

THE LATE COUNCILLOR TADHG CULBERT



Tadhg Culbert at home.



As a party man. Attending a meeting in Letterkenny at which party leader Micheál Martin was the chief speaker.

Letterkenny mourns passing of Cllr Tadhg Culbert (57)

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FAMILY, friends and political colleagues will unite tomorrow (Saturday) at 11am for the funeral of town councillor Tadhg Culbert (57) who died on Wednesday.

Cllr Culbert's passing shortly before lunchtime at The Donegal Hospice has robbed the town of an enthusiastic political representative who has been described as a 'true adopted son' of Letterkenny.

Dubbed the 'Comeback Kid' after he won back a seat on the town council in 2009 - ten years after he had lost it - Cllr Culbert's death has evoked widespread sympathy.

Many people have spoke of his unflinching work ethic, good humour and his passion for sport with St Eunan's GAA club and Letterkenny Rovers.

The Limerick Junction native was well known throughout the area

through his work as a clerk at Letterkenny Post Office. He first came to the town as a trainee in 1973 and remained here ever since. He joined St Eunan's and Burt as a hurler in the early 70's and lined out in goals for Donegal.

Such was his popularity he was first elected to Letterkenny Town Council in 1985 and served as chairman on two occasions.

He lost his seat in 1999, but was re-elected a decade later in 2009, and the following year, he took the title of Mayor for the first time.

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In 2011, he was the driving force behind the organisation of the Letterkenny 400 celebrations reflecting his passion for arts and heritage.

He was a keen sportsman and had great passion for his beloved Tipperary hurling team.

He was a former Vice-Chairman of Letterkenny Rovers and was heavily involved in St Eunan's GAA club.

Cllr Culbert, was a former member of Independent Fianna Fáil but later joined Fianna Fáil.

The large and representative crowds at the removal of the remains from the Donegal Hospice on Wednesday evening and at the wake at his wife's Hilda's home at 8 The Croft, Glencar.

Cllr Culbert is also survived by his son, Andrew and daughter Lisa, brothers, Tom, Padraig, Phillip, Jarlath and a sister, Siobhan, his father and mother in law - Charlie and Margaret Flood, brothers-in-law - Gabriel and Cathal as well as a wide circle of family and friends.

Cllr Culbert will be laid to rest in New Leck Cemetery after Requiem Mass in St Eunan's Cathedral.



As town mayor. Opening the Ard O'Donnell allotments with from left, David Donnelly, town gardener, Anne McGowan and May McClintock.



As an axeman. Not. Prior to his illness he strongly opposed cutbacks. Here he was attending the Letterkenny 400 commemorations.



As a proud dad. With his children Andrew and Lisa in 2009 having been elected in 2009.



As a Post Office man. Some of the hard working front office staff with office manager Ed Margey (fourth from left).