



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN
THE THEATRE AT THE MILL ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor – Councillor B Webb (outgoing)
The Mayor – Councillor S Ross (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke,
M Cosgrove, M Girvan, J McGrath, P Michael and J Smyth
- Councillors – Archibald-Brown, P Bradley, M Brady,
M Cooper, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, G Finlay, R Foster,
J Gilmour, M Goodman, N Kelly, R Kinnear, R Lynch, M Magill,
B Mallon, A McAuley, N McClelland, T McGrann,
V McWilliam, J Montgomery, N Ramsay, V Robinson, L Smyth,
M Stewart, R Swann and R Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth – M McAlister
Deputy Chief Executive of Operations - G Girvan
Director of Organisation Development – D Rogers
Director of Community Planning - U Fay
Deputy Director of Performance and Governance (Interim) –
L Johnston
Head of ICT – G Smyth
Systems Support Officer – C Bell
Member Services Officer – A Duffy
Mayor and Member Services Officer – S Fisher
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

Although COVID restrictions had been relaxed, to manage numbers and minimise risk, members of the public and press could continue to access those parts of the Council meetings which they are entitled to attend through the livestream on the Council's website.

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

1 BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

The meeting opened with a bible reading and prayer by Alderman Campbell

Councillors Cushinan, Finlay, Goodman, Kelly, Kinnear and McGrann joined the meeting at this point.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillors – Bennington and Flanagan

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor thanked his Party Group colleagues for giving him the opportunity to fulfil the role of Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey. He also thanked his wife Pat for supporting him throughout his Mayoral term and throughout his 25 years as a Councillor in the Macedon Electoral area and his Council colleagues. He paid tribute to the many individuals, organisations and charities providing support throughout the Borough and thanked the Parks Development Officer for organising the planting of 1200 trees.

He thanked all those who had contributed to his charities, Women's Aid and the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice, throughout the year and remembered those staff members and former and serving Councillors who had passed away during his Mayoral term.

He thanked the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, and congratulated the Deputy Mayoress on being appointed to the Council. He also thanked the Member Services Team.

Party Group Leaders paid tribute, on behalf of their Groups, to the Mayor, and Mayoress, on a successful year and the Mayor thanked them for their kind words.

Councillor McClelland thanked the Mayor on behalf of herself and the Mayor's Charities, and paid tribute to the selfless work of volunteers, particularly as it was Volunteer Week.

5 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Magill nominated Councillor Ross as Mayor.

Councillor Ross was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2022/2023.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR ROSS IN THE CHAIR)

The Mayor presented Councillor Webb with his past Mayor's medal and commended him on his term in office.

He thanked his Party colleagues for their support and friendship over his year as Deputy Mayor and for selecting him as Mayor. He thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress, Elected Members and the Member Services Team. He paid tribute and thanked his partner, sons and wider family circle for their continuing support.

Party Group Leaders and Members wished the Mayor well for his year in office and paid tribute to his year as Deputy Mayor.

5.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Alderman Cosgrove nominated Councillor Smyth as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Smyth was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2022/2023.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Smyth on being elected to the position of Deputy Mayor and looked forward to working with her.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Mayor and outgoing Mayor, and congratulated them on their terms in office. She also thanked her Party colleagues, former and present, her close friends and family, her partner and daughters, and Council staff.

The Mayor and Party Group Leaders, on behalf of their Groups, paid tribute to the incoming Deputy Mayor.

