

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH DECEMBER, 2020 BY ZOOM

PRESENT

Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Declan Doocey	Cllr. John O’Leary
Cllr. Susan Gallagher	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. Thomas Phelan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Seamus Ryan	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Ger Barron, Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cllr. Breda Brennan, Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness, Cllr. David Daniels, Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, Cllr. John Hearne, Cllr. Seamus O’Donnell, Cllr. Frank Quinlan, Cllr. Mary Roche, Cllr. James Tobin, Cllr. Adam Wyse

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

- Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
- Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
- Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
- Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Economic Development and Planning
- Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator

Mayor, Councillor Damien Geoghegan opened the special meeting as arranged to convey a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Anne Tobin, wife of Councillor James Tobin, former Mayor of Waterford City and County Council and current Cathaoirleach of the Dungarvan Lismore District. The Mayor extended the sympathies along with the Chief Executive to Cllr. Tobin and family on behalf of the council during attendance at the removal. Normal proceedings would have involved a full robed event at the funeral but this could not be carried out because of the current pandemic.

Cllr O’Leary supported the Mayor in his proposal and extended his sympathies to James and children Mairéad, Micheál, Seán, Áine, Séamus, Pádraig and grandchildren. He noted that Anne has left a wonderful legacy in her children and grandchildren and will be remembered as a kind and compassionate person.

Cllr. Pratt extended his sympathies to James and Tobin family stating that Anne was originally from Ballyduff, she was always concerned about others, supported many causes and always looking out for people.

Cllr. Griffin on behalf of Sinn Fein party extended sympathies to James family noting that Anne played an integral part in James political life and will be sorely missed.

Cllr. Mulligan noted that James a friend to everyone and is deeply saddened that cannot attend funeral in person to support James.

Cllr. Quinlan stated that Anne was a wise and compassionate woman that will be deeply missed by her family and community.

Cllr. Murphy noted that the Tobin family have had a tough few weeks and have suffered greatly in the lockdown while Anne was in hospital. Anne was the powerful lady who always supported James and will be a huge loss to him and his family.

Cllr. Doocey on behalf of Fine Gael sympathised with the Tobin family noting that Anne was always supportive to James and a good full back in all that he did.

Cllr. J. Power on behalf of Green Party would like to put a virtual arm of comfort around James and family and regret not being able to attend funeral with the current restrictions.

Cllr. Conway noted that met Anne when James was Mayor, she was very supportive to her community and outlined that it is a particularly difficult time at Christmas to be dealing with such sadness.

Cllr. Kelly acknowledged that a death at Christmas is particularly difficult and regrets not being able to attend the funeral.

Cllr. Ryan extended his sympathy to James and his family.

Cllr. Phelan acknowledged the gentleman that James is and expressed his sympathies on death on his beloved Anne.

Chief Executive, Michal Walsh extended his sympathies on behalf of the all the staff. He stated that Anne and James were very aware of their role in the first mayoralty of the merged city and county, they left no stone unturned and did an exceptional job at the time. James will have the support of a good family during what is a very difficult time.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____