

ITEM NO. 1

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 29th September, 2008 at 4.00 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

IN THE CHAIR : Cllr. J. Gilligan, Mayor

COUNCILLORS : K. Leddin, J. Cronin, K. Kiely, J. Ryan, K. O'Hanlon, K. Walsh, G. McLoughlin, G. Fahy, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne and J. Leddin

STAFF : Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager
Mr. K. Lehane, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service
Ms. P. Liddy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. E. Creamer, A/Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. M. Hourigan and J. Long

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Hourigan and His wife, Patricia and family on the tragic and untimely death of their son, Patrick and proposed that the meeting be adjourned until 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 30th September, 2008.

Cllr. Byrne seconded His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan's proposal and it was unanimously agreed. She too, on her own behalf and on behalf of the Fine Gael Party, wished to be associated with this vote of sympathy. She pointed out that the late Patrick Hourigan worked for her on a part time basis and he had a wonderful personality, great wit, joy and commitment and he will be sadly missed not only by his family but by his many friends and relatives.

Cllr. Cronin, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party, also wished to be associated with this vote of sympathy adding that it must be one of the hardest and saddest things for a parent to bury a child.

Cllr. J. Leddin, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Labour Party, joined with the previous speakers in passing a vote of sympathy to the Hourigan family on the death of Patrick. He said as a parent himself burying a child is something you could not possibly prepare for. It is an indescribable trauma and he specifically referred to the lengths Michael and Patricia went to find the best medical care possible for Patrick.

Cllr. Kennedy reiterated what the previous speakers said and added that the Hourigans are a very strong and close family and their faith will stand them in good stead in the difficult months ahead.

Cllr. K. Leddin, on her own behalf and on behalf of the Independents, joined with the previous speakers in passing a vote of sympathy to the Hourigan family. She stated that as a neighbour she knew Patrick very well. She always found him to be a very friendly, nice young man who was always cheerful despite his illness. She especially sympathised with his twin sister, Kate.

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the City Council, joined with His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan and members in their condolences to Cllr. Michael and Patricia Hourigan and family on the sudden death of their son, Patrick.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan also proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the family of the late Martin Duhig, City Council employee, who died earlier in the summer following a freak workplace accident in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

A TRUE RECORD

**T. MACKEY
CITY MANAGER**

CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2008.

MAYOR OF LIMERICK