

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER,
MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor - Councillor J Scott (outgoing)
The Mayor - Councillor P Hamill (incoming)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, P Barr, T Burns, T Campbell,
M Cosgrove, W DeCourcy, M Girvan, J Smyth and R Swann
- Councillors - D Arthurs, A Ball, T Beatty, J Bingham, J Blair,
P Brett, L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, T Girvan,
M Goodman, D Hollis, N Kells, N Kelly, B Kelso,
A M Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, M Maguire, J Montgomery,
N McClelland, V McWilliam, P Michael, M Rea, S Ross, and
W Webb
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon
Director of Finance & Governance – Ms C Archer
Director of Community Planning & Regeneration – Ms M
McAlister
Director of Operations - Ms G Girvan
Director of Organisation Development - Mrs A McCooke
Head of Communication & Customer Services - Mrs T White
Head of Governance - Mrs L Johnston
Legal Advisor - Mr P Casey
IT Officer - Mr A Cole
Media and Marketing Officer – Ms A Doherty
Senior Administrative Officer - Mrs S McAree
Members Services Officer – Mrs D Hynes
PA to Mayor and Deputy Mayor – Mrs K Hood
Member Services Officer – Mrs V Lisk
Governance Support Officer – Mrs D Conlan
Member Services Assistant – Mr C Doyle

All present stood to welcome the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive into the Chamber.

1 BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

The meeting opened with a bible reading and prayer by Rev Campbell Dixon MBE.

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

The Mayor invited all present to stand for a minute's silence in respect for all those affected by the recent terrorist atrocity in London

2 APOLOGIES

Councillors Hogg and Ritchie.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reflected on his year in office and expressed thanks to his wife and family. He also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor McClelland, the Chief Executive and the Directors for all their help and support.

The Mayor paid tribute to all the members of staff who took part in the marathon and raised money for his charities and to his driver who had been invaluable to him during his year of office.

He thanked Rev Dixon for his support and wise counsel throughout his year in office. He also thanked the Sport and Play Development Officer for his contribution to the Darkness into Light event.

He stated that it had been a privilege and an honour to serve the people of Antrim and Newtownabbey as the Mayor and he thanked his party for selecting him.

The Mayor thanked his PA for her support throughout the year and assured the incoming Mayor of the excellent service that he could expect from the officers.

Several Members, on behalf of their parties, paid tribute to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the work they had done on behalf of the Borough.

5 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Brett nominated Councillor Hamill as Mayor.

Councillor Hamill was accordingly declared elected Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2017/2018.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR HAMILL IN THE CHAIR)

The Mayor presented Councillor Scott with his past Mayor's medal and extended best wishes to him for the future. He thanked the outgoing Mayor for his work throughout the whole Borough and pledged to carry on the excellent work of the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

He thanked the Chief Executive, the Directors and the PA in advance for their support and help.

He stated that the Rev Dr Ivan Neish would be his Chaplain and thanked the Rev Dixon for his counsel over the years. He thanked his wife and daughters for their support and help.

The Mayor said that his theme for the year would be 'connecting the dots', ensuring that the Council works with all groups in the Borough.

He concluded by saying that it was a great honour and privilege to be elected as Mayor and serve all the residents of the Borough.

Several Members, on behalf of their parties, wished the Mayor well for his year in office and paid tribute to his work in the community over many years.

5.2 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Deputy Mayor expressed congratulations to Councillor Hamill on being elected to the position of Mayor.

She reflected on her year as Deputy Mayor and expressed the enjoyment the year in office had given her. She thanked her family and all her fellow Councillors for their support throughout the year and also thanked the members of her own party.

She thanked all of the staff especially the Mayor's PA and the Mayor's driver.

She stated that it had been a pleasure and a privilege to work with outgoing Mayor and Mayoress and offered best wishes to the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Several Members, on behalf of their parties thanked the Deputy Mayor for her excellent work during her year in office.

5.3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Alderman Cosgrove nominated Councillor McWilliam as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor McWilliam was accordingly declared elected Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey for the year 2017/2018.

Councillor McWilliam congratulated the Mayor on his election. She thanked her UUP colleagues for nominating her and looked forward to working with the Mayor. She thanked her family, the voters, the Chief Executive and all the staff for their support.

She paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their energy, and enthusiasm.

