**Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council**

**held on Tuesday 4th October, 2016,**

**at 12.30 p.m. in City Hall, College Road, Galway.**

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**Presiding: Cllr. N. Larkin, Mayor of the City of Galway**

**Present: Councillors: B. Cameron, C. Ó Conchúir, C. Connolly, O. Crowe, M.J Crowe, M. Cubbard, F. Fahy, D. Lyons, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis and T. O'Flaherty**

**In Attendance: Mr. J. O’Neill, Deputy Chief Executive**

**Mr. T. Connell, Director of Services**

**Ms. E. Ruane, A/Director of Services**

**Mr. D. Mahon, Meetings Administrator**

**Mr. G. McMahon A/ Senior Executive Officer**

**Ms. K. Lohan, Clerical Officer**

**Apologies: Cllrs. M. Farrell, P. Flannery, P. Connelly, P. Keane, J. Walsh**

**Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive**

**Ms. E. McCormack Head of Finance / Director of Services**

1. **Convey Sympathy on the Passing of Mr. Bobby Molloy (RIP)**

Mayor Larkin welcomed the Members to the Special Meeting and thanked them for their attendance at short notice to enable the City Council convey sympathy and condolences on the passing of Mr. Bobby Molly Former Mayor of the City of Galway.

Mayor Larkin offered sympathies on behalf of the City to the family of Mr. Molloy, in particular his wife Phyllis and children Sinéad, Sorcha, Daragh and Donncha. Mayor Larkin stated that Mr. Molloy was a Mayor of Galway in 1968 and had worked tirelessly for the City and County both as a local and national public representative over a long and distinguished career dating back to 1965.

Mayor Larkin invited Members in attendance to convey sympathies,

Contributions were received from Cllr. D. Lyons , Cllr. O. Crowe (on behalf of the Fianna Fáil party), Cllr, B. Cameron (on behalf of the Labour party), Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. T. O’Flaherty, Cllr. F. Fahy (on behalf of the Fine Gael party), Cllr. C. Ó Conchúir (on behalf of the Sinn Féin party), Cllr. D. McDonnell and Cllr. C. Connolly.

All Councillors who spoke offered sympathies to the family of the late Mr. Molloy and noted his time as Mayor and elected member for Galway Corporation. Members also acknowledged his significant contributions as a T.D for Galway West and Minister in a number of Governments. It was noted that Mr. Molloy served as a public representative for 37 years over 10 general elections up to his retirement in 2002. Councillors offered personal memories of time spent with Mr. Molloy during his distinguished career and the advice and guidance he offered to local representatives. Councillors noted that Mr. Molloy was hugely dedicated to Galway City and Galway West and served the people of his constituency with distinction, was always dedicated to the promotion and growth of the City, and referred to his significant achievements while Minister for Defence.

Members stated that Mr. Molloy was a person of the highest integrity and was committed to a range of local and national issues. Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell and Cllr. T. O’Flaherty referred to the role played by Mr. Molloy in the establishment of the Progressive Democrats and recounted a number of memories from that time. Members referred to Mr. Molloy as courageous, loyal, visionary and stated that he was held in the highest esteem in Galway, inspired younger politicians, brought a passion to his work, offered a legacy to the City, was an icon and a giant in political circles.

Mr. Molloy’s integrity, honesty and compassion was noted and the sacrifices he had to make to combine the roles of local and national politician were stated. Mr. Molloy was a man of great humility and was respected throughout Galway and nationally. Mr. Molloy’s fondness for his native language was also noted and acknowledged.

Mr. J. O’Neill Deputy Chief Executive noted apologies on behalf of Chief Executive Mr. McGrath and offered sympathies to the family of Mr. Molloy on behalf of the Chief Executive and staff of Galway City Council and joined with the Mayor in thanking the Members for their attendance at the Meeting.

Mr. O’Neill outlined that Mr. Molloy’s achievements for his native city were considerable and also offered sympathies to Mr. Molloy’s brother Michael, and nephew his Edward Molloy of Blake & Kenny Solicitors.

Mayor Larkin advised members of the arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Molloy and requested the attendance of Members at Galway Cathedral at 11.30 am on Wednesday 5th October as a body robed.

Mayor Larkin advised Members that a Book of Condolences would be opened and Members were invited to sign the Book.

The Meeting ended at 1.30 pm