



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor N Kelly)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Boyle, T Campbell, L Clarke, J McGrath, M Magill, P Michael, S Ross and J Smyth
- : Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, M Brady, M Cooper, S Cosgrove, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, J Gilmour, R Kinnear, AM Logue, R Lynch, B Mallon, A McAuley, T McGrann, E McLaughlin, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, L O'Hagan, A O'Lone, M Stewart, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present (Remotely)** : Aldermen – P Bradley, M Cosgrove
- : Councillors - S Flanagan, R Foster, AM Logue, H Magill and L Smyth
- In Attendance (In person)** : Paul Price, Director of Historic Environment Division
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - R Baker
Director of Economic Development and Planning – M McAlister
Director of Community Development – U Fay
Director of Sustainability, Operations – M Lavery
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Organisation Development (Interim) – H Hall
Deputy Director of Governance – L Johnston
ICT Systems Support Officer – C Bell
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Manager – A Duffy
- Officers Present (Remotely)** : Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey

1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Alderman Magill.

The Mayor, Alderman Boyle and Councillors Cushinan, Kinnear, Logue, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan and O'Lone joined the meeting at this point.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor took to the Chair and welcomed all present to the meeting. He thanked all staff, first responders and other agencies for their joint work and support in the aftermath of Storm Eowyn.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor – M Goodman

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The Mayor advised that the presentation from the Historic Environment Division of the Department for Communities would be taken at this point of the meeting.

Councillor Ní Chonghaile left and returned to the Chamber during Item 10.

10 PRESENTATION

10.1 G/MSMO/7 PRESENTATION BY HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT DIVISION – DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this presentation was to provide Members with an update on the Historic Environment Division (HED) roles and responsibilities in relation to the protection of the historic environment.

2. Background

Members were reminded that at the Council Meeting on 25 March 2024, it was requested that the Chief Executive writes to the Historic Environment Division of the Department for Communities and invite them to present to Council on an annual basis to provide an update on their works programmes.

The Mayor welcomed Paul Price, Director of Historic Environment Division to the meeting. Mr Price updated Members on their roles and responsibilities of the Historic Environment Division, a copy of the presentation was circulated.

Mr Price responded to Members' queries and agreed to respond to individual Members in relation to specific requests including a potential partnership in the maintenance and improvements of Knockagh Monument, providing an information pack on listed buildings in the Borough listed and scheduled monuments and ownership of historical value walls within the Borough.

The Mayor and Members thanked Mr Price for his presentation and he left the meeting.

RESOLVED - that the presentation be noted.

NO ACTION

Councillor Wilson left and returned to the Chamber during Item 4.

4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Alderman Magill and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of Monday 16 December 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Alderman Clarke left the Chamber during Item 5.

5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Monday 6 January 2025 be approved and adopted.

AMENDMENT TO THE DECISION MADE AT ITEM 4.3

Moved by Councillor Logue
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin that

Item 4.3, Review of Household Recycling Centres Opening Hours be deferred for reconsideration regarding summer opening hours, to allow time for consultation with staff and trade unions and for a quality impact assessment to be provided.

On the amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested by Councillor McWilliam, Members voted as follows.

In favour of the Amendment 12 Members viz	Against the Amendment 26 Members viz	Abstentions 0 Members viz
<p>Alderman – Michael</p> <p>Councillors – Cushinan, Kinnear, Logue, Lynch, McGrann, McLaughlin, Ní Chonghaile, O'Hagan, O'Lone, Stewart and Ward</p>	<p>Aldermen – Boyle, Bradley, Campbell, Clarke, Cosgrove, Magill, McGrath, Ross, and Smyth</p> <p>Councillors – Archibald-Brown, Bennington, Brady, Cooper, Cosgrove, Dunlop, Flanagan, Foster, Gilmour, Kelly, McAuley, McWilliam, Magill, Mallon, Smyth, Webb and Wilson</p>	

The amendment was declared not carried.

6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor O'Lone
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Tuesday 7 January 2025 be approved and adopted and the amendment to Item 4.1 enclosure 4.01(b) to reflect special responsibilities allowances for Group Leaders be noted.

7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Alderman McGrath and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Development Committee Meeting of Monday 13 January 2025 approved and adopted.

8 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Magill and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of Tuesday 14 January 2025 be approved and adopted.

9(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 1

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 20 January 2025 Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.

9(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, PART 2

Moved by Councillor Archibald-Brown
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 20 January 2025 Part 2 be approved and adopted.

*Alderman Clarke returned to the Chamber at Item 11.
Councillor Archibald-Brown left the meeting during Item 11.*

11 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor O'Hagan
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin

Council acknowledges the recent opening of Executive's Ending Violence Against Women and Girls strategic framework Change fund. This as a critical opportunity to empower our community groups, engage with men and boys to challenge harmful stereotypes, promote respectful relationships, drive grassroots action and innovative approaches toward preventing and ending violence against women and girls.

This motion asks that Council affirms its commitment, that violence against women and girls has no place in our society and to work collectively to achieve a vision of a society free from such harm, by supporting the objectives of the EVAWG Strategic Framework, promoting funding opportunities, raising awareness across all sectors, and ensuring a united response.

RESOLVED – the Motion was declared carried.

*Alderman Magill left and returned to the Chamber during Item 12.
Alderman McGrath left the Meeting at Item 12.*

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

Whilst the Council acknowledges the work to support our female staff and Councillors, this Council also recognises the importance of highlighting men's mental health and wellbeing, aligned to International Men's Day on 19 November 2025, which celebrates worldwide the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities.

In this regard, the Council agrees in principle to a workshop-type event with subject matter experts to support our male staff /Elected Members and, in

addition, light up the Civic buildings in Antrim and Mossley Mill in blue on International Men's Day.

This Notice of Motion is subject to a further report being presented to the Committee detailing the cost and general nature of the event.

RESOLVED – the Motion was declared carried.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

MAYOR