



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LINEN SUITE, MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

**In the Chair:** The Mayor (Alderman S Ross)

**Members Present:** Aldermen – F Agnew, T Campbell, L Clarke  
M Cosgrove, M Girvan, P Michael and J McGrath

Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, P Bradley,  
M Brady, J Burbank, M Cooper, P Dunlop, S Flanagan,  
R Foster, J Gilmour, N Kelly, R Lynch, A McAuley, N McClelland,  
V McWilliam, M Magill, J Montgomery, V Robinson, L Smyth,  
M Stewart, R Swann, B Webb

**Members Present (Remote)** : Aldermen T Burns

Councillors – H Cushinan, M Goodman, R Kinnear, A Logue,  
T McGrann, B Mallon, N Ramsay and R Wilson

**Officers Present:** Director of Economic Growth and Planning –  
M McAlister  
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole  
Director of Community Planning - U Fay  
Director of Organisation Development – D Rogers  
Director of Waste Operations - M Lavery  
Director of Parks and Leisure - M McDowell  
Head of Communications and Customers -  
N McCullough  
Head of ICT – G Smyth  
Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson  
Member Services Officer – A Duffy

**Officers Present (Remote)** : Chief Executive - J Dixon  
Director of Operations – G Girvan

Although the 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.

Councillor Kelly left the Chamber during item 1.

## **1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed all present to the Special Council Meeting and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Reverend Robert Ginn.

Councillor Kelly returned to the Chamber.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Alderman – J Smyth

## **3. READING OF THE ACCESSION PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor read the Accession Proclamation that Prince Charles Philip Arthur George was now, by the death of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, King and Sovereign of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories.

He noted that the meeting had been called at a time of sadness and reflection as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96 had passed away on Thursday 8 September 2022. Having given over 70 years of service across eight decades the Country and Antrim and Newtownabbey Council was united in mourning her loss.

At the request of the Mayor, a two-minute silence was observed in recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Councillors Cushinan, Goodman, Kinnear, Logue and McGrann joined the meeting.

## **4. EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE AND TRIBUTES TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

The Mayor invited Party Leaders on behalf of their Groups, the Independent Member and other Members to pay tributes to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and expressed sincere condolence to the Royal Family.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business on the Agenda the meeting concluded at 7.18 pm.

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**MAYOR**