

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 IN COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, WATERFORD.**

**Present**

Cllr. Joe Conway (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Joeanne Bailey	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Conor McGuinness	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Stephanie Keating	Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. Ger Barron	

Apologies: Cllr. John Hearne, Cllr. Donal Barry, Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Declan Doocey, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr. Jim Griffin, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell, Cllr. John O'Leary, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Jody Power, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Eamon Quinlan, Cllr. Frank Quinlan, Cllr. Mairead Tobin, Cllr. David Daniels.

**Officials in Attendance**

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive  
Mr. K. Kehoe, Director of Services, Corporate Services, Culture and Planning  
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Economic Development  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meeting Administrator  
Ms. A. Flynn, Corporate

**1. To pass a vote of sympathy on the death of Oliver (Ollie) Clery former Mayor of Waterford and resolve to attend funeral as a body robed**

The Mayor welcomed the members to the Council Chamber on what he said was a sad occasion and thanked them for their attendance.

Cllr. Roche said Cllr. Ryan and herself were the only current members who served with the late Oliver Clery after their re-election in 1999. He was elected as a Progressive Democrat and was an enthusiastic member of the council and was elected Mayor in 2002. He was a founder member of the Waterford University Action Group and campaigned tirelessly for University status for what was then Waterford Regional Technical College. She extended her sympathies to his wife Mary, his children, grandchildren, sisters, family and friends.

Cllr. McGuinness said that although he did not know the late Oliver Clery personally, he knew him to be a dedicated and hardworking Councillor who put Waterford first. On behalf of the Sinn Féin Members he extended his sympathies to his wife Mary, family and friends.

Cllr. O'Sullivan offered her condolences on behalf of the Fine Gael Members to Oliver's family. She said she was Mayor of County Waterford when Oliver was Mayor of Waterford City in 2002

when Waterford won the Munster Senior Hurling Championship Final and recalled him reaching out to her and inviting her to the city to be part of the celebrations.

Cllr. Keating extended sympathies on behalf of the Fianna Fáil Members to his wife Mary, his children, grandchildren and family. She acknowledged his fighting spirit for Waterford and in particular his campaign for University status.

Cllr. Ryan said the late Oliver Clery was elected in 1999 to the Council saying he came from a business background and brought that business pragmatism to the Council. He loved swimming and was involved in Waterford City Rugby Club. He will be remembered in Waterford as a driving force behind the University campaign in the early days. He extended his sympathies on behalf of the Labour Members and on behalf of the Labour Party in Waterford City and County to Ollie's family and friends.

Cllr. Kelly also spoke to extend his sympathy to Oliver's wife Mary, his children, family and friends. He had a keen interest in politics and as a business person employed a number of people. He too acknowledged his campaigning for University status and said as Mayor in 2002 he served to the highest standards.

Cllr. Kiely offered her condolences on behalf of the Green Party and on behalf of Cllr. J. Power. She said being elected Mayor as a member of a small party in 2002 was a huge achievement and praised his vision in campaigning for university status.

M. Walsh, CE also spoke to offer his condolences to Oliver's family on behalf of the Executive.

Cllr. Conway said he will remember the late Oliver Clery as a man of laughter, a lovely man to talk to who was sparkling and interested and he said he will be missed.

A vote of sympathy on the death of Oliver Clery, former Mayor of Waterford was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of Waterford City & County

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