

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

**Item No.**

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**SPECIAL MEETING HELD 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY HALL, WATERFORD**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Declan Doocey, Mayor	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. John O'Leary
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan	Cllr. Sean Reinhardt
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan	Cllr. James Tobin
	Cllr. Siobhán Whelan

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. B. Brennan, Cllr. J Conway, Cllr. J Hearne,

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive  
Mr. F. Reidy, A/Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS  
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services Economic Development & Planning  
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services  
Mr. B. O'Kane, A/Head of Finance  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer

The purpose of the meeting was to convey a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Cllr. John Carey.

Cllr. Declan Doocey, Mayor, offered the condolences of the Council to Ann, wife of the late Cllr. Carey, his children, family, friends and constituents. The mayor spoke of the shock experienced by all who knew him on hearing of the sudden death of Cllr. John Carey on Saturday after a very short illness. He recalled Cllr. John Carey as a man held in high regard by all in the community, a long serving Councillor of 40 years, committed to his community in Passage East and he would be deeply missed by all.

The Mayor announced that he had opened a Book of Condolences in both City Hall and the Civic Offices in Dungarvan.

Cllr. Geoghegan spoke on his own behalf and on behalf of the Fine Gael party and extended his sympathies to the family of Cllr. John Carey. He had a long association with Cllr. Carey both on the Council and on the committees of AILG and LAMA and someone you could depend on and he supported Cllr. Geoghegan. He said he fought feverishly for his village of Passage East and Waterford.

Cllr. Tobin spoke on behalf of the Fianna Fail party and on his own personal behalf and expressed his sympathies to the Carey family. He said his association with Cllr. Carey started back before the Council, when they were both involved with the GAA and he was a proud Passage man and Cllr. Tobin was proud to call him a friend.

Cllr. Power said that Cllr. Carey was his right-hand man at the Council meetings and they travelled to meetings together, he spoke highly of his family and Cllr. Power wanted to extend his sympathies to the Carey family. God Bless John.

Cllr. Cummins expressed his sympathy to all the family. He got to know Cllr. Carey since the merger and said he was a great family man, Passage man, and passionate GAA man and it is a shock that he passed so quickly. He was a great colleague and great friend to everyone in the Chamber. May he Rest in Peace.

Cllr. Pratt said he was shocked and saddened when he heard the news. Cllr. Carey was always there to give a guiding hand no matter what party you were. Cllr. Carey was great for the chat and a nice kind person. He wished to extend his deepest sympathies to Cllr. Carey's family.

Cllr. Mulligan said he knew Cllr. Carey before he himself entered politics as he was the 'go-to' person on the Council for the rural community. He was chair of the Joint Policing Committee from its inauguration and he was involved in the compiling of the recently launched JPC Strategic Plan 2018-2022. He expressed his sympathy and condolences to Cllr. Carey's family.

Cllr. Kelly said he only knew Cllr. Carey since being elected to the Council in 2014. He said Cllr. Carey was a quiet man and only said what he needed to say and didn't engage in saying things for the sake of it for the media. He expressed his sympathy to Cllr. Carey's family.

Cllr. Hannigan knew Cllr. Carey for over 15 years and he was a Councillor with 40 years service, working hard on the ground day to day dealing with issues and topped the poll on a number of occasions.

Cllr. Daniels said that it was a sad occasion for everyone. Cllr. Carey was elected in 1979 and he was a committed and dedicated Councillor and his passing came as a great shock to everyone. He fought his corner to the last and was totally committed to his constituents.

Cllr. Fitzgerald spoke on behalf of Sinn Fein Councillors and extended his sympathies to John's family. He had a long personal association with Cllr. Carey through the Passage East Hurling Club ever before he entered politics and said that Cllr. Carey represented his area of Passage East, Dunmore East, Woodstown exceptionally well. He was upstanding, fair and honest and he is very sorry about John's passing.

Cllr. Cronin said he was shocked and saddened at the passing of Cllr. Carey and he was a great friend of his from when they were both on the County Council and he passed on his sympathy to the Carey family.

Cllr. O'Neill said it was such a sad day for the family, Passage, Waterford City and County, and the Council. He was a family friend of Cllr. Carey before he ever became his colleague on the Council. He will be a huge loss to everyone.

Cllr. O'Leary extended his sympathies to Cllr. Carey's family. He said Cllr. Carey was passionate about his family, Passage East and the GAA. He was a member of AILG and fought for Waterford on every occasion. He will be sadly missed by the people he represented.

Cllr. Griffin said he was a constituent of Cllr. Carey's from over 30 years ago and they had great connections on a personal level and when together they never spoke of politics, it was always about GAA or fishing. He was a great family man and may he Rest in Peace and sincere sympathies to his wife Ann and family.

Cllr. Roche sent sincere sympathies to Cllr. Carey's family and to the Fine Gael party. She got to know him when she got elected in 1999. She said Cllr. Carey had tragedy and struggles in his life but always extended support and care to others. His family will need the support of their family and the community at this time.

Cllr. O'Ryan spoke highly of Cllr. Carey and thought he was a very fair man. They met when he was elected to Waterford County Council. He said Cllr. Carey was enthusiastic about running for the local elections next year. He sympathised with his family at this sad time.

Cllr. J. Murphy said the passing of Cllr. Carey will leave a big void in the Council. He said they were also colleagues on the HSE where he got to know him on a personal level. It was a huge shock as his death was totally unexpected. He was a gentle and sensitive man. Sympathies were extended to his wife Ann and family.

Cllr. Reinhardt sympathised with the family and with the Fine Gael party. He said he knew Cllr. Carey from the GAA first and then on the Council and he was a big character and would give advice to anyone who asked for it. He said the Council will be a sad place without him.

Cllr. Brazil said he was a friend and colleague for over 35 years and when Cllr. Carey lost his grandson in 2014 he lost a big part of his life and soul and he was never the same after that. He stood up for his parish, his club, his family. He was a great party man. He thanked the Mayor for the privilege to honour Cllr. Carey.

Cllr. Nugent said it was a sad day for the Council. He said he saw Cllr. Carey in hospital recently and got a shock when he got the call on Saturday about his passing. He said he got calls from colleagues all over the country when the news broke. He extended his sympathies to the Carey family.

Cllr. Geoghegan said that the Taoiseach contacted him and said that a representative of the Taoiseach's department will attend the funeral on his behalf.

The Chief Executive, on behalf of the officials of Waterford City & County Council and his own behalf, wished to be associated with all the comments. He said Cllr. Carey dealt with all the officials of the Council in a respectful manner and he served Passage East and the wider community well.

The Mayor 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 Cllr. John Carey'.

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

The Council then observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect to the late Cllr. Carey.

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