

Minutes of Council Meeting held in the Mtek Building, Knockaconny, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Tuesday 6th May, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

Chair: Cllr G Carville, Mayor

Present: Cllrs Bannigan, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Humphreys, Keelan, Keenan, Kieran, Maxwell, McAnespie, McElvaney, B. McKenna, P. McKenna, P. McNally, J O'Brien and Treanor.

Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, Deputy County Manager, Mr P. Clifford, Mr D. Fallon and Mr A King, Directors of Service, Mr John Murray, Head of Finance, Mr Adrian Hughes, Senior Planner, Mr. Pdraig Maguire, Executive Planner, Mr John McGrath, Senior Engineer, Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator and Ms. A. Mackle, A/Staff Officer.

At the outset, the Mayor Cllr Gary Carville proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the County Manager, Declan Nelson, on the death of his father Liam Nelson, Lordship, Dundalk, R.I.P. He stated that Liam Nelson had served the people of his country and county as a public servant in the Department of Agriculture for many years and had carried out his various duties and roles with great dignity, honour and distinction. He was also a very active member of his local community.

He extended the sympathy of the Council to Cllr Pdraig McNally and his wife Dolores on the sudden death of Patrick Byrne, R.I.P., Annagasson, Co. Louth.

The Mayor said that he also wished to mark the passing of former Uachtaran na hEireann, Dr Patrick Hillery, R.I.P., and moved a vote of sympathy to his wife and family. He stated that Dr. Hillery had been a member of Dail Eireann from 1951-1973 during which time he held Ministerial positions and became Ireland's first Commissioner at the EEC in 1973. In all these offices he carried out his duties with great distinction and was a man of absolute integrity.

A number of Members joined in the votes of sympathy and concurred with the sentiments expressed by the Mayor.

Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the staff of the Monaghan Local Authorities, joined in the expressions of sympathy.

Cllr McElvaney proposed, Cllr Humphreys seconded that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the McGuirk family Newbliss on the death of Patrick McGuirk, RIP a former employee of the Council.

Cllr McElvaney proposed, Cllr B. McKenna seconded that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Cllr Jim Ryan, a member of the Border Regional Authority on the recent death of his father.

All votes of sympathy were agreed unanimously. A minutes silence was observed by all present.

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr P. McKenna it was agreed to adjourn the Council meeting until Tuesday, 13th May, 2008 as a mark of respect to the County Manager on the death of his father.

Cllr Conlon expressed his disappointment that the adjourned meeting would clash with a meeting of the Border Regional Partnership and requested that this be noted.

Cllr Carville informed the Members that Mr. John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government would be visiting Co. Monaghan on May 22nd, 2008 to open the new Library Headquarters in Clones and had agreed to meet with a delegation from Monaghan County Council following the official opening.

The Members agreed that the delegation would consist of two Members per political party and the Mayor.

Cllr Carville informed the Members that a march in support of the retention of services at Monaghan General Hospital had been arranged by the Monaghan Hospital Alliance on Saturday 10th May, starting at the Hospital Hill at 3.00 p.m. He called on all of the Members along with the wider community to come out and support this very important issue.

The Mayor then adjourned the meeting until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 13th May, 2008.

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Meetings Administrator

Date: _____