

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE ROUND TOWER  
CHAMBER, ANTRIM CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor - Councillor T Hogg (outgoing)  
The Mayor - Councillor J Scott (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, P Barr, T Burns, T Campbell,  
M Cosgrove, W DeCourcy, M Girvan, J Smyth and R Swann
- Councillors - D Arthurs, A Ball, T Beatty, J Bingham, J Blair,  
P Brett, L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, T Girvan,  
M Goodman, P Hamill, D Hollis, N Kells, N Kelly, B Kelso,  
A M Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, M Maguire, J Montgomery,  
N McClelland, V McWilliam, P Michael, M Rea, S Ross,  
and W Webb
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon  
Director of Finance & Governance - Mrs C McFarland  
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  
Legal Advisor - Mr P Casey  
IT Officer - Mr Colin Bell  
Media & Marketing Officer - Mrs J Heasley  
Senior Administrative Officer - Mrs S McAree  
Senior Mayor and Member Services Officer - Mrs K Smyth  
Member Services Officer - Mrs D Hynes

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

Councillor Kelly withdrew from the Chamber.

**1 BIBLE READING AND PRAYER**

The meeting opened with a bible reading and prayer by Rev Campbell Dixon MBE. The Mayor thanked Rev Dixon for serving as his chaplain during the past year and presented him with a gift as a token of appreciation.

Councillor Kelly returned to the Chamber.

The Mayor offered condolences to Councillor Hollis for the recent loss of his sister-in-law.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Councillor D Ritchie.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **4 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor reflected on his year in office and expressed thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Blair, his Personal Assistant, Karen Hood, the Member Services Team, his driver Christopher Doyle, the Chief Executive and Directors.

He stated that it had been a privilege and an honour to serve the people of Antrim and Newtownabbey as the first Mayor of the new Council and he thanked his party for selecting him and said that he was proud to be in a party that promoted young people. He thanked the party leader, Councillor Philip Brett, for his encouragement and support.

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

Councillor T Girvan arrived at this point in the meeting.

## **5 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

### **5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Alderman Cosgrove nominated Councillor Scott as Mayor.

**Councillor Scott was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2016/2017.**

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

Councillor Scott presented Councillor Hogg with his past Mayor's medal and extended best wishes to him for the future. He thanked the outgoing Mayor for his work throughout the whole Borough and pledged to carry on the excellent work of the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

He dedicated his year in office to his family and friends and all the people in the Borough who had lost a loved one through suicide.

Several Members, on behalf of their parties, wished the Mayor well for his year in office and paid tribute to his work in the community over many years.

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

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

He reflected on his year as Deputy Mayor and expressed the enjoyment the year in office had given him. He thanked his work colleagues, family and friends for their support throughout the year and also thanked the other members from all of the parties for their support.

He thanked all of the staff especially the Mayor's Personal Assistant, Karen Hood, the drivers Abe McCrea and Chris Doyle and Senior Mayor and Members Services Officer, Kim Smyth.

He expressed thanks to the outgoing Mayor and stated that it was a pleasure and a privilege to work with him and offered best wishes to the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Several Members, on behalf of their parties thanked the Deputy Mayor for his excellent work during his year in office.

Councillor Kelso left the meeting at this point.

## **5.3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Lynch nominated Councillor McClelland as Deputy Mayor.

**Councillor McClelland was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2016/2017.**

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

Several Members, on behalf of their parties paid tribute to the incoming Deputy Mayor.

Councillor McClelland stated that she was very humbled and honoured to be the Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey and thanked her family, the voters, the Chief Executive and all the staff for their support.

She paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their energy, enthusiasm and youthful outlook.

Alderman Burns left the meeting at this point.

