

**Special Meeting of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014 at 9:30am.**

<b>In the Chair:</b>	Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, Cathaoirleach
<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllr. David Dunne Cllr. Kieran Bourke
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator Ms Fiona Crotty, Staff Officer Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer
<b>Also in attendance</b>	Ms Margaret Croke Mr John Dowley Mr Patsy Fitzgerald Mr Richie O'Neill Mr David Shee Ms Josie Waters
<b>Appologies</b>	Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Louise McLoughlin
<b>Meeting Summons:</b>	It was noted that the meeting had been called by the Cathaoirleach in accordance with Order 4 of Standing Orders
<b>Vote of Sympathy:</b>	The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie O'Meara opened the meeting by thanking the members and former members present for attending. He said that the meeting had been called to express appreciation for former councillor Jack Lalor who had died recently. Councillor Lalor had been a member of Carrick Urban District between 1984 and 1994 and had been Chair of the Council in 1987.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of former councillor Lalor. He spoke of his long friendship with him as a councillor, a journalist and a sportsman. He remembered his association with the Sean Kelly Sports centre, and said he will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Seconding the motion, Cllr. David Dunne spoke of his introduction to politics at the election in 1994 at which councillor Lalor lost his seat by a very narrow margin. He spoke of how Cllr Lalor had encouraged him in politics, how he would be sadly missed, and expressed the hope that he would rest in peace.

The Cathaoirleach then invited the former councillors present to speak.

Mr Patsy Fitzgerald spoke of Councillor Lalor's contribution to the voluntary sector, and how in his journalism he made dull debates seem very interesting.

Ms Margaret Croke spoke of her sadness and loss, and praised his independence, adaptability and encouragement.

Ms Josie Waters said that Cllr Lalor was the most popular man in Carrick, and remembered his association with the Carer's Association and his sportsmanship.

Mr Richie O'Neill spoke of his fairness as a journalist and the encouragement he had given him as a councillor.

Mr David Shee remembered his fairness and hard work as a councillor and journalist, and his commitment to the town.

Mr John Dowley recalled the long family friendship with Councillor Lalor, their boyhood together, his contribution to the Town over the years and expressed his sympathy to the family.

The Cathaoirleach, declaring the motion carried, observed that the attendance at the meeting reflected the esteem in which councillor Lalor was held and stated that the contribution that had been made by former Town and Urban District councillors would never be forgotten.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Meetings Administrator



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Cathaoirleach

24<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014