



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN  
ANTRIM CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor - Councillor P Hamill (outgoing)  
The Mayor – Councillor P Michael (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, P Barr, T Campbell,  
M Cosgrove, W DeCourcy, M Girvan and J Smyth
- Councillors - D Arthurs, A Ball, J Bingham, J Blair, P Brett,  
L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, T Girvan, R Foster  
M Goodman, J Greer, T Hogg, D Hollis, N Kelly, A Logue,  
R Lynch, M Maguire, J Montgomery, S McCarthy,  
N McClelland, V McWilliam, M Rea, D Ritchie, S Ross, and  
W Webb
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon  
Director of Community Planning & Regeneration –  
Ms M McAlister  
Director of Operations - Ms G Girvan  
Director of Organisation Development - Mrs A McCooke  
Head of Communication & Customer Services - Mrs T White  
Head of Governance - Mrs L Johnston  
Borough Lawyer - Mr P Casey  
IT Officer – Mr J Higginson  
Media and Marketing Officer – Ms A Doherty  
Members Services Officer – Mrs D Hynes  
PA to Mayor and Deputy Mayor – Mrs K Hood  
Member Services Manager – Mrs V Lisk  
Governance Support Officer – Mrs D Conlan

All present stood to welcome the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive into the Chamber.

**1 BIBLE READING AND PRAYER**

The meeting opened with a bible reading and prayer by Rev Dr Ivan Neish.

Councillors Kelly, Logue, Goodman and Cushinan joined the meeting at this point.

## 2 APOLOGIES

Aldermen Burns and Swann  
Councillor Magill

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

## 4 MAYOR'S REMARKS

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

He thanked the Rev Dr Neish for his pastoral care and presented him with a gift to show his appreciation. The Rev Dr Neish thanked the Mayor for the privilege of being his Chaplain, and thanked Members for their courtesy.

The Mayor thanked his wife, Ruth, and his daughters, Grace and Sarah, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor McWilliam, the Chief Executive and Directors for all their help and support.

He stated that it had been a privilege and an honour to serve the people of Antrim and Newtownabbey as the Mayor and he thanked his party for selecting him.

The Mayor thanked his PA, the Member Services Assistant and the Member Services Team for their support throughout the year and wished the new Mayor a successful year.

Party Leaders paid tribute, on behalf of their parties, to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the work they had done on behalf of the Borough.

## 5 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

### 5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Alderman Cosgrove nominated Councillor Michael as Mayor.

**Councillor Michael was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2018/2019.**

### **THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR MICHAEL IN THE CHAIR)**

The Mayor presented Councillor Hamill with his past Mayor's medal and extended best wishes to him for the future. He thanked his wife and family, Party colleagues and friends. He also thanked the electorate and Members, and pledged to serve all residents of the Borough.

Party Leaders and Members wished the Mayor, and his family, well for his year in office and paid tribute to his leadership and work in the community over many years.

## **5.2 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Deputy Mayor expressed congratulations to Councillor Michael on being elected to the position of Mayor.

She reflected on her year as Deputy Mayor and expressed the enjoyment that the year in office had given her. She thanked Councillor Hamill, the outgoing Mayor, and his family for their hard work and friendship over the year.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Chief Executive, Directors and all the staff, especially the Mayor's PA and the Member Services Assistant for their support. She also thanked her husband and family, the members of her own party and Members.

Party Leaders thanked the Deputy Mayor, on behalf of their parties, for her excellent work during her year in office.

*Alderman Campbell and Councillors Hollis and Logue and left during the next item.*

## **5.3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Brett nominated Alderman Smyth as Deputy Mayor.

**Alderman Smyth was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2018/2019.**

Alderman Smyth congratulated the Mayor on his election and looked forward to working with him. He stated that it was a joy and privilege to serve his community

He thanked his wife, family and grandchildren for their love and support and his party colleagues for nominating him.

He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the inclusive role they had played across the Borough throughout the year.

Alderman Smyth dedicated his year to Members and the people of Antrim and Newtownabbey, and pledged to reconnect with vulnerable people within our communities.

Councillor Michael congratulated Alderman Smyth on his election to the post of Deputy Mayor and paid tribute to his hard work during his years as a Councillor. He stated that he was looking forward to working with him in the next year.

Party Leaders, on behalf of their parties, paid tribute to the incoming Deputy Mayor.

