

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in Council Chamber City Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 5.00pm**

**Present:**

Cllr. Jason Murphy (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Stephanie Keating	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Joe Kelly	

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. M. Quinn, DoS, Economic Development  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

The Mayor called the meeting to order and addressed the meeting stating this was the first Metropolitan District meeting since the sad passing of esteem colleague Cllr. Davy Daniels, he expressed his sadness at looking at his empty seat and proposed as a mark of respect to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cllr. O’ Sullivan who suggested rescheduling meeting online to next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, agreed by all.

The Mayor said he is conscious councillors previously had the opportunity to express their votes of sympathy at Special Plenary Meeting, welcoming any further contribution.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan said a lot has been said over last few days about Cllr. Daniels and his very sad passing, she added his love was Metropolitan District meetings he enjoyed being able to speak about the City and in particular his electoral area and recalled he would be fast to point out issues in Garrus and Tramore also. Everyone recognised Cllr. Daniels love for the City but this love also extended to Tramore, Garrus, and the cows which were like his pets. He will be sadly missed.

Cllr. Power agreed that contributions were given at the special meeting added the funeral service was very moving, given the man that Cllr. Daniels was and the service he gave he proposed a one minute standing ovation for Cllr. Daniels.

The Mayor welcomed the proposal and agreed once members had finished speaking everyone would join together in standing for one minute applause for Cllr. Daniels.

Cllr. Ryan spoke of first meeting Cllr. Daniels when elected to the council, he joined in the tributes of how Cllr. Daniels was a Waterford man and also campaigned for what was best for the City and flew the flag for Alphonsus Road, concluding he will sorely miss Cllr. Daniels as a friend and fellow councillor.

Cllr. Roche expressed her sadness at attending today’s meeting without Cllr. Daniels there, she spoke how Cllr. Daniels was all for the people and canvassed 24/7, he didn’t like controversy or confrontation, he was the most decant of men a true gentleman and always did everything for the right reasons and had Waterford at his centre. Cllr Roche will miss taking his calls will sadly miss him as a friend a colleague and mostly the gentleman who sat next to her in district meeting. She thanked the Mayor for kind

gesture to adjourn the meeting and suggested coming up with a fitting way to commemorate Cllr. Daniels as he is the longest serving councillor and epitomised the best of the members, it would be lovely tribute to have his name live on within the council.

Cllr. Keating said from the shortest servicing member on the council she would like to pay tribute to the longest serving member saying it was a pleasure to work with Cllr. Daniels and to sit beside him at district meetings, he was always very reassuring and supportive a gentleman who always had time for everyone, she was happy to recall sitting next to Cllr. Daniels at the Christmas Eve Mass where she was struck with the great pride he took at pointing out his grandchildren. Cllr. Keating finished by agreeing with Cllr. Roche of finding a fitting and appropriate way to commemorate Cllr. Daniels for his long service to the city.

Cllr. Griffin agreed with adjourning meeting as mark of respect added on hearing the proposal his first thought was how Cllr. Daniels would not have wanted it as he was a true constituency person and would have wanted to keep going. He welcomed Cllr. Powers suggestion for the applause as fitting for this meeting. He said since the sad passing of Cllr. Daniels, he has learned more about the late councillor's other accomplishments in his life other than his council work. On behalf of the Sinn Fein party Cllr. Griffin thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to have further contributions at this meeting for Cllr. Daniels.

Cllr. Kelly welcomed the opportunity to speak about Cllr. Daniels at today's Metropolitan meeting saying how sad it is to see the space today where he would have sat at the meeting, added he was city man first and foremost and a great friend of all members. Cllr. Kelly recalled Cllr. Daniels was the first over to congratulate him when first elected to council offering help or guidance. He concluded by saying Cllr. Daniels passion was the People Park and getting the fountain operating again, he suggested considering having Cllr. Daniels name against the fountain and would be in agreement for the consideration of a fitting tribute.

The Mayor agreed with Cllr. Roche and Cllr. Kelly feels councillors should come together to consider a fitting tribute for Cllr. Daniels

M. Quinn, DoS, joined in tributes to Cllr. Daniels, said on behalf of Chief Executive, Management Team and all the staff of Waterford Council he would like to acknowledge Cllr. Daniels incredible record, the public service he has given the city and county, added he never let a chance go to challenge us or remind us of what we were here to do, he was an incredible local representative who will be missed in terms of the role he performed.

The Mayor thanked the members for all their comments today and over last number of days, noted there has been some very touching and beautiful contributions for Cllr. Daniels. As Mayor of the Metropolitan District, he spoke of how he looked forward to Cllr. Daniels contribution at the district meeting, he was a fantastic man, a gentleman who was in all that was positive in been a traditional man but most of all a Waterford City Alphonsus Road man, may he rest in peace.

Mayor concluded meeting by paying tribute to the Daniels family at Cllr. Daniels funeral but also to corporate section of the council adding that whenever there is a sad occasion, they do a fantastic job of coming together at short notice and play an important part in these occasions which is not an easy thing to do, he would like to commend them on this.

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

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_