



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN  
THEATRE AT THE MILL ON MONDAY 27 JULY 2020 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor - Alderman J Smyth (outgoing)  
The Mayor – Councillor J Montgomery (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, P Brett, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke,  
M Cosgrove, D Kinahan and J McGrath
- Councillors – J Archibald, A Bennington, M Cooper,  
H Cushinan, P Dunlop, G Finlay, S Flanagan, R Foster,  
J Gilmour, M Goodman, P Hamill, L Irwin, N Kelly, R Kinnear,  
A M Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, P Michael, V McAuley,  
N McClelland, V McWilliam, V Robinson, S Ross, L Smyth,  
M Stewart, R Swann, B Webb and R Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon  
Deputy Chief Executive – M McAlister  
Director of Operations - G Girvan  
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole  
Director of Community Planning – N Harkness  
Head of ICT – G Smyth  
Head of Legal Services and Borough Lawyer - P Casey  
Head of Communications – J Hart  
Head of Finance - J Balmer  
Head of Waste Management - M Lavery  
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 outgoing 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 Reverend Michael Gregory and a minute's silence was held for the victims of COVID-19.

The Mayor thanked the Reverend Gregory for his guidance throughout the year and presented him with a gift.

Councillors Cushinan, Finlay, Kinnear, Logue and McAuley joined the meeting at this point.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Alderman Girvan and Councillor McGrann

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **4 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The outgoing Mayor, Alderman Smyth, thanked his Party colleagues, the Deputy Mayor, Members, the Chief Executive, Directors and Officers for the support he had received and stated that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as Mayor of the Borough. He thanked the Member Services Team and the Chief Executive's administrative support team.

He thanked his family and the Mayoress, and advised Members that he would be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at the weekend.

Party Leaders paid tribute, on behalf of their parties, to the Mayor and Mayoress for the work they had carried out on behalf of the Borough and congratulated them on their upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

### **5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Alderman Cosgrove nominated Councillor Montgomery as Mayor.

**Councillor Montgomery was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2020/2021.**

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

The Mayor presented Alderman Smyth with his past Mayor's medal, commended the Mayor and Mayoress on their term in office and congratulated them on their upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. He also commended Councillor Logue on her term as Deputy Mayor.

He thanked his family, Party colleagues and friends and dedicated his term in office to his parents.

Party 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 Montgomery on being elected to the position of Mayor, wished him every success and thanked him for his support.

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

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Chief Executive, Directors, Officers, the Mayor and Member Services Officer and the Member Services Team for their support. She also thanked her Party colleagues and Members.

She thanked frontline workers especially the NHS for their commitment and hard work during the recent pandemic.

Party Leaders thanked the Deputy Mayor, on behalf of their parties, for her excellent work during her year in office and expressed their thanks for the role she had played as a frontline NHS worker during the recent pandemic.

## **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 2020/2021.**

Councillor McClelland thanked her Party colleagues for nominating her and thanked her family. She congratulated the Mayor on his election and looked forward to working with him.

She paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the duties they had performed across the Borough throughout the year, and commended the Chief Executive, Officers and community volunteers on their work in these difficult times.

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 2020/21 (Year 2)**

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

arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
arc21	Alliance	Councillor Kelly
arc21	Sinn Féin	Councillor McGrann
Partnership Panel	UUP	Alderman Cosgrove
Housing Council	DUP	Councillor Cooper
Northern Ireland Veteran's Advisory Committee	UUP	Alderman Kinahan

**POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY – YEAR 2**

Community Planning Committee Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Cooper
Community Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
Operations Committee Chairperson	UUP	Councillor Foster
Operations Committee Vice Chairperson	SDLP	Alderman Burns
Planning Committee Chairperson	Alliance	Alderman Campbell
Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Flanagan
Policy and Governance Committee Chairperson	DUP	Alderman Brett
Policy and Governance Committee Vice Chairperson	Alliance	Councillor Kelly
Audit Committee Chairperson	UUP	Councillor McWilliam

Audit Committee Vice Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Bennington
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**6. NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES 2020/21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**YEAR 2 - 2020/21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Total Membership**

**15**

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



## YEAR 2 - 2020/21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

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

## YEAR 2 - 2020/21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership

15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Alderman Brett
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>Alliance</b>	Councillor Kelly
3	Member	Alliance	Councillor McAuley
4	Member	DUP	Councillor Ross
5	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill
6	Member	DUP	Councillor Irwin
7	Member	DUP	Councillor Flanagan
8	Member	SDLP	Councillor Wilson
9	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Cushinan
10	Member	UUP	Alderman Agnew
11	Member	UUP	Alderman Kinahan
12	Member	UUP	Councillor Michael
13	Member	UUP	Councillor Foster
14	Member	UUP	Alderman Cosgrove
15	Member	Ind	Councillor Stewart



