

**EASTERN HEALTH BOARD**

**Minutes of proceedings of Eastern Health Board Meeting  
held in  
The Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8  
on Thursday 14th January, 1983 at 6:00 p.m.**

***Present***

Mr. P. Aspell	Cllr. M. Barrett
Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. G. Brady
Cllr. B. Briscoe. T.D.	Cllr. E. Byrne
Cllr. I. Callely. T.D.	Cllr. B. Coffey
Cllr. J. Connolly	Dr. R Corcoran
Cllr. L. Creaven	Cllr. B. Durkan. T.D.
Cllr. K. Farrell	Dr. J. Fennell
Cllr. C. Gallagher	Cllr. R Greene
Dr. R Hawkins	Cllr. J. Jacob. T.D.
Cllr. T. Keenan	Mr. G. McGuire
Cllr. O. Mitchell	Ms. M. Nealon
Cllr. Dr. W J. O'Connell	Dr. B. O'Herlihy
Cllr. J. Reilly	Cllr. R Shortall. T.D.
Dr. C. Smith	Dr. R Whitty
Dr. M. Wrigley	

***Apologies***

Dr. D.I. Keane. Dr. J. Reilly

***In the Chair***

Cllr. M. Barrett

***Officers in Attendance***

Mr. K. J. Hickey. Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. M. Walsh. Programme Manager. Special Hospital Care  
Mr. J. Doyle. A/Programme Manager. Community Care  
Mr. S. O'Brien. A/Programme Manager. General Hospital Care  
Prof. B. O'Donnell. Dublin Medical Officer of Health  
Mr. M. Gallagher. Finance Officer  
Mr. G. Brennan. Technical Services Officer  
Ms. M. Kelly. A/Personnel Officer  
Mr. M. O'Connor. Secretary

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**COUNCILLOR FRANK HYNES. P.C., DECEASED.**

**Address by Councillor Michael Barrett, A/Chairman**

The Acting Chairman, Councillor Michael Barrett, informed the members that, as a mark of respect to our late esteemed Chairman. Councillor Frank Hynes, who had died on 12th January, it was proposed to adjourn the meeting until Thursday. 21st January, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.

He said that before adjourning the meeting, he wished to pay a tribute to Frank, following which members could pay their tributes.

Councillor Barrett then paid the following tribute:-

It is a sad occasion when a public body such as the Eastern Health Board loses one of its members. When that member is its esteemed Chairman the sense of loss of the members and staff is all the greater.

Frank was born in Co. Galway. 70 years ago and came to live in Co. Wicklow in the 1950's. He served as a member of Wicklow County Council for the past 25 years and represented that Council diligently for almost 20 years on our Board to ensure that the needs of the people of County Wicklow were met. He had a particular concern for the needs of the poor and under-privileged and pursued their interests with great tenacity.

There are many monuments visible today to Frank's efforts in terms of new buildings, facilities and services. However, perhaps his greatest monument is the number of individuals he quietly helped through his abiding concern for his fellow man.

There was no more loyal and dedicated member of the Eastern Health Board than Frank Hynes. In recognition of his dedication to the affairs of the Eastern Health Board Frank was elected by his colleague Board members as Vice-Chairman for 1991/92 and as Chairman of the Eastern Health Board in July last. I know that every Board member regrets very much that Frank did not get more time to fulfil the role of Chairman, an honour for which he had waited so long.

Apart from serving as a very committed member of each of our Board's Programme Committees. Frank served with particular enthusiasm as a member of the Budget Working Group since its establishment in 1984. Frank had an abiding interest in property and in seeing that it was properly managed and maintained. He contributed to significant improvements in Estate Management by our Board.

I know that he got great satisfaction from serving; as a member of our Board's Committee on the adaptation of Dr. Steeven's Hospital as headquarters accommodation and took great pride in the fact that the project was self-financing and did not require any health service exchequer funding.

Another of Frank's objectives as a member of our Board was to work together with local authorities and voluntary agencies to bring about improvements in the facilities and services available to the people in our Board's area. I know that he felt very privileged to serve as Chairman of our Board's Special Committee on Ballymun for the past 5 years. He was a great local authority man and a supporter of the role of the local Councillor. This is an important dimension in maintaining good working relationships between the Eastern Health Board and all of the Local Authorities who appoint members to it.