Councillor Hamill congratulated Councillor McWilliam on her election to the post of Deputy Mayor and paid tribute to her hard work during her years as a Councillor. He stated that he was looking forward to working with her in the next year.

Several Members, on behalf of their parties paid tribute to the incoming Deputy Mayor.

Alderman Burns left the meeting at this point.

5.4 Members were nominated by their parties for the following positions for the year 2017/18. (Year 3)

POSITION	NAME
Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Chairperson	Cllr Logue
Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Vice Chairperson	Cllr Clarke
Operations Committee Chairperson	Cllr Kelly
Operations Committee Vice Chairperson	Cllr Rea
Planning Committee Chairperson	Cllr Brett
Planning Committee Vice Chairperson	Cllr Bingham
Policy and Governance Committee Chairperson	Cllr Kells
Policy and Governance Committee Vice Chairperson	Cllr Hollis
Audit Committee Chairperson	Cllr Girvan
Audit Committee Vice Chairperson	Cllr Webb
Partnership Panel	Alderman Cosgrove appointed for years 1,2,3 and 4
Northern Ireland Veterans' Advisory Committee	Cllr Michael
Drainage Council	Councillor Webb appointed for years 1,2,3 and 4
Arc 21	Cllr Duffin, Cllr Rea, Cllr Beatty

6 NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES 2017/2018

COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Total Membership – 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	SF	Cllr Logue
2	Vice Chairperson	DUP	Cllr Clarke
3	Member	ALL	Cllr Blair
4	Member	DUP	Ald Barr
5	Member	DUP	Cllr Beatty
6	Member	DUP	Cllr Ross
7	Member	DUP	Cllr Kells
8	Member	SDLP	Ald Burns
9	Member	UUP	Cllr Michael
10	Member	UUP	Cllr Montgomery
11	Member	UUP	Cllr Scott
12	Member	UUP	Cllr Maguire
13	Member	UUP	Ald Cosgrove
14	Member	DUP	Cllr Brett
15	Member	SDLP	Cllr Lynch

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	ALL	Cllr Kelly
2	Vice Chairperson	UUP	Cllr Rea
3	Member	DUP	Cllr Ball
4	Member	DUP	Ald Smyth

5	Member	DUP	Cllr Clarke
6	Member	DUP	Cllr Magill
7	Member	DUP	Ald Girvan
8	Member	SDLP	Cllr McClelland
9	Member	SF	Cllr Goodman
10	Member	UUP	Cllr Montgomery
11	Member	UUP	Ald Swann
12	Member	UUP	Cllr Scott
13	Member	DUP	Ald Ball
14	Member	ALL	Cllr Blair
15	Member	UUP	Ald Cosgrove

POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 15

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Cllr Kells
2	Vice Chairperson	TUV	Cllr Hollis
3	Member	ALL	Cllr Webb
4	Member	DUP	Ald DeCourcy
5	Member	DUP	Cllr Girvan
6	Member	DUP	Cllr Hamill
7	Member	DUP	Cllr Hogg
8	Member	SDLP	Cllr Duffin
9	Member	SF	Cllr Goodman
10	Member	UUP	Ald Agnew
11	Member	UUP	Cllr Bingham
12	Member	UUP	Cllr Maguire
13	Member	UUP	Cllr Michael
14	Member	SDLP	Cllr McClelland

15	Member	SF	Cllr Logue
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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 12

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Cllr Brett
2	Vice Chairperson	UUP	Cllr Bingham
3	Member	ALL	Ald Campbell
4	Member	DUP	Ald Smyth
5	Member	DUP	Cllr Beatty
6	Member	DUP	Cllr Magill
7	Member	SDLP	Cllr Duffin
8	Member	UUP	Ald Agnew
9	Member	UUP	Ald Swann
10	Member	SF	Cllr Cushinan
11	Member	TUV	Cllr Hollis
12	Member	ALL	Cllr Webb

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Total Membership - 6

	POSITION	PARTY	MEMBER
1	Chairperson	DUP	Cllr Girvan
2	Vice Chairperson	ALL	Cllr Webb
3	Member	DUP	Cllr Beatty
4	Member	UUP	Cllr Rea
5	Member	TUV	Cllr Hollis
6	Member	UUP	Cllr Maguire

7 ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

7.1 BELFAST HILLS PARTNERSHIP - 1 MEMBER

COUNCILLOR BINGHAM

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed that

Councillor Bingham be re-appointed to serve on the Belfast Hills Partnership Panel for the year 2017/2018.

