



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD  
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor N Kelly)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, L Clarke, M Cosgrove, J McGrath, M Magill, P Michael, S Ross and J Smyth
- : Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, J Burbank, M Cooper, S Cosgrove, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, M Goodman, AM Logue, H Magill, B Mallon, A McAuley, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, L O'Hagan, A O'Lone, L Smyth, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present Remotely** : Aldermen - Bradley
- : Councillors – H Cushinan, T McGrann. E McLaughlin And M Stewart,
- In Attendance (In person)** : Alan Keys, Divisional Roads Manager, DfI Roads  
Andrew Gillan, Maintenance Section Engineer DfI Roads

**1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Councillor McWilliam.

*The Mayor, Alderman Boyle and Councillors Burbank and McAuley joined the meeting at this point.*

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor took to the Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting.

## 2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen – T Campbell  
Councillors – M Brady and R Lynch

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

## 4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Alderman Smyth  
Seconded by Alderman Magill and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 28 October 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

*Councillors Goodman, Logue, McGrann, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone joined the meeting at this point.*

## 5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor McAuley  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operation Committee Meeting of Monday 4 November 2024 be approved and adopted.**

## 6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor McAuley  
Seconded by Alderman Clarke and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 5 November 2024 be approved and adopted.**

## 7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman McGrath  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Monday 11 November 2024 be approved and adopted.**

## 8 MINTUES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Alderman Ross and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Tuesday 12 November 2023 be approved and adopted.**

**9(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 1**

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 November 2024 Part 1 be taken and read and signed as correct.**

**9(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 2**

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 18 November 2014 Part 2 be approved and adopted.**

*Alderman Cosgrove and Councillors Cooper, Ward and Wilson left and returned to the Chamber during the presentation.*

**10 PRESENTATION**

**10.1 G/MSMO/7 PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

**1. Purpose**

**The purpose of this presentation was to provide Members with an annual update on the on the work of Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads Northern Division across the Borough.**

**2. Introduction**

Representatives from the DfI Roads Northern Division were in attendance to update Members on the 2024 annual report, a copy which was circulated.

The Mayor welcomed Alan Keys, Divisional Roads Manager – Northern Division and Andrew Gillan, Maintenance Section Engineer – Antrim and Newtownabbey to the meeting. They updated Members on the DfI Roads Northern Annual Report and responded to Members' queries regarding gullies, drainage, the online portal system, delays in road adoptions, road gritting, signage and road markings and agreed to respond to individual Members in relation to specific requests.

The Mayor and Members thanked Mr Keys and Mr Gillan for their update, and they left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Alderman McGrath and

**RESOLVED – that the presentation be noted.**

NO ACTION

## **11 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour  
Seconded by Councillor Smyth

“This council supports Caleb’s Cause NI, advocating for post-19 Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans for young adults with disabilities. We support the campaigns call for improved post-19 provisions for those with Special Educational Needs, and will write to the Ministers for the Economy, Health, Education and Communities asking them to work on a cross departmental basis to bring forward post-19 EHC Plans. Council will also light up our Civic Buildings in blue and purple, to show support for the campaign.”

### **AMENDMENT**

It was requested by Alderman Ross that to strengthen the motion, Council writes to all Ministers and all Chairs of each Committee.

Moved by Councillor Gilmour  
Seconded by Councillor Smyth and agreed that

“This council supports Caleb’s Cause NI, advocating for post-19 Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans for young adults with disabilities. We support the campaigns call for improved post-19 provisions for those with Special Educational Needs, and will write to all Ministers and Chairs of each Committee asking them to work on a cross departmental basis to bring forward post-19 EHC Plans. Council will also light up our Civic Buildings in blue and purple, to show support for the campaign.”

**RESOLVED – the amended Motion was declared carried.**

*ACTION BY: Richard Baker, Chief Executive*

## **12 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

### **12.1 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – PERIOD 6, APRIL 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 2024**

#### **1. Purpose**

**The purpose of this report was to provide financial performance information at period 6 (April 2024 – September 2024) for the Chief Executive’s section.**

#### **2. Introduction/Background**

As agreed, quarterly budget reports would be presented to the relevant Committee or Working Group. All financial reports would be available to all Members.

### 3. Summary

As at period 6, the Chief Executive's budget had a £41k unfavourable variance. This was generally attributable to increased legal costs and additional staff costs.

Budget reports for Chief Executive's section for Quarter 2 April 2024 to September 2024 was circulated for Members' information.

The overall financial position of the Council would be presented to the Policy & Governance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

**RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 7.32 pm.

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**MAYOR**