

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

SPECIAL MEETING HELD 24TH JULY 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. John Pratt (Mayor)	Cllr. Marc Ó Cathasaigh
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. Thomas Cronin	Cllr. John O'Leary
Cllr. McGuinness	Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Declan Doocey	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Jason Murphy	Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Pat Nugent	

APOLOGIES

Cllr. G. Barron, Cllr. D. Barry, Cllr. B. Brennan, Cllr. J Conway, Cllr. J. Cummins, Cllr. D. Daniels, Cllr. J. Griffin, Cllr. J Hearne, Cllr. J. Kelly, Cllr. L. O'Sullivan, Cllr. S. Ryan, Cllr. M. Shanahan, Cllr. A. Wyse, Cllr. D. Clune, Cllr. E. Mulligan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

The purpose of the meeting was to convey a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Ciarán Ó Riain.

Cllr. James Tobin read out the resolution 'That we the members of Waterford City & County Council, in special session, extend our deepest sympathies to the wife and family of the late Ciarán Ó Riain.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Tobin, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed by all.

Cllr. Tobin spoke of the honour and privilege of serving for 10 years with Ciarán Ó Riain during his time on Waterford County Council and also witnessing his great hurling career. He epitomised what a true republican was with the values and work ethic that he demonstrated. He outlined that he had a unique style as a politician and had given 54 years to public life. He was a very religious individual who was dedicated to the people of Fourmilewater, the Nire and the County of Waterford.

Cllr. Geoghegan expressed his sympathies and his passing marks the end of an era and acknowledged that he was lucky to have served for one term with Ciarán Ó Riain. He had a very warm personality and served his community for which he was a champion with distinction. He concluded by stating that Ciarán Ó Riain was a giant in local politics and in the GAA.

Cllr. Nugent served with him for his last term of 2004 to 2009, he was very experienced councillor and acknowledged the large role he played in the GAA. He will be a huge loss to all who knew him.

Cllr. Phelan stated how as a newly elected councillor he was honoured to mark the occasion of the passing of an individual who was devoted to his area. He acknowledged all the positive comments he had heard about Ciarán Ó Riain and passed on his condolences to his family and wider Fianna Fáil family.

Cllr. O'Leary extended sympathies to his wife Maureen, his daughters and son, former councillor MJ O' Ryan and acknowledged the void that has been created for his family. He served with distinction as a councillor, Mayor and also as chairman on the County Board outlining that his extensive political career resulted in him serving under nine Taoiseach's. Being a councillor for the Ballymacarbery/Comeragh area was challenging with the terrain of the locality and he always stood firm for the people of Ballymacarbery and the Nire.

Cllr. Power outlined his huge respect for Ciarán Ó Riain and his achievements over his time serving his community. He always made his mark and always gave his respect to everyone he dealt with.

Cllr. Brazil offered his condolences to his family and community stating that he was as good a councillor as you could get. He was a councillor during very tough times and was always dedicated to the area. He stated his disappointment that no book of condolences was in place for him and requested one is opened.

Cllr. Pratt acknowledged that a book a condolences will be put in place.

Cllr. D. McGuinness extended his condolences on behalf of the Sinn Fein party to his family and community. As a new councillor he didn't have the honour to know Ciarán Ó Riain but it is obvious from the previous speakers that he will be a loss to the area.

Cllr. O'Donnell served with Ciaran Ó Riain stating he was a great councillor and part of a great Republican party.

Cllr. Quinlan stated that while he was not fortunate enough to serve with Ciarán Ó Riain he served with former councillor MJ O'Ryan and can understand why he was returned by the people for a period or 54 years. Timely reminder that he served in an era that was harder to get around and his primary goal was always to serve his community. He supported the call for a book of condolences to be opened.

Cllr. Doocey passed on sympathies to family, stating how he was fortunate to serve one term with Ciarán Ó Riain and thanked him for his loyalty, friendship and all he taught him about local government.

Cllr. Cronin was privileged to have sat in the chamber and to have served with him in Waterford County Council. The service that he gave to the Comeragh area, Ballymacarbery, Nire, Fourmilewater was outstanding, he will be severely missed in the area and there are very few that will be able to give that type of commitment to a community. He always received great support from his family and he was honoured to see him along with Cllr. Tobin on the day he died.

Cllr. Ó Cathasaigh passed on his condolences on behalf of the Green Party and the wider Ó Riain clan, and acknowledged that from previous speakers it is obvious that he was a giant in the chamber.

The Council then observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect to the late Ciarán Ó Riain.

Details of the funeral arrangements were advised to Council and the council will attend the funeral as a body robed.

That concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Mayor