**5.4 Members were nominated by their parties for the following positions for the year 2016/17. (Year 2)**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Chairman	Councillor Brett
Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Vice Chairman	Councillor Logue
Operations Committee Chairman	Councillor Montgomery
Operations Committee Vice Chairman	Councillor Magill
Planning Committee Chairman	Alderman Agnew
Planning Committee Vice Chairman	Councillor Webb
Policy and Governance Committee Chairman	Councillor Duffin
Policy and Governance Committee Vice Chairman	Alderman DeCourcy
Audit Committee Chairman	Councillor Rea
Audit Committee Vice Chairman	Councillor T Girvan
Partnership Panel	Alderman Cosgrove appointed for years 1,2,3 and 4
Northern Ireland Veterans' Advisory Committee	Alderman W Ball
Drainage Council	Councillor Webb appointed for years 1,2,3 and 4
Arc 21	Councillors Logue, Goodman and Rea

**6 NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES 2016/2017**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

**Total Membership - 15**

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Councillor Brett
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>SF</b>	Councillor Logue
3	Member	DUP	Councillor A Ball
4	Member	DUP	Alderman W Ball

5	Member	DUP	Councillor Kells
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Clarke
7	Member	UUP	Alderman Cosgrove
8	Member	UUP	Councillor Montgomery
9	Member	UUP	Councillor Michael
10	Member	UUP	Councillor Scott
11	Member	Alliance	Councillor Blair
12	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch
13	Member	UUP	Councillor McWilliam
14	Member	DUP	Councillor T Girvan
15	Member	Alliance	Councillor Kelly

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Total Membership - 15**

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Councillor Montgomery
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Councillor Magill
3	Member	DUP	Alderman Smyth
4	Member	DUP	Councillor Hogg
5	Member	DUP	Alderman M Girvan
6	Member	DUP	Alderman Barr
7	Member	UUP	Councillor McWilliam
8	Member	UUP	Councillor Rea
9	Member	UUP	Councillor Ritchie
10	Member	Alliance	Councillor Kelly
11	Member	SDLP	Alderman Burns
12	Member	Sinn Fein	Councillor Goodman
13	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch

14	Member	UUP	Alderman Cosgrove
15	Member	TUV	Councillor Hollis

## POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	<b>SDLP</b>	Councillor Duffin
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Alderman DeCourcy
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor Webb
4	Member	DUP	Alderman Barr
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Kells
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Brett
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill
8	Member	UUP	Councillor Michael
9	Member	UUP	Alderman Agnew
10	Member	Sinn Fein	Councillor Logue
11	Member	UUP	Councillor Bingham
12	Member	UUP	Councillor Maguire
13	Member	SDLP	Councillor McClelland
14	Member	Sinn Fein	Councillor Goodman
15	Member	TUV	Councillor Hollis

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 12

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Alderman Agnew
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>Alliance</b>	Councillor Webb
3	Member	DUP	Alderman Smyth

4	Member	DUP	Councillor Beatty
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Ross
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Hogg
7	Member	UUP	Alderman Swann
8	Member	UUP	Councillor Bingham
9	Member	SDLP	Councillor Duffin
10	Member	TUV	Councillor Hollis
11	Member	Alliance	Alderman Campbell
12	Member	Sinn Fein	Councillor Cushinan

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Total Membership - 6**

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

## **7 ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES**

### **7.1 BELFAST HILLS - 1 MEMBER**

#### **COUNCILLOR HOGG**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
 Seconded by Councillor Webb and agreed that

**Councillor Hogg be appointed to serve on the Belfast Hills Partnership Panel for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.2 GRANGE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP  
(BALLYCLARE DEA)**

The Mayor confirmed that the Members of Ballyclare District Electoral Area serve on this partnership for the year 2016/2017. (Alderman M Girvan and Councillors Arthurs, Bingham, T Girvan, and V McWilliam).

