



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MOSSLEY MILL ON WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Councillor P Michael)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – A Ball, P Barr, T Campbell, W DeCourcy, M Girvan and J Smyth
- Councillors – D Arthurs, J Bingham, P Brett, L Clarke, H Cushinan, S Flanagan, R Foster, T Girvan, M Goodman, J Greer, P Hamill, T Hogg, D Hollis, N Kelly, S McCarthy, N McClelland, J McGrath, V McWilliam, M Magill, M Maguire, J Montgomery, M Rea, D Ritchie, S Ross, B Webb
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon  
Director of Organisation Development – A McCooke  
Borough Lawyer – P Casey  
Media and Marketing Manager – N McCullough  
ICT Officer – C Bell  
Member Services Officer – D Hynes  
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Special Council Meeting and reminded all present of the audio-recording protocol.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, expressed his sympathies to the families of those involved in the serious accident that took place on the Belfast Road, Muckamore and wished them a speedy recovery.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Magill on being called to the Bar and Councillor Magill responded by thanking Members, the Chief Executive and the Directors for their support.

## 1 APOLOGIES

Aldermen – Agnew, Burns, Cosgrove and Swann.  
Councillors – Kells, Logue and Lynch.

## 2 MOTION

The Mayor informed Members that following legal advice they were being provided with information obtained by Officers regarding the alleged breach of confidential information in relation to item 6.56 at the Council meeting on Tuesday, 28 August 2018.

This information was sensitive and had been redacted and should be treated as such.

The information would be collected from Members after the item was dealt with and was before Members in order for them to consider the matter.

The Mayor also advised that as the meeting was not in committee, Members must not mention any matter which directly or indirectly related to the ongoing Judicial Review case regarding the Council's Policy on Street Signs in English Only or anything which could prejudice any further investigation related to the current motion before Members and that there may be questions that Members had that we won't be in a position to answer this evening.

If Members did not abide by this then he would move that this item be dealt with in committee.

*"Council notes with grave concern the breach of confidentiality relating to item 6.56 at the August meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and refers any breach of confidentiality found by the Council's investigation to the Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards as a complaint."*

An update on the Council's investigation was tabled.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Campbell and

on the Motion being put to the meeting, and a recorded vote having been requested by Councillor Brett, Members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Motion</b> <b>30 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Motion</b> <b>2 Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions</b> <b>0 members viz</b>
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<p>Aldermen – Ball, Barr, Campbell, DeCourcy, Girvan and Smyth</p> <p>Councillors – Arthurs, Bingham, Brett, Clarke, Flanagan, Foster, Girvan, Greer, Hamill, Hogg, Hollis, Kelly, McCarthy, McClelland, McGrath, McWilliam, Magill, Maguire, Michael, Montgomery, Rea, Ritchie, Ross and Webb</p>	<p>Councillors Cushinan and Goodman</p>	

The proposal was accordingly declared carried and it was

**RESOLVED – that the breach of confidentiality be referred to the Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards as a complaint.**

*ACTION BY:* Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

There being no further business on the agenda the meeting concluded at 7.11pm.

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**MAYOR**