## YEAR 2 – 2020/21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership

12

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

**YEAR 2 – 2020/21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Total Membership**

**6**

	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
1	Chairperson	<b>UUP</b>	Councillor McWilliam
2	Vice Chairperson	<b>DUP</b>	Councillor Bennington
3	Member	DUP	Councillor Hamill
4	Member	Alliance	Councillor Webb
5	Member	SDLP	Councillor Lynch
6	Member	Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman

## **7. APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBER TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members were requested to nominate for Year 2.

### **A. Belfast Hills Partnership**

#### **COUNCILLOR MCAULEY – 1 MEMBER**

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

**Councillor McAuley be appointed to serve on the Belfast Hills Partnership for the year 2020/21.**

### **B. Diversity Champions**

#### **ALDERMEN GIRVAN AND MCGRATH AND COUNCILLOR MCGRANN – 3 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Councillor Goodman

Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

**Aldermen Girvan, McGrath and Councillor McGrann be appointed to serve as the Diversity Champions for the year 2020/21.**

### **C. Knockagh Monument Joint Committee**

#### **COUNCILLORS FOSTER AND ROSS – 2 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove

Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

**Councillors Foster and Ross be appointed to serve on the Knockagh Monument Joint Committee for the year 2020/21.**

### **D. Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues**

#### **ALDERMAN BURNS, COUNCILLORS MCAULEY AND MCGRANN – 3 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Councillor Goodman

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

**Alderman Burns, Councillors McAuley and McGrann be appointed to serve on the Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues for the year 2020/21.**

**E. Lough Neagh Partnership**

**COUNCILLORS CUSHINAN, DUNLOP, FINLAY, SWANN AND WILSON – 5 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Alderman Brett  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

**Councillors Cushinan, Dunlop, Finlay, Swann and Wilson be appointed to serve on the Lough Neagh Partnership for the year 2020/21.**

**F. MindWise Mental Health Champions**

**ALDERMAN MCGRATH AND COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND - 2 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Councillor Lynch  
Seconded by Councillor Logue and agreed that

**Alderman McGrath and Councillor McClelland be appointed to serve as Mind Wise Mental Health Champions for the year 2020/21.**

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

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

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

**Aldermen Agnew and Smyth, Councillors Bennington, Hamill, McGrann, McWilliam, Webb and Wilson be appointed to serve on the National Association for Councillors for the year 2020/21.**

**H. Northern Ireland Amenity Council**

**COUNCILLOR FOSTER – 1 MEMBER**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

**Councillor Foster be appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Amenity Council for the year 2020/21.**

**I. Sixmilewater Trust**

**ALDERMAN KINAHAN, COUNCILLORS ARCHIBALD, GOODMAN, KELLY, LYNCH AND STEWART – 6 MEMBERS (1 FROM EACH PARTY)**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

**Alderman Kinahan, Councillors Archibald, Goodman, Kelly, Lynch and Stewart be appointed to serve on Sixmilewater Trust for the year 2020/21.**

**J. Somme Association**

**ALDERMEN AGNEW AND CLARKE – 2 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Alderman Brett and agreed that

**Aldermen Agnew and Clarke be appointed to serve on the Somme Association for the year 2020/21.**

**K. Swift Champion**

**COUNCILLOR KELLY – 1 MEMBER**

Proposed by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and agreed that

**Councillor Kelly be appointed to serve as the Swift Champion for the year 2020/21.**

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

**COUNCILLORS LYNCH AND WEBB – 2 MEMBERS**

Proposed by Councillor McClelland  
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**Councillors Lynch and Webb be appointed to serve on the All Party Group on Climate Change for the year 2020/21.**

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

**COUNCILLOR GOODMAN – 1 MEMBER**

Proposed by Alderman Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

**Councillor Goodman be appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership Sustainable Communities Working Group for the year 2020/21.**

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

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

Members were nominated to NILGA for Year 2 as follows:

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>
Alliance	Councillor Gilmour
DUP	Alderman Smyth
UUP	Alderman Agnew
DUP	Councillor Bennington
Sinn Féin	Councillor Goodman
Alliance	Councillor Webb
DUP	Councillor Hamill
UUP	Councillor Swann

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.49 pm.

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**MAYOR**