



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 16th April, 2018.

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Comhairleoir D. Ó hUrthuile, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri MacCraith, Mac Seafraida, Daltúin, Ní Fhúarthain, Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, S. Ó Coileán, M. Ó Murchú, Ó hEarchaí, R. Mhic Cárthaigh, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, Ní Cochláin, J. Ó' Donnabháin, G. Ní Mhuimhneacháin, Críod, Ó Gráda, Ó Luasaigh, Ó Riain, Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Suilleabháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N.Ó Coileán, Ó hEigearthaigh, S. NicCárthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, Ní Bhrian, N. MacCárthaigh, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, Uí Mhurchú, Ó Sé, G. Ó Murchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, D. Ó Coileán, Ó Cearúill, J. Ó Suilleabháin, P.G. Ó Murchú, Uí hEigearthaigh, Ó hAodha.

PRESENT

Councillor Declan Hurley, County Mayor, presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, Forde, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, M. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, J. O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, O'Grady, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, Sheppard, Barry, O'Cádhlá, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan Foley, O'Brien, N. McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, Gearóid Murphy, G. Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, P.G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hayes.

Chief Executive, Divisional Managers, Senior Executive Officer.

1. SPECIAL MEETING OF CORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COUNTY HALL.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the chamber for the Special Meeting to celebrate the building's Golden Jubilee. He thanked the all the staff of County Hall over the last 50 years for their service to the people of the county.

He especially thanked the staff of Corporate Services and Communications for their fantastic job organising and promoting the event.

The Mayor then called on Party Leaders and the longest serving members to speak.

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- This is a significant milestone and the building has stood the test of time.
- This is an opportunity to pay tribute to all the staff and elected members over the past five decades and the positive impact that they have had on the community.

- When County Hall was built it was an iconic and modern building and is now part of the fabric of Cork.
- It is a time to reflect on the many successes and challenges faced by the organisation over the years.
- Not everybody was in support of the building initially but it has become a part of the landscape now and is a landmark building in Cork.
- The building has been transformed into a modern administrative campus.
- Online access and email has provided greater access to our services but can also detach people from the personal touch. We must never forget that our primary function is to serve the people of the county.
- The building is a symbol of local democracy and a reminder that we should not take democracy for granted.
- Prior to the construction of County Hall, Council offices were scattered all over the City and County, the building of meant that all Council services were under one roof for the first time.

The Mayor then called on the Chief Executive to speak.

The Chief Executive stated that it was a great honour to be here as Chief Executive to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of County Hall, Cork County Council and the work we do. The decision to build County Hall demonstrates the leadership, vision and core values of Cork County Council then and now. Today is also a day to look forward to continuing the work of Cork County Council into the future.

2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- TO: Dave Russell, jockey on winning the Aintree Grand National
- TO: The Irish Karate Team on winning 26 medals at the 8th SKDUN European Championships