5.3 MEMBERS WERE NOMINATED BY THEIR PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022/23 (Year 4)

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY – YEAR 4

Community Planning Committee Chairperson	Alliance	Councillor J Gilmour
Community Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	Alliance	Alderman J McGrath
Operations Committee Chairperson	Alliance	Councillor N Kelly
Operations Committee Vice Chairperson	UUP	Councillor N Ramsay
Planning Committee Chairperson	UUP	Alderman F Agnew
Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	DUP	Councillor J Archibald-Brown
Policy and Governance Committee Chairperson	DUP	Councillor M Magill
Policy and Governance Committee Vice Chairperson	DUP	Alderman M Girvan
Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
Audit and Risk Committee Vice Chairperson	SDLP	Councillor R Wilson

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY (Term of Council) - noted

arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor R Kinnear
arc21	(Alliance declined to nominate) DUP	Councillor A Bennington
Partnership Panel	UUP	Alderman M Cosgrove
Housing Council	DUP	Councillor M Cooper
Northern Ireland Veteran's Advisory Committee	UUP	Alderman P Michael

6. NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES 2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

YEAR 4 - 2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	Alliance	Councillor J Gilmour
2	Vice Chairperson	Alliance	Alderman J McGrath
3	Member	DUP	Councillor M Brady
4	Member	DUP	Councillor M Cooper
5	Member	DUP	Councillor P Dunlop
6	Member	DUP	Councillor V Robinson
7	Member	DUP	Councillor P Bradley
8	Member	SDLP	Councillor R Lynch
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor T McGrann
10	Member	UUP	Alderman P Michael
11	Member	UUP	Councillor V McWilliam
12	Member	UUP	Councillor L Smyth
13	Member	Ind	Councillor M Stewart
14	Member	SDLP	Councillor McClelland
15	Member	Alliance	Councillor N Kelly

YEAR 4 - 2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Total Membership 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	Alliance	Councillor N Kelly
2	Vice Chairperson	UUP	Councillor N Ramsay
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor J Gilmour
4	Member	DUP	Alderman M Girvan
5	Member	DUP	Alderman L Clarke
6	Member	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
7	Member	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
8	Member	DUP	Councillor J Archibald-Brown
9	Member	SDLP	Alderman T Burns
10	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor A Logue
11	Member	UUP	Alderman F Agnew
12	Member	UUP	Councillor R Foster
13	Member	Alliance	Alderman J McGrath
14	Member	UUP	Councillor J Montgomery
15	Member	UUP	Councillor R Swann

YEAR 4 - 2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Councillor M Magill
2	Vice Chairperson	DUP	Alderman M Girvan
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor B Webb
4	Member	Alliance	Councillor A McAuley
5	Member	DUP	Councillor S Flanagan
6	Member	DUP	Councillor B Mallon
7	Member	DUP	Councillor V Robinson
8	Member	SDLP	Councillor R Wilson
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
10	Member	UUP	Alderman P Michael
11	Member	UUP	Councillor R Foster
12	Member	UUP	Councillor N Ramsay
13	Member	SDLP	Alderman T Burns
14	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor H Cushinan
15	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor T McGrann

YEAR 4 – 2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership

12

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	UUP	Alderman F Agnew
2	Vice Chairperson	DUP	Councillor J Archibald-Brown
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor B Webb
4	Member	Alliance	Alderman T Campbell
5	Member	DUP	Councillor S Flanagan
6	Member	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
7	Member	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
8	Member	SDLP	Councillor R Lynch
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor H Cushinan
10	Member	UUP	Councillor R Swann
11	Member	DUP	Councillor M Magill
12	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor R Kinnear

YEAR 4 – 2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Total Membership 6

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Councillor A Bennington
2	Vice Chairperson	SDLP	Councillor R Wilson
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor B Webb
4	Member	DUP	Councillor B Mallon
5	Member	UUP	Councillor J Montgomery
6	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman

7. APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBER TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were nominated to outside bodies for Year 4 as follows:

A. Belfast Hills Partnership

COUNCILLOR MCAULEY – 1 MEMBER

Councillor McAuley appointed to serve on the Belfast Hills Partnership for the year 2022/23.

B. Diversity Champions

ALDERMAN GIRVAN AND COUNCILLORS GOODMAN AND WEBB – 3 MEMBERS

Alderman Girvan and Councillors Goodman and Webb appointed to serve as the Diversity Champions for the year 2022/23.

