Cllr. Ger Barron, Cllr. Donal Barry, Cllr. S Ryan, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness, Cllr. Declan Doocey, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr. C Kiely Cllr. Pat Nugent Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell, Cllr. John O'Leary, Cllr. Eamon Quinlan and Cllr. Mary Roche

Officials in Attendance

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services, Corporate Services, Culture & Planning
Mr. D. Mitchell, Corporate – acting as Meeting Administrator
Mr. Conan Power, Communications

Meetings Administrator carried out a roll call to confirm meeting attendance.

1. Vote of Sympathy for the late Pat Power

The Mayor introduced the vote by explaining that Pat Power who passed away on Sunday 22nd May was a three-time mayor of the City. His mayoralties were in 1978/79, 1989/90 and 1996/97 which he served with distinction and dedication to the people of Waterford. The mayor spoke of his personal friendship with Pat and his family over the years. He spoke of how Pat was friendly, inclusive and always generous with his advice irrespective of party alignment. He stated that Pat's passing was a sad day for Waterford and extended his sympathies to his wife Eileen his son Mark and all the Power family.

The vote of sympathy was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Daniels and agreed by all.

Representatives of the parties and independent members then spoke to offer their sympathies to the Power family particularly his wife Eileen and son Mark.

Cllr. Tobin spoke on behalf of the Fianna Fail members, asking to be associated with the sympathy vote and expressed his condolences to the family. He explained how he knew Pat, who was very proud of Waterford, and would have had frequently met with him and had a good relationship with him even though they served in different councils at the time. Pat was a very caring person who promoted all of Waterford and gave so much as a councillor and three-time mayor.

Cllr. Fitzgerald extended condolences on behalf of Sinn Fein to Eileen, Mark and the extended Power family and commented that Pat was involved with music right up to the end of his life. He also spoke about Pat's great achievement in being elected mayor of the city on three occasions.

Cllr. O' Sullivan spoke on behalf of the Fine Gael members paying tribute to the service Pat gave to the city through public office as a three-time mayor and councillor. He was a kind and generous man and a regular church goer. She extended her sympathies to the family on behalf of herself and her party colleagues.

Cllr. Daniels expressed his sadness at Pat's passing and spoke of his fond memories of serving together on the municipal authorities and his work and dedication in serving the people of Waterford. He spoke of the commitment and dedication Pat had shown to the people of Waterford. Both Pat and Eileen's families were steeped in Waterford politics, and he extended his sincerest sympathies.

Cllr. J. Power spoke on behalf of the Green Party in extending his sympathies and those of his party to Eileen, Mark and the Power family. He had not had the had the pleasure of serving with Pat but spoke of his admiration for a man that was elected city mayor on three separate occasions.

Cllr. Griffin spoke to extend his sympathy and to speak of the huge presence Pat had in the Ballybricken community and the St Josephs Youth Centre when Cllr Griffin was growing up there.

Cllr. F. Quinlan also spoke to extent his sympathies in particular to Mark who he knew personally. He spoke about how Pat would have served with his uncle Hilary.

Speaking on behalf of the Labour Party Cllr. Phelan also expressed his sympathies to the bereaved Power Family. He had not served with Pat but understood from his colleague Cllr. Ryan the huge contribution Pat gave to the people of Waterford through his life is public service.

The Mayor proposed that the members attend the funeral as a body robed in recognition of Pat's service to Waterford. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Power and agreed by all.

On behalf of the executive and staff M. Walsh (CEO) asked to be associated with the members vote of sympathy. He did not have the pleasure of meeting Pat in an official capacity, but they had met socially over the years. He paid tribute to the service Pat gave to the people of the city and offered his condolences to his family and friends.

The Mayor then brought the meeting to a close.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____