In the broader sphere of the health services, Frank represented our Board on the Association of Health Boards in Ireland since 1986 and served as a member of the Executive Committee of that Association since 1991. He also represented the Eastern Health Board on the Boards of the Meath Hospital and of St James's Hospital for many years and took a keen interest in their affairs. In March last he was nominated to represent our Board at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Frank had a great friendship with another former Chairman of the Eastern Health Board from Wicklow, the late Councillor John Sweeney. Few will forget the tribute Frank paid to John at his graveside. I know that he spoke from the heart when he said, on that occasion, how much the Eastern Health Board and its work meant to both of them and how committed they were to it I would like to think that the two of them are together today and that both are taking a well-earned rest after a job well done.

Frank Hynes, as well as being a committed worker, was, above all, a man of the highest integrity who always showed great consideration towards others. We all miss him greatly.

To his wife, Bridie, and family, in particular, we extend our most sincere sympathy.

Ar dhels De go raibh a anam dhilis."

Cllr. Ken Farrell in joining in the tribute to Cllr. Hynes. referred to his contribution to society as a member of the Eastern Health Board and to the warm welcome which he extended to him when he became a member of our Board. In his capacity as Chairman he had been fair to each member of the Board. He expressed his sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Deputy Ivor Callely referred to Cllr. Hynes's honesty and integrity. He had worked closely with him as Vice-Chairman and he knew how much he enjoyed his role as a public representative and as a member of the Eastern Health Board. He expressed his sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Mrs. Bernadette Bonar said she wished to be associated with the tribute to Cllr. Hynes and that it was with a sense of deep regret that she heard of his death. She referred to his deep concern for the elderly and handicapped and stated that she had always found him to be very genuine and sincere. She concluded with the prayer "Ar dheis De go raibh a anam."

Cllr. Jim Reilly said that he had experienced a great sense of loss on hearing of the death of Cllr. Hynes. He had always found him to be a very loyal friend and he had no doubt that the people of Co. Wicklow would share his sense of loss. He extended his sympathy to his wife and family.

Ms. Margaret Nealon associated herself with the tributes and referred to the advice and direction which she had received from Cllr. Hynes when she became a member of our Board. She described him as kind and genuine and said that he always had other peoples' interests at heart. She extended her sympathy to his wife and family.

Dr. Brian O'Herlihy referred to Cllr. Hynes's dedication to the public service and to his capacity to listen carefully to members' contributions. Cllr. Hynes had made a significant contribution to the Eastern Health Board and it was a privilege for him to have known him for the past eight years.

Dr. Rosaleen Corcoran joined in the tributes paid to Cllr. Hynes who, she said, had repeated many things to many people. She referred to Cllr. Hynes' dedication to the Health Board and acknowledged that he had made a significant contribution to its proceedings. On behalf of the Directors of Community Care and Medical Officers of health she extended sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Cllr. Tom Keenan stated that he had served with Cllr. Hynes as a member of Wicklow County Council for 25 years and had always found him to be hard working, forthright and willing to help new members on the council or the health board. He was always glad to impart his deep knowledge of local government law and his passing would prove to be a big loss to the people of Co. Wicklow in general and of East Wicklow in particular.

Deputy Ben Briscoe said the most important quality in public life was decency and this was one quality that Cllr. Hynes had in abundance. His word was his bond. It was his hope that the Health Board would commemorate his memory by naming some of our facilities after Cllr. Hynes.

Cllr. Dr. Bill Connell said he had served with Cllr. Hynes on Wicklow County Council for the past 7 years and described him as one of the best and most effective Councillors he had met. He always found him very direct and was very impressed with the courage which he had displayed during his term. He described him as one of nature's gentlemen and extended his sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Cllr. Eric Byrne said he was very impressed with Cllr. Hynes's sense of humanity, his kindness and his concern for others. He always found him incredibly dedicated to the affairs of the Eastern Health Board and said that he was quite shocked when he heard just before Christmas that Cllr.

Dr. Ray Hawkins referred to Cllr. Hynes's contribution to the debates during the meetings of the Local Committee in Wicklow and to his tenacity in seeking improvements to health care facilities in the County. He was always his friend and did nothing but good for the people of Co. Wicklow.

Mr. Gerry McGuire, in associating himself with the tributes, expressed his sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family. He referred to the warm welcome which Cllr. Hynes had extended to him when he became a member of our Board in 1987. He was always impressed with Cllr. Hynes's persistence in pursuing his objective on behalf of the people of his area.

