



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 21st January, 2019.

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Comhairleoir P.G. Ó Murchú, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri MacCraith, Mac Seafrada, Daltúin, Ní Fhúarthain, D. Ó'Donnabháin Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, Ó Colmáin, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, Ní Cochláin, J. Ó' Donnabháin, G. Ní Mhuimhneacháin, Críod, Ó Luasaigh, Ó Riain, Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Suilleabháin, Ó Ceocháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N.Ó Coileán, Ó hEachteirn, Uí Thuama, Ó hEigearthaigh, S. NicCárthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, Ní Bhrian, N. MacCárthaigh, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, Uí Mhurchú, Ó Sé, Gearoid. Ó Murchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, T. Ó Coileán, Ó Cearúill, J. Ó Suilleabháin, C. Ó Suilleabháin, Uí hEigearthaigh, Ó hAodha. D. Ó hUrthuile.

PRESENT

Councillor Patrick G. Murphy, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, Forde, D. Ó'Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ahern, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan Foley, O'Brien, McCarthy O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, Gearóid Murphy, Gerard Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, Mary Hegarty, Hayes, Hurley.

Chief Executive, Director of Services Corporate Services, Senior Executive Officer.

PERMISSION FOR SOUND/VIDEO

The Mayor sought permission for sound and video in the Council Chambers.

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Conway

Seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty

1. SPECIAL MEETING OF CORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO COMMEMORATE THE 100th Anniversary of the First Dail.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the chamber for the Special Meeting to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Dáil. He thanked the Elected Members, the Chief Executive, Press and many of the public who attended to mark this very historic event. The Mayor made particular mention to

Dr. Neil Buttimer, U.C.C who was the keynote speaker at this event and to Cllr Frank O’Flynn and the Council’s Commemoration’s Committee who play a remarkable role regarding commemorations in the County.

The Mayor spoke on how he was proud to have called this Special Meeting for each and everyone to have the opportunity to remember together, the very first sitting of the Dáil Éireann, which took place in the Mansion House in Dublin on Tuesday 21st January 1919, which was a momentous day in the story of Ireland.

The Mayor made particular mention to the First Dáil Éireann 9 sitting TD’s from Cork: Michael Collins, Seán Hayes, Thomas Hunter, David Kent, Diarmuid Lynch, Terence MacSwiney, Pádraig O’Keeffe, Liam De Róiste and J.J Walsh.

The Mayor also spoke about how the First Meeting of the Dáil Éireann was in bilingual with some French spoken and in tribute today’s meeting is also bilingual. Today’s special meeting to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Dáil is the first Bilingual Council Meeting to be held in Cork County Council.

The Mayor then called on Chief Executive Tim Lucey to speak who made the following comments:

- Cork County Council were proud today to commemorate the sitting of the First Dáil
- Cork County is proud of its Irish history and heritage
- A special commemoration to the T.D’s from Cork who played their part and commended all present for being part of this commemorative occasion.
- Thanked the staff from Cork County Council involved in the organisation of today’s commemoration along with the Commemorations Committee for their continuous work and the production of a special booklet “The Centenary of the First Dáil”

Dr. Neil Buttimer keynote speaker U.C.C discussed the following points in his speech:

- Dr Buttimer welcomed the Mayor, Members, Chief Executive and official friends and said it was a privilege and honour to commemorate the first sitting of the Dáil 100 years ago in the Mansion House, in Dublin.
- He mentioned that he first spoke with Councillors in 1990 when looking for financial support from Cork County Council, to publish a scholarship book and assistance was given generously.
- The book was published in 1993 and Dr. Buttimer presented a copy of the book to the Mayor
- December 1918 election saw 19 nominated to the parliament from Cork Constituency East, North East Cork, South East Cork, Cork North, Central Cork, South Cork, Cork West and Cork City Representatives).
- On the first day of the Dáil, it happened that there was only nine members present from Cork
- The ordinary rules of the Dáil were adjourned until January 22, 1919 to agree on the ‘Constitution’ of the Dáil, Announcement of the ‘Non-Party Information’.
- Cork County Council and Cork City Council in the early 20th century worked hard to provide opportunities for adult education through Irish, with schemes such as Vocational Education Committees ran the chance to bring people to the Gaeltacht.
- Paid tribute to Seán Ó Loingsigh who regularly reported to Raidió na Gaeltachta at Cork County Council meetings.

The Mayor thanked Dr. Buttimer for a very interesting speech and invited Chair of the Commemorations Committee Councillor Frank O'Flynn to speak.

Chair of the Commemoration Committee Councillor Frank O'Flynn made the following comments:

- The Commemoration Committee is an all Party Committee and members fully appreciated the importance of commemorating all of those who have gone before us in making Ireland the place that it is today.
- 100 years ago today Cork County Council's Chairperson was William Kent who lost his mother two years prior and two of his brothers in 1916, Richard and Thomas Kent.
- A proud North Cork man, William's further brother David from Castlelyons sat on the First Dáil representing people from North Cork along with Thomas Hunter of Castletownroche and Patrick O'Keeffe from Cullen.
- Councillor O'Flynn paid special mention to the Mayor and Chief Executive for giving fantastic support to today's event and thanked staff for a fantastic day.
- Vice Chair Councillor Susan McCarthy read an extract from the Free Nations of the World in French.

During the discussion Members made the following points:

- This day the 100th Anniversary of the First Dáil is a significant milestone
- This is an opportunity to pay tribute to the men and the positive impact that they have had on the community.
- Representatives were living proof of self democracy and self rules and Cork played a huge role in the First Dáil.
- It is a time to reflect on the many successes and challenges faced by the organisation over the years.
- Members thanked the Commemoration Committee and Cork County Council staff for all the hard work in organising the day.
- Members also thanked Dr .Neil Buttimer for outstanding speech which covered all aspects of the First Dáil.

This concluded the business of the Meeting