



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE THEATRE AT THE MILL ON TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor – Councillor J Montgomery (outgoing)  
The Mayor – Councillor B Webb (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, P Brett, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke,  
M Cosgrove, M Girvan, J McGrath, P Michael and J Smyth
- Councillors – A Bennington, M Cooper, H Cushinan, P Dunlop,  
G Finlay, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, M Goodman,  
P Hamill, L Irwin, N Kelly, A Logue, R Lynch, M Magill,  
A McAuley, N McClelland, T McGrann, V McWilliam,  
N Ramsay, V Robinson, S Ross, L Smyth, M Stewart and  
R Swann
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon  
Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth – M McAlister  
Deputy Chief Executive of Operations - G Girvan  
Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance – S Cole  
Director of Communications and Customers (Interim) – S Hope  
Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim) - U Fay  
Head of Corporate Recovery – L Johnston  
Head of ICT – G Smyth  
Legal Services Officer (Solicitor) – E Keenan  
Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
IT Change Officer – A Cole  
Member Services Officer – S Boyd  
Mayor and Member Services Officer – S Fisher  
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

In order to protect public health during the current COVID-19 emergency it was not possible to allow the public or the press to attend the Annual meeting. The Annual meeting minutes and audio recording would be published 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 the Venerable Dr Stephen McBride.

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

The Mayor thanked the Venerable Dr McBride for his guidance throughout the year and presented him with a gift.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Councillor - Archibald-Brown, Kinnear and Wilson

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **4 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor stated that it had been a privilege to serve as Mayor during the year of the Centenary of Northern Ireland and presented a Certificate of Recognition of 40 years' service to Alderman Dr Fraser Agnew MBE.

He thanked his Party Group colleagues, the Deputy Mayor, Members, the Chief Executive and Officers for the support he had received. He also thanked the Member Services Team, the Media Team, his family, friends and those who had contributed to his charities.

Party Group Leaders paid tribute, on behalf of their Groups, to the Mayor on a successful year in challenging circumstances.

Alderman Agnew expressed his gratitude to the Mayor for the Certificate of Recognition, the Memorial Bench and for his encouragement with his book.

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

### **5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councillor Kelly nominated Councillor Webb as Mayor.

**Councillor Webb was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2021/2022.**

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

The Mayor presented Councillor Montgomery with his past Mayor's medal and commended him on his term in office. He also commended Councillor McClelland on her term as Deputy Mayor.

He thanked his Party colleagues and his wife Pat for supporting him, particularly in his 24 years as a Councillor. He welcomed family and friends, watching the meeting livestream across the world, particularly in our Sister City of Gilbert, and announced that his charities for the Mayoral Year were the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and Women's Aid ABCLN.

Party Group Leaders and Members wished the Mayor well for his year in office and paid tribute to his leadership and public service over many years.

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

The Deputy Mayor congratulated Councillor Webb on being elected to the position of Mayor, thanked him for choosing Women's Aid ABCLN as one of his charities and wished him, and the incoming Deputy Mayor, every success.

She reflected on her year as Deputy Mayor and expressed the enjoyment that the year in office had given her. She thanked Councillor Montgomery for the wonderful work and the amount raised for his charities.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Chief Executive, Directors, Officers, her Party colleagues and Members for their continued support, thanked all the volunteers across the Borough for their continued selfless work and paid tribute to the NHS.

Party Group Leaders thanked the Deputy Mayor, on behalf of their Party Groups, for her excellent work and service during her term in office.

## **5.3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Alderman Brett nominated Councillor Ross as Deputy Mayor.

**Councillor Ross was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2021/2022.**

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

Councillor Ross thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, the incoming Mayor and his family and friends, particularly his sons. Councillor Ross also thanked his Party colleagues for their support and for nominating him. He expressed his pride in representing the Council as Deputy Mayor in the second half of the Northern Ireland Centenary year.

Party Group 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 2021/22 (Year 3)**

**POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY – YEAR 3**

Community Planning Committee Chairperson	SDLP	Councillor Lynch
Community Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	Ind	Councillor Stewart
Operations Committee Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Councillor Logue
Operations Committee Vice Chairperson	DUP	Alderman Girvan
Planning Committee Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Flanagan
Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	UUP	Alderman Agnew
Policy and Governance Committee Chairperson	UUP	Alderman Michael
Policy and Governance Committee Vice Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Councillor McGrann
Audit Committee Chairperson	Alliance	Councillor McAuley
Audit Committee Vice Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Bennington

**POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY (Term of Council)**

arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor Kinnear
arc21	DUP	Councillor Bennington
Partnership Panel	UUP	Alderman Cosgrove
Housing Council	DUP	Councillor Cooper
Northern Ireland Veteran's Advisory Committee	UUP	Alderman Michael

## 6. NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES 2021/22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

### YEAR 3 - 2021/22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Total Membership** 15

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>SDLP</b>	<b>Councillor Lynch</b>
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Councillor Stewart</b>
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor Gilmour
4	Member	Alliance	Alderman McGrath
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Robinson
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Ross
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Cooper
8	Member	DUP	Councillor Dunlop
9	Member	DUP	Councillor Archibald-Brown
10	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
11	Member	UUP	Alderman Michael
12	Member	UUP	Councillor McWilliam
13	Member	UUP	Councillor L Smyth
14	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Kinnear
15	Member	SDLP	Councillor McClelland