7.2 CASTLE AND TOWER'S AREA BOARD

Councillor Webb advised that there was a new application process to be selected to serve on this board.

The Chief Executive undertook to investigate this and report back to the Council.

7.3 DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS – 3 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN GIRVAN AND COUNCILLORS BLAIR AND GOODMAN

Proposed by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

Alderman Girvan and Councillors Blair and Goodman be re-appointed to serve as the Diversity Champions for the year 2017/2018.

7.4 EAST ANTRIM AREA BOARD - 1 MEMBER

Councillor Webb advised that there was a new application process to be selected to serve on this board.

The Chief Executive undertook to investigate this and report back to the Council.

7.5 KNOCKAGH MONUMENT JOINT COMMITTEE - 3 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN BALL AND COUNCILLORS BINGHAM AND ROSS

Proposed by Councillor Brett
Seconded by Councillor Scott and agreed that

Alderman Ball and Councillor Bingham be re-appointed and Councillor Ross be appointed to serve on the Knockagh Monument Joint committee, for the year 2017/2018.

7.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ON TRAVELLER ISSUES - 3 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN DECOURCY AND COUNCILLORS DUFFIN AND REA

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and agreed that

Alderman DeCourcy and Councillors Duffin and Rea be re-appointed to serve on the Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues for the year 2017/2018.

7.7 LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP - 5 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN SWANN AND COUNCILLORS BEATTY, CUSHINAN, DUFFIN AND KELLY

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Blair and agreed that

Alderman Swann and Councillors Beatty, Cushinan and Duffin be re-appointed and Councillor Kelly be appointed to serve on the Lough Neagh Partnership for the year 2017/2018.

7.8 MINDWISE MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS - 2 MEMBERS

COUNCILLORS ARTHURS AND MCCLELLAND

Proposed by Councillor Bingham
Seconded by Councillor Blair and agreed that

Councillors Arthurs and McClelland be re-appointed to serve as Mindwise Mental Health Champions for the year 2017/2018.

7.9 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - 8 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN SMYTH AND COUNCILLORS ARTHURS, BEATTY, DUFFIN, GOODMAN, MAGUIRE, ROSS AND WEBB

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Blair and agreed that

Alderman Smyth and Councillors Beatty, Duffin, Goodman, Maguire, Ross and Webb be re-appointed and Councillor Arthurs appointed to serve on the National Association of Councillors for the year 2017/2018.

7.10 NORTHERN IRELAND AMENITY COUNCIL - 1 MEMBER

COUNCILLOR REA

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Webb and agreed that

Councillor Rea be re-appointed to serve on the Northern Ireland Amenity Council for the year 2017/2018.

7.11 RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION - 2 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN BALL AND COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and agreed that

Alderman Ball and Councillor Michael be re-appointed to serve on the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for the year 2017/2018.

7.12 SIXMILEWATER TRUST - 5 MEMBERS

COUNCILLORS BINGHAM, GIRVAN, KELLY, LYNCH AND MICHAEL

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Blair and agreed that

Councillors Bingham, Girvan, Kelly, Lynch and Michael be re-appointed to serve on the Sixmilewater Trust for the year 2017/2018.

7.13 SOMME ASSOCIATION - 2 MEMBERS

ALDERMAN AGNEW AND COUNCILLOR CLARKE

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

Alderman Agnew and Councillor Clarke be re-appointed to serve on the Somme Association for the year 2017/2018.

7.14 SWIFT CHAMPION - 1 MEMBER

COUNCILLOR KELLY

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Blair and agreed that

Councillor Kelly be re-appointed to serve as Swift Champion for the year 2017/2018.

8 NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO NILGA - 8 MEMBERS

PARTY	NOMINATION
	No nomination

TUV	
SDLP	Cllr Lynch
UUP	Cllr Bingham
DUP	Cllr Beatty
UUP	Ald Swann
DUP	Ald DeCourcy
SF	Cllr Goodman
DUP	Cllr Magill

Councillor Arthurs congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointment to office and thanked Members for their messages of sympathy and support on the recent death of his sister-in-law.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.56pm.

MAYOR

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