**7.3 KNOCKAGH MONUMENT JOINT COMMITTEE - 3 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN W BALL AND COUNCILLORS BINGHAM AND HOLLIS**

Proposed by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

**Alderman W Ball and Councillors Bingham and Hollis be appointed to serve on the Knockagh Monument Joint committee for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ON TRAVELLER ISSUES - 3 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN DECOURCY AND COUNCILLORS DUFFIN AND REA**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

**Alderman DeCourcy and Councillors Duffin and Rea be appointed to serve on the Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.5 LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP - 5 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN SWANN AND COUNCILLORS BEATTY, CUSHINAN, DUFFIN AND HOLLIS**

Proposed by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and agreed that

**Alderman Swann and Councillors Beatty, Cushinan, Duffin and Hollis be appointed to serve on the Lough Neagh Partnership for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.6 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - 8 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN SMYTH AND COUNCILLORS BEATTY, DUFFIN, GOODMAN, MAGUIRE,  
MCWILLIAM, ROSS AND WEBB**

Proposed by Councillor Lynch  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**Alderman Smyth and Councillors Beatty, Duffin, Goodman, Maguire, McWilliam, Ross and Webb be appointed to serve on the National Association of Councillors for the year 2016/2017.**



**7.7 NORTH EAST PARTNERSHIP JCC (INTERIM) - 3 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN AGNEW AND COUNCILLORS BINGHAM AND SCOTT**

Proposed by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

**Alderman Agnew and Councillors Bingham and Scott be appointed to serve on the North East Partnership for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.8 NORTHERN IRELAND AMENITY COUNCIL - 1 MEMBER**

**COUNCILLOR REA**

Proposed by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**Councillor Rea be appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Amenity Council for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.9 RATHCOOLE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP  
(MACEDON DEA)**

**The Mayor confirmed that the Members of Macedon District Electoral Area serve on this partnership for the year 2016/17. (Alderman DeCourcy and Councillors Hamill, Hogg, Hollis, Scott and Webb).**

**7.10 RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION - 2 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN W BALL AND COUNCILLOR MICHAEL**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Alderman Barr and agreed that

**Alderman W Ball and Councillor Michael be appointed to serve on the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.11 SIXMILEWATER TRUST - 5 MEMBERS**

**COUNCILLORS BINGHAM, T GIRVAN, KELLY, LYNCH AND MICHAEL**

Proposed by Councillor Lynch  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and agreed that

**Councillors Bingham, T Girvan, Kelly, Lynch and Michael be appointed to serve on the Sixmilewater Trust for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.12 SOMME ASSOCIATION - 2 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN AGNEW AND COUCNILLOR CLARKE**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and agreed that

**Alderman Agnew and Councillor Clarke be appointed to serve on the Somme Association for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.13 MINDWISE MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS - 2 MEMBERS**

**COUNCILLORS ARTHURS AND MCCLELLAND**

Proposed by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and agreed that

**Councillors Arthurs and McClelland be appointed to serve as Mindwise Mental Health Champions for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.14 DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS - 3 MEMBERS**

**ALDERMAN M GIRVAN AND COUNCILLORS BLAIR AND GOODMAN**

Proposed by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed that

**Alderman M Girvan and Councillors Blair and Goodman be appointed to serve as Diversity Champions for the year 2016/2017.**

**7.15 SWIFT CHAMPION - 1 MEMBER**

**COUNCILLOR KELLY**

Proposed by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

**Councillor Kelly be appointed to serve as Swift Champion for the year 2016/2017.**

**8 NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA - 8 MEMBERS**

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>
DUP	Alderman DeCourcy
DUP	Councillor Beatty

DUP	Councillor Clarke
DUP	Councillor Brett
UUP	Alderman Swann
UUP	Councillor Bingham
SF	Councillor Goodman
ALLIANCE	Councillor Webb

The Mayor and several Members extended best wishes to the Director of Finance and Governance on her future career. Members thanked her for all of the excellent work she had produced during her time with Antrim Borough Council and more recently with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

The Mayor paid tribute to his wife Audrey for her support over the years.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

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MAYOR

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