### YEAR 3 - 2021/22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

#### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	<b>Sinn Féin</b>	<b>Councillor Logue</b>
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	<b>Alderman Girvan</b>
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor Gilmour
4	Member	Alliance	Alderman McGrath
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Irwin
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Bennington
7	Member	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
8	Member	DUP	Alderman Clarke
9	Member	SDLP	Alderman Burns
10	Member	UUP	Alderman Agnew
11	Member	UUP	Councillor Foster
12	Member	UUP	Councillor Montgomery
13	Member	UUP	Councillor Swann
14	Member	Alliance	Councillor Kelly
15	Member	SDLP	Councillor Wilson

### YEAR 3 - 2021/22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	<b>Alderman Michael</b>
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>Sinn Féin</b>	<b>Councillor McGrann</b>
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor McAuley
4	Member	Alliance	Councillor Finlay
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Magill
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Flanagan
8	Member	DUP	Councillor Cooper
9	Member	DUP	Councillor Robinson
10	Member	SDLP	Councillor Wilson
11	Member	UUP	Councillor Foster
12	Member	UUP	Councillor Ramsay
13	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Cushinan
14	Member	Ind	Councillor Stewart
15	Member	Alliance	Councillor Kelly

### YEAR 3 – 2021/22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership

12

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Flanagan
2	Vice Chairperson	UUP	Alderman Agnew
3	Member	Alliance	Alderman Campbell
4	Member	Alliance	Councillor Webb
5	Member	DUP	Alderman Brett
6	Member	DUP	Alderman J Smyth
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Magill
8	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Cushinan
10	Member	UUP	Councillor Swann
11	Member	DUP	Councillor Archibald-Brown
12	Member	UUP	Councillor Ramsay



## YEAR 3 – 2021/22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Total Membership 6

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	<b>Alliance</b>	<b>Councillor McAuley</b>
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	<b>Councillor Bennington</b>
3	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill
4	Member	UUP	Councillor Montgomery
5	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
6	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Kinnear

### 7. APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBER TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were nominated to outside bodies for Year 3 as follows:

#### A. Belfast Hills Partnership

##### COUNCILLOR MCAULEY – 1 MEMBER

Councillor McAuley appointed to serve on the Belfast Hills Partnership for the year 2021/22.

#### B. Diversity Champions

##### ALDERMAN GIRVAN AND COUNCILLORS FINLAY AND MCGRANN – 3 MEMBERS

Alderman Girvan and Councillors Finlay and McGrann appointed to serve as the Diversity Champions for the year 2021/22.

#### 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 2021/22.

**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 2021/22.**

**E. Lough Neagh Partnership**

**COUNCILLORS CUSHINAN, DUNLOP, FINLAY, MONTGOMERY AND LYNCH – 5 MEMBERS**

**Councillors Cushinan, Dunlop, Finlay, Montgomery and Lynch appointed to serve on the Lough Neagh Partnership for the year 2021/22.**

**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 2021/22.**

**G. National Association of Councillors (Northern Ireland Region)**

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

**Aldermen Agnew and Smyth, Councillors Bennington, Goodman, Hamill, McWilliam, Webb and Wilson appointed to serve on the National Association for Councillors for the year 2021/22.**

**H. Northern Ireland Amenity Council**

**COUNCILLOR FOSTER – 1 MEMBER**

**Councillor Foster appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Amenity Council for the year 2021/22.**

**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 2021/22.**

**J. Somme Association**

**ALDERMEN AGNEW AND CLARKE – 2 MEMBERS**

**Aldermen Agnew and Clarke appointed to serve on the Somme Association for the year 2021/22.**

**K. Swift Champion**

**COUNCILLOR KELLY – 1 MEMBER**

**Councillor Kelly appointed to serve as the Swift Champion for the year 2021/22.**

**L. All Party Group on Climate Change**

**COUNCILLORS LYNCH AND WEBB – 2 MEMBERS**

**Councillors Lynch and Webb appointed to serve on the All Party Group on Climate Change for the year 2021/22.**

**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 2021/22.**

**N. THRiVE (Macedon)**

**COUNCILLOR IRWIN – 1 MEMBER**

**Councillor Irwin appointed to serve on THRiVE (Macedon) for the year 2021/22.**

**O. THRiVE (Threemilewater)**

**COUNCILLOR GILMOUR – 1 MEMBER**

**Councillor Gilmour appointed to serve on THRiVE (Threemilewater) for the year 2021/22.**

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

**ALDERMAN J SMYTH AND COUNCILLOR FINLAY – 2 MEMBERS**

**Alderman J Smyth and Councillor Finlay appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Universal Basic Income (UBI) Trials Steering Group for the year 2021/22.**

**8. ALLOCATION AND NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA**

**Nomination of Members to NILGA – 8 Members**

Members were nominated to NILGA for Year 3 as follows:

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>
DUP	Councillor Bennington
SDLP	Councillor McClelland
UUP	Councillor Swann
Alliance	Councillor Webb
DUP	Councillor Cooper
Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
DUP	Councillor Hamill
UUP	Alderman Agnew

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.

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**MAYOR**