**5.4 MEMBERS WERE NOMINATED BY THEIR PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018/19 (Year 4)**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Chairperson	Councillor Ross
Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Vice Chairperson	Councillor Maguire
Operations Committee Chairperson	Councillor Ritchie
Operations Committee Vice Chairperson	Councillor Greer
Planning Committee Chairperson	Councillor Cushinan
Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	Alderman Agnew
Policy and Governance Committee Chairperson	Alderman Barr
Policy and Governance Committee Vice Chairperson	Councillor McClelland
Audit Committee Chairperson	Councillor McCarthy
Audit Committee Vice Chairperson	Councillor Rea
Northern Ireland Veterans' Advisory Committee	Councillor Michael
arc21	Councillor Blair Councillor Ross Councillor Magill
Partnership Panel	Alderman Cosgrove
Drainage Council	Councillor Webb
Housing Council	Councillor Brett

**6 NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES 2018/2019**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

**Total Membership – 15**

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Councillor Ross
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Councillor Maguire
3	Member	ALL	Councillor Blair
4	Member	DUP	Alderman Barr
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Clarke
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Brett
7	Member	DUP	Alderman Girvan
8	Member	SDLP	Alderman Burns
9	Member	SF	Councillor Logue
10	Member	UUP	Alderman Cosgrove
11	Member	UUP	Councillor McWilliam
12	Member	UUP	Councillor McCarthy
13	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch
14	Member	UUP	Councillor Montgomery
15	Member	DUP	Councillor Greer

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

### Total Membership - 15

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Councillor Ritchie
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Councillor Greer
3	Member	ALL	Councillor Blair
4	Member	DUP	Councillor Ball
5	Member	DUP	Alderman Ball
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Clarke
7	Member	DUP	Alderman Girvan
8	Member	SDLP	Alderman Burns
9	Member	SF	Councillor Logue
10	Member	UUP	Councillor Foster
11	Member	UUP	Councillor Montgomery
12	Member	UUP	Councillor Rea
13	Member	DUP	Alderman Smyth
14	Member	ALL	Councillor Kelly
15	Member	SDLP	Councillor McClelland

## POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### Total Membership - 15

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Alderman Barr
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>SDLP</b>	Councillor McClelland
3	Member	ALL	Councillor Webb
4	Member	DUP	Alderman DeCourcy
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Girvan
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Magill
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill
8	Member	SF	Councillor Goodman
9	Member	UUP	Alderman Agnew
10	Member	UUP	Councillor Bingham
11	Member	UUP	Councillor Maguire
12	Member	UUP	Councillor McWilliam
13	Member	TUV	Councillor Hollis
14	Member	DUP	Councillor Kells
15	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 12

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>SF</b>	Councillor Cushinan
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Alderman Agnew
3	Member	ALL	Councillor Webb
4	Member	DUP	Alderman Smyth
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Magill
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Brett
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Ross
8	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch
9	Member	UUP	Councillor Bingham
10	Member	UUP	Alderman Swann
11	Member	ALL	Alderman Campbell
12	Member	TUV	Councillor Hollis

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 6

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Councillor McCarthy
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Councillor Rea
3	Member	DUP	Councillor Girvan
4	Member	DUP	Alderman DeCourcy
5	Member	TUV	Councillor Hollis
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill



## 7 ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

BODY	NOMINATION (YEAR 4)
Belfast Hills Partnership	Cllr Bingham
Diversity Champions	Ald Girvan
	Cllr Goodman
	Cllr Blair
Knockagh Monument Joint Committee	Ald Ball
	Cllr Bingham
	Cllr Ross
Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues	Alderman DeCourcy
	Cllr Duffin
	Cllr Rea
Lough Neagh Partnership	Ald Swann
	Cllr Greer
	Cllr Cushinan
	Cllr Duffin
	Cllr Kelly
Mindwise Mental Health Champions	Cllr Arthurs
	Cllr McClelland
National Association of Councillors	Ald Smyth
	Cllr Arthurs
	Cllr Greer
	Cllr Duffin
	Cllr Goodman
	Cllr Maguire
	Cllr Ross

BODY	NOMINATION (YEAR 4)
	Cllr Webb
Northern Ireland Amenity Council	Cllr Rea
Reserve Forces and Cadets Associations	Ald Ball
	Cllr Michael
Sixmilewater Trust	Cllr Bingham
	Cllr Girvan
	Cllr Kelly
	Cllr Lynch
	Cllr Michael
Somme Association	Ald Agnew
	Cllr Clarke
Swift Champion	Cllr Kelly

Proposed by Councillor Brett  
 Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

**the annual appointments as detailed be approved.**

Officers to provide an update on funding for Lough Neagh Partnership.

ACTION BY: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

## 8 NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA - 8 MEMBERS

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>
UUP	Councillor Arthurs
DUP	Alderman DeCourcy
ALL	Councillor Webb
SDLP	Councillor Lynch
UUP	Councillor Bingham
DUP	Councillor Hamill
UUP	Alderman Swann
DUP	Alderman Smyth

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.41 pm.

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**MAYOR**

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