



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, 15TH JULY, 2022 AT 2.00 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS

Chair: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick.

Elected Members: Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Fidelis Doherty Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness & Eugene McGuinness.

Officials: Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Mary Mulholland, Denis Malone, Kevin Hanley & Anne Maria Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and Ms. Fiona Deegan.

1. **Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick opened this Special Meeting convened to pass a vote of sympathy on the sad passing of former Councillor and Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council Bobby Aylward.

Cathaoirleach proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the late Bobby Aylward's wife Helena, children Triona, Bob and Mark and the extended Aylward family. This was seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed by all.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick spoke of Bobby Aylward's service as an Elected Member, Cathaoirleach and Teachta Dála. He referred to his outstanding commitment as a public servant to his community and all the people of County Kilkenny.

Tributes were paid by Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Tomás Breathnach, Michael McCarthy, John Brennan, John Coonan, Maria Dollard, Eugene McGuinness, Pat Dunphy, Deirdre Cullen, Fidelis Doherty, Peter Cleere, Michael Doyle, Matt Doran, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Michael Delaney and Joe Malone to the late Bobby Aylward who served as a Councillor during the period 1992 to 2007 and also was Chairperson from 2003 to 2004.

Members spoke of the late Councillor's service to his community, parish and County. They recalled many memories of his time as a Councillor and particularly his time as Cathaoirleach. They referred to his time as a Teachta Dála from 2007 to 2011 and 2015 to 2020.

Members paid tribute to a kind, fair, helpful, friendly and hard working person in his personal life, public life and life of his community particularly in the GAA and farming circles. They referred to his strong support for keeping Kilkenny County intact and how he defended any transfer of area over to Waterford.

Members also referred to his work as a Member of the Southern Fisheries Board, Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly and Port of Waterford. The late Bobby was held in high esteem within his own political party and was respected by all in politics.

All Members extended their sympathy to the late Bobby's wife Helena, daughter Triona and sons Bob and Mark.

Mr. Sean McKeown extended sympathy on behalf of the Executive and staff to the Aylward family.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward thanked all the Members for their kind words and tributes to his Uncle Bobby. He spoke about the late Bobby's loyalty to his family, friends, community and the Fianna Fáil Party.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that in accordance with Standing Order No. 21 that the Monthly Meeting for July 2022 stand adjourned as a mark of respect to the Aylward Family.

It was further proposed, seconded and agreed that the Monthly Meeting would reconvene on Friday, 22nd July, 2022 at 3.00 p.m. via Teams.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick advised that the Workshop scheduled for Monday, 18th July, 2022 at 2.00 p.m. will be cancelled and rescheduled to a later date.

He thanked all for their kind remarks and tributes to the late Councillor.

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick closed the meeting.

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