Deputy Joe Jacob, in paying his tribute, said that the people of Wicklow would miss Cllr. Hynes most of all. He had worked assiduously for them for many years and he yearned to look after the needy. He described him as a "mighty man" with scope, vision and ambitions. While he did great work for the people in his own locality he was delighted to have been associated with the broader objectives of the Eastern Health Board.

Deputy Bernard Durkan said he had first met Cllr. Hynes in 1979 when he became a member of our Board. He had always found him broadminded and farsighted and he was never bitter after any confrontation at Board meetings. He was an excellent public representative who knew what he wanted and saw his duty as serving the people of Co. Wicklow. He extended his sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Cllr. Gerry Brady said that he had known Cllr. Hynes for 15 years and he had always found him very forthright. He would always remember the warm welcome which Cllr. Hynes extended to him when he became a member of our Board and was very appreciative of the advice which he had offered. He extended his sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Cllr. Richard Greene, in associating himself with the tributes already paid, remembered that when he had been appointed as a member of our Board. Cllr. Hynes had made him feel very welcome and had drawn his attention to the opportunity which he would have as a member of the Health Board to help the people in his constituency.

Cllr. Betty Coffey said that Cllr. Hynes was well-loved by all the members of the Board and that he always had a great sense of humour - a quality which she felt was very important. She was sorry to hear of his death and extended her sympathy to Mrs. Hynes and her family.

Mr. K. J. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer, paid the following tribute on behalf of the management and staff of the Eastern Health Board:-

On behalf of my management colleagues, and all of our Board's staff. I wish to join in the tributes paid here this evening to our late Chairman. Cllr. Frank Hynes. and also to join in the expressions of sympathy to his wife and family.

Almost two years ago on a similar occasion to this, members and staff of the Eastern Health Board gathered to pay tribute to a recent Chairman the late Austin Groome. A little over two years prior to that again a similar meeting paid tribute to another recent Chairman who was a great personal friend of Frank's, the late John Sweeney.

On both of those occasions Frank Hynes, as was his wont, spoke with great feeling and sincerity when he paid tribute to the major contributions that both had made through their public service.

And now it is Frank's own turn to receive such tributes. None of us present here this evening, member or official, can be in any doubt about the commitment and dedication of the late Frank Hynes to the work of the Eastern Health Board.

When speaking of John Sweeney four years ago. Frank described his work as a member of the Eastern Health Board as "his life". The same was equally true of Frank himself and this was something he made no secret of - in fact he seemed to take great pride in saying so.

The Chairmanship of the Eastern Health Board was an office which Frank Hynes held in great respect He had a great sense of the dignity of the Chair and was always very supportive of the Chairperson of the day. It is a great pity that, having been honoured by his fellow members by their election of him to the office of Chairman, that he really did not get the opportunity to make the full contribution of which he was capable.

Frank Hynes was also very supportive of the management and staff of our Board. He spoke his mind and. at times, could be critical and justifiably so when something was not right. At the same time there was no member quicker to give support to whatever needed to be done to improve existing situations, whether it was an improvement in a service, in a building or facility, or simply in the way that things are done.

Frank was always interested in seeing that whatever needed to be put right was put right He never spared himself in whatever endeavour was required of him. He had a tremendous breadth of knowledge and interest in the health services. He could relate with equal ease to the acute hospital services, or to issues related to the psychiatric, geriatric, mental handicap or community care services.

He could be involved in the detailed needs of Individuals, or services In Co. Wicklow but, at the same time, was, at all times, fully supportive of what needed to be done in the best interests of the Eastern Health Board as a whole.

We will all, I am sure, have our own particular fond memories of Frank Hynes. I suppose one of my own will be the great joy he experienced and, indeed, generated, on the occasion of his first official visit to the various services In Co. Wicklow after his election as Chairman In Jury of last year when I had the privilege of accompanying him.

Frank's passing will leave us all with a sense of loss and again, on behalf of my management colleagues and staff, I want to express our sincere sympathies to his wife Bridie and to Bernard, George, Patricia and Marcilla in their great loss."

The members and staff then observed a minutes' silence as a mark of respect.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Correct: K.J. Hickey,  
Chief Executive Officer.

**CHAIRMAN**