



MINUTES OF ADJOURNED PLENARY MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2022 AT 3.00 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, David Fitzgerald, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness & Eugene McGuinness.

**Officials:** Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Mary Mulholland, Denis Malone, Catherine Cooney & Anne Maria Walsh.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick announces the sad passing of Kieran Crotty former Councillor, Mayor, Cathaoirleach and T.D.

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

It was further proposed and agreed that the Monthly Meeting would reconvene on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. via Teams.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the late Kieran Crotty's wife Margaret, son Pat, daughters Mary, Margaret, Hilary and Angela and the extended Crotty Family. This was seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed by all.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick spoke of Kieran Crotty's service as a Borough Council Member, County Council Member, Mayor, Cathaoirleach and Teachta Dála. He referred to his 32 years of public service to his City and County. He also noted that he was awarded Freeman of Kilkenny City in 2015. Kieran was a founder member of Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Committee which was established in 1980. His contribution to the betterment of the City is very evident today. He was a tireless worker for the people he served. Kieran was also well known in the GAA and Rugby circles and a very successful business man in Kilkenny City.

Tributes were paid by Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Andrew McGuinness, Tomás Breathnach, David Fitzgerald, John Brennan, Eugene McGuinness, Pat Dunphy, Eamon Aylward and Fidelis Doherty to the late Kieran Crotty who served as Councillor during the period 1967 to 1999. He served as Mayor six times and served as Cathaoirleach in 1981/1982.

Members spoke of the late Councillor's service to his community, City and County. They recalled many memories of his time as a Councillor and particularly his time as Mayor of Kilkenny City and Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council. They also referred to his time as a Teachta Dála from 1969 to 1989. During his term as T.D. he also served as Chairman of the Fine Gael Parliamentary Party from 1977 to 1987.

Members paid tribute to a decent, honourable, kind, helpful, hardworking man in his personal life, public life and community life especially in the GAA and Rugby circles. They referred to the establishment of Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Committee by him in 1980 and how this committee grew under his leadership. The work of this committee contributed to the many awards achieved by Kilkenny City in the National Tidy Towns competitions culminating in the overall Tidy Town Awards on a number of occasions.

The late Kieran was held in high regard within his own Political Party and was respected by all in politics. Members referred to his role as Chairman of the Fine Gael Parliamentary Party which he held for ten years and spoke about his fairness, equality and the right for everyone to have their say. Members spoke of his lasting legacy to the City of Kilkenny

Cllr. David Fitzgerald thanked the Members for their kind words on his late Uncle Kieran. He spoke of Kieran's support, mentoring and help to him when he entered politics. He recalled a few notable stories about Kieran's time in politics.

Mr. Sean McKeown extended sympathy on behalf of the Executive and staff to the Crotty Family and spoke of Kieran's time on the Board of Abbey Business Centre and his willingness to support young people starting out in business.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick thanked all the Members for their kind remarks and tributes to the late Councillor. He stated that Kieran will be remembered as a legend in Kilkenny. He once again extended sympathy to the family.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick closed the meeting.

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