C. Knockagh Monument Joint Committee

COUNCILLORS FOSTER AND ROSS – 2 MEMBERS

Councillors Foster and Ross appointed to serve on the Knockagh Monument Joint Committee for the year 2022/23.

D. Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues

ALDERMAN BURNS, COUNCILLORS MCAULEY AND MCGRANN – 3 MEMBERS

Alderman Burns, Councillors McAuley and McGrann appointed to serve on the Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues for the year 2022/23.

E. Lough Neagh Partnership

COUNCILLORS CUSHINAN, DUNLOP, MCAULEY, LYNCH AND MONTGOMERY – 5 MEMBERS

Councillors Cushinan, Dunlop, McAuley, Lynch and Montgomery appointed to serve on the Lough Neagh Partnership for the year 2022/23.

F. MindWise Mental Health Champions

ALDERMAN MCGRATH AND COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND - 2 MEMBERS

Alderman McGrath and Councillor McClelland appointed to serve as Mind Wise Mental Health Champions for the year 2022/23.

G. National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region)

ALDERMEN AGNEW AND SMYTH, COUNCILLORS BENNINGTON, GOODMAN, MCWILLIAM, MALLON, WEBB AND WILSON – 8 MEMBERS

Aldermen Agnew and Smyth, Councillors Bennington, Goodman, McWilliam, Mallon, Webb and Wilson appointed to serve on the National Association for Councillors for the year 2022/23.

H. Northern Ireland Amenity Council

COUNCILLOR FOSTER – 1 MEMBER

Councillor Foster appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Amenity Council for the year 2022/23.

I. Sixmilewater Trust

COUNCILLORS ARCHIBALD-BROWN, GOODMAN, KELLY, LYNCH, RAMSAY AND STEWART – 6 MEMBERS (1 FROM EACH PARTY)

Councillors Archibald-Brown, Goodman, Kelly, Lynch, Ramsay and Stewart appointed to serve on Sixmilewater Trust for the year 2022/23.

J. Somme Association

ALDERMEN AGNEW AND CLARKE – 2 MEMBERS

Aldermen Agnew and Clarke appointed to serve on the Somme Association for the year 2022/23.

K. Swift Champion

COUNCILLOR KELLY – 1 MEMBER

Councillor Kelly appointed to serve as the Swift Champion for the year 2022/23.

L. All Party Group on Climate Action

COUNCILLORS LYNCH AND WEBB – 2 MEMBERS

Councillors Lynch and Webb appointed to serve on the All Party Group on Climate Action for the year 2022/23.

M. Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP) Sustainable Communities Working Group

COUNCILLOR GOODMAN – 1 MEMBER

Councillor Goodman appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership Sustainable Communities Working Group for the year 2022/23.

N. THRiVE (Macedon)

COUNCILLOR BRADY – 1 MEMBER

Councillor Brady appointed to serve on THRiVE (Macedon) for the year 2022/23.

O. THRiVE (Threemilewater)

COUNCILLOR GILMOUR – 1 MEMBER

Councillor Gilmour appointed to serve on THRiVE (Threemilewater) for the year 2022/23.

P. Northern Ireland Universal Basic Income (UBI) Trials Steering Group

ALDERMAN SMYTH AND COUNCILLOR MCAULEY – 2 MEMBERS

Alderman Smyth and Councillor McAuley appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Universal Basic Income (UBI) Trials Steering Group for the year 2022/23.

8. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA

Nomination of Members to NILGA – 8 Members

Members were nominated to NILGA for Year 4 as follows:

PARTY	NOMINATION
Alliance	Councillor B Webb
DUP	Councillor A Bennington
SDLP	Councillor N McClelland
UUP	Alderman F Agnew
DUP	Councillor M Cooper
Sinn Féin	Councillor M Goodman
DUP	Councillor V Robinson
Alliance	Councillor J Gilmour

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

MAYOR