

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th January 2023 IN COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WATERFORD.**

Present

Cllr. John O’Leary (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Joeanne Bailey	Cllr. Seamus O’Donnell
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Conor McGuinness	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Seanie Power	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Mairead Tobin
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. Ger Barron	

Apologies: Cllr. Declan Doocey, Cllr. Stephanie Keating

Officials in Attendance

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
 Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services, Corporate Services, Culture and Planning
 Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing
 Mr. B. Duggan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development
 Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Roads, Water and Environment
 Mr. B. Pollard, Head of Finance
 Ms. H. Dunphy, Meeting Administrator
 Ms. A. Flynn, Corporate

1. To pass a vote of sympathy on the death of Cllr. Davy Daniels and resolve to attend funeral as a body robed

The Mayor proposed the vote of sympathy and paid tribute to his long-time friend and colleague who passed away on January 10th, 2023, saying that he was steadfast in his role in prioritising the future of Waterford’s development, through and in tandem with communities, charities, business groups and residents’ associations. He said the late Cllr. Daniels who loved sport was committed to the enhancement and provision of sporting amenities and played an integral part in the development of the Regional Sports Centre, Williamstown Sport Complex, and the People’s Park. He said he was also a passionate advocate of the arts. He described the late Cllr. Daniels as

a people person who touched those he met. He said he was a dedicated Councillor, a proud Waterford man and a compassionate human being.

Cllr. Roche seconded the motion saying the late Cllr. Daniels was passionate about all things Waterford and particularly in relation to the city. She said despite sitting on many boards for many years he preferred to be meeting the people he served which he regarded as a privilege and said he would have been pleased that he did serve until the very end. She said the sheer respect and love the late Cllr. Daniels engendered was measured by the outpouring of grief his passing had prompted.

Cllr. Ryan said he was a Waterford City person and campaigned vigorously on behalf of the city. He said he was a friend and colleague who was generous with his advice and said his 49 years on the council and his nine consecutive election successes was as a result of his hard work and commitment to the people of Waterford. He said he had been to the fore in countless campaigns including the university, cardiac care in the regional hospital and also advocated for job creation in Waterford.

Cllr. Pratt spoke to offer his condolences to the family. He described the late Cllr. Daniels as a gentleman and a hardworking politician.

Cllr. Wyse said it was a pleasure and an honour to have worked with the late Cllr. Daniels who he said had helped many.

Cllr. J. Power offered his condolences to the family saying that the late Cllr. Daniels had his finger on the pulse regarding everything that was happening in the city and impressed his views and those of his constituents on the Executive.

Cllr. Kiely described the late Cllr. Daniels as a gentleman and said there was no accounting for the numbers of Waterford people he had helped across generations.

Cllr. O'Sullivan said that the late Cllr. Daniels was known as a councillor and was also known through his work in The Munster Express but she also knew him as a farmer. She said the outpouring of sorrow had been incredible.

Cllr. Phelan described the late Cllr. Daniels as professional in how he conducted business both inside and outside the council chamber. He said he consistently raised important issues and made valuable contributions. He said he was an active councillor to the very end and described him as an exemplary public representative.

Cllr. Murphy said that the late Cllr. Daniels was one of the longest serving councillors in the State and Ireland's longest serving city councillor. He said that in addition to campaigning for the hospital, the university, the airport etc he said he never lost sight of the small issues that make a difference to peoples' lives. He said the late Cllr. Daniels was helpful to the last and represented all that was decent in politics.

Cllr. Cronin describing the late Cllr. Daniels as a friend and colleague said he would be a huge loss to the city, his constituents and his family.

Cllr. McGuinness said he had learned from the late Cllr. Daniels who he described as a gentleman both inside and outside the council chamber. He said he was an able champion of the community he served who survived and thrived as a public representative across five decades and would be missed.

Cllr. Barry described the late Cllr. Daniels as a family man first and foremost. He said he was loved by everyone, made time for people and did his best for people. He said he has left a remarkable political legacy in Waterford.

Cllr. Barron said their association went back to their soccer days in the late sixties. He described the late Cllr. Daniels as a family man, a sociable person and an outstanding public representative.

Cllr. Kelly said that when he was first elected the late Cllr. Daniels offered advice and guidance. He said he put his point of view across without insulting anybody while holding the executive to account. He said there were two issues in particular he associated with the late Cllr. Daniels,

those being the delivery of 24-7 cardiac care at the hospital and the fountain in People's Park suggesting once the fountain is reinstated it might be named after the late Cllr. Daniels.

Cllr. Bailey described the late Cllr. Daniels as a gentleman and an excellent public representative who knew everyone, spoke to everyone and made everyone feel welcome in the Council Chamber saying he will be missed.

Cllr. Griffin said he came to know the late Davy Daniels over 25 years ago and said his constituents were his priority.

Cllr. Geoghegan said the late Cllr. Daniels was well known and well regarded throughout the Country describing him as a champion of local government. He said he was fantastic company. He said he was someone who always enquired about family. He said he was was a people person who was interested in others.

Cllr. S. Power described the late Cllr. Daniels as a gentleman and a great character who he also knew as a farmer.

Cllr. Nugent said he knew that sport was a big part of the late Cllr. Daniels life, GAA, soccer and horse racing and he had served with him on the governing body of University College Cork for two terms.

Cllr. E. Quinlan said the late Cllr. Daniels took pride in the institution of local government. He said he loved the local authorities he served on for what they could do for people. He said since 1974 Waterford has been transformed which the late Cllr. Daniels had helped to shape. He said he did the right thing by people and this was reflected in his remarkable electoral record. He finished by saying that what has been said in relation to there been a different Waterford now without the late Cllr. Daniels is true.

Cllr. Fitzgerald commented that the late Cllr. Daniels took his work as a councillor and as a Peace Commissioner seriously. He said given his almost half a century of experience of civic matters he knew the job and always spoke his mind. He agreed that a plaque or some memorial should be mounted in recognition of the late Cllr. Daniels service to Waterford.

Cllr. F. Quinlan described the late Cllr. Daniels as a family man and was he said the people's politician.

Cllr. Brazil described the late Cllr. Daniels success in nine consecutive elections as phenomenal. He said he had served with him on the South East Regional Authority where he advocated for Waterford and in particular on the issue of the university.

Cllr. Hearne said the late Cllr. Daniels was an extraordinary loss to the council. He said everyone knew him, talked to him and he listened to and worked for everybody. He described him as a gentleman who could not do enough for people.

M. Walsh, CE said the late Cllr. Daniels had never lost his spark or passion. He said he was committed to the betterment of Waterford. He said he had great wisdom and experience and was robust in holding the Executive to account adding that he did so in a gentlemanly and appropriate way. He said he was a people person who loved talking, communicating and listening. He said the staff of Waterford City & County Council liked him. He said he did his business person to person right across the organisation. He said his success in nine consecutive elections was a phenomenal achievement. He said attending the Requiem Mass as a Robed Body was a suitable mark of respect, as the late Cllr. Daniels valued the tradition and formality of the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cronin that the members attend the funeral as a body robed, this was seconded by Cllr. and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ Mayor