

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 1 June 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Wilson, Chair (Outgoing) Councillor Ashton Chair (Incoming)
<b>Members Present</b>	Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid, G Shiels, J Shiels and Totten
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive Mr Boomer, Planning Manager Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Tohill, Director of Finance Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer Mrs Hobson, Executive Officer to Chief Executive

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

### **AC1/17 Apologies**

Councillors Mullen, Robinson and T Quinn

### **AC2/17 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

### **AC3/17 Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson reflected on his year in office, stating that he felt he had fulfilled his promise in that he had represented all of the people of the district. He spoke of how he had been inspired by the huge number of volunteers without whose help many organisations would not function emphasising that Council should be grateful to them all and emphasised the importance of grant aid in their endeavours.

Speaking of the highlights throughout the year he made mention of the official opening of the Seamus Heaney Homeplace and his delight in recently welcoming their Royal Highnesses, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall to it. The Chair reflected on the honour it had been to represent Council at many events especially the commemorations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Advising that he had hosted six civic receptions he stated he was taken aback at the talent

which exists within the district. He spoke of the many engagements' he had attended including awards ceremonies, opening of new pitches, public realm schemes in Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt not forgetting the Magherafelt By Pass. The Chair stated the one event that 'stood out' was Kilronan Special School Christmas Concert that was truly brilliant!

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the year had had its downsides highlighting the removal of the Union Flag from Magherafelt and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Teebane atrocity for which no one had yet been charged.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked the Chief Executive, Directors and staff, especially Jennifer and Louise together with those in the Communications Department for their help and advice throughout his term. He thanked his employer Lafarge for granting time off, his UUP colleagues for their confidence in him as Chair, all his fellow councillors and closed with a special thanks to his wife Jennifer together with their family for their support during what had been a very busy year.

In conclusion, the Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked the Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer stating that her support had enabled them to accept many more invitations. He wished the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair success for the incoming year trusting that they too would work together for the good of all of the people of Mid Ulster.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer spoke of the privilege it had been to fulfil the role of Deputy Chair and thanked her party colleagues and Councillor T Quinn for affording her the opportunity. Councillor McAleer commended the Chair for both the professionalism and great humour he had brought to the role and his support throughout the year. She extended her thanks also to the Chief Executive and all the staff for their support and encouragement, her line manager at Marie Curie for her understanding and last but not least her husband, children and grandchildren for not only their support but enthusiasm as she fulfilled her duties.

Reflecting on the year the Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer spoke of the groups she had visited and how she had been overwhelmed and indeed humbled by their work in the community. She emphasised that Council was truly at the heart of Mid Ulster and mentioned highlights of her year including the formation of the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, the launch of the ten year Community Plan, her first engagement at Tullyhogue Fort commemorating the inauguration of Hugh O'Neill whose burial place she had then visited whilst in Rome. The Deputy Chair concluded by reiterating her thanks to the Chair and extended best wishes to the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair.

Councillor McGinley on behalf of Sinn Féin congratulated both the Chair and Deputy Chair on the professional way they had fulfilled the roles and emphasised that they should both be proud.

Councillor Kearney on behalf of the SDLP expressed his thanks to both the Chair and Deputy Chair and commended them for the interest and enthusiasm they had brought to the role.

Councillor McLean on behalf of the DUP concurred with previous remarks stating that they had both done the Council proud!

Councillor Monteith concurred with previous comments stating that when you hear people within the community stating they ‘aren’t too bad’ you know they are doing a great job.

Councillor Glasgow, on behalf of the UUP stated that Councillor Wilson had been a fair Chair to all, had attended many events and had well and truly put Mid Ulster on the map making special mention of the recent Royal visit. He expressed the sincere thanks of the party emphasising that they had appreciated his work. Councillor Glasgow conveyed thanks also to the Deputy Chair stating that together they had made a great team.

#### **AC4/17      Positions of responsibility for periods 2017/18 and 2018/19**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, referred members to the meeting pack that had been circulated containing a grid for Positions of Responsibility for the periods 2017/18 and 2018/19, filled using the d’Hondt method, previously completed between Parties and if no one had any objections called for a proposer and seconder for the adoption of the grid.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved**      That the selected positions of responsibility set out in the grid below be adopted

	<b>Year 1</b> <b>2015/2016</b>	<b>Year 2</b> <b>2016/2017</b>	<b>Year 3</b> <b>2017/2018</b>	<b>Year 4</b> <b>2018/2019</b>
<b>Council</b>				
Chair	SF	UUP	<b>DUP</b>	SF
Deputy-Chair	DUP	SDLP	<b>UUP</b>	DUP
<b>Audit Committee</b>				
Chair	UUP	SF	<b>SDLP</b>	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	UUP	<b>SF</b>	DUP
<b>Development Committee</b>				
Chair	DUP	SF	<b>UUP</b>	SF
Deputy-Chair	IND	SDLP	<b>SF</b>	DUP
<b>Environment Committee</b>				

Chair	SDLP	DUP	SF	UUP
Deputy-Chair	SF	SF	SDLP	SF
Planning Committee				
Chair	SDLP	SF	SF	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	DUP	DUP	UUP
Policy & Resources Committee				
Chair	SF	SF	SF	UUP
Deputy-Chair	DUP	UUP	DUP	SDLP
Housing Council for NI				
1 Representative	SF	SF	SF	SF
Partnership Panel for NI				
1 Representative (term of Council)	SDLP			
Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for NI				
1 Representative	UUP	DUP	UUP	DUP
Policing & Community Safety Partnership - Mid Ulster				
10 Representatives  (term of Council)	SF		DUP	
	SF		DUP	
	SF		UUP	
	SF		UUP	
	SF		SDLP	

## **A5/17 Nominations to hold Positions throughout 2017-2018**

The Chair Councillor Wilson sought the nomination for the incoming Chair. Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Kim Ashton.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stood down and Councillor Ashton took the Chair.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton expressed her thanks to her group leader Councillor McLean and fellow councillors for their faith in her to fulfil the role of Chair. She commended both the outgoing Chair and Deputy Chair for their year's work and

thanked them for the reception prior to the meeting. The Chair, thanked the people of the District Electoral Area, her husband, family and her employer for both their faith in her and their support. Emphasising that she was not one for long speeches the Chair concluded stating that she would live up to the Council's strap line and be 'at the heart of the community' throughout her term promising that she would put her all into the role and would operate in a professional manner.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton sought a nomination for the position of Deputy Chair, Councillor Wilson nominated Councillor Glasgow.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Glasgow thanked his party colleagues for their support stating that it is a great honour and privilege to take the role and he looked forward to working with the Chair, Councillor Ashton and putting forward the values of the Council.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton invited parties to nominate Members to hold the remaining positions of responsibility for 2017-2018.

<b>Positions of Responsibility</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Council, Chair	DUP	Councillor Ashton
Council, Deputy Chair	UUP	Councillor Glasgow
Audit Committee, Chair	SDLP	Councillor McFlynn
Audit Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor B McGuigan
Development, Chair	UUP	Councillor Wilson
Development, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor Doris
Environment Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor McGinley
Environment Committee, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Councillor M Quinn
Planning Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor Mallaghan
Planning Committee, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor Robinson
Policy & Resources, Chair	SF	Councillor Molloy
Policy & Resources, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor Buchanan
Housing Council for NI	SF	Councillor Elattar
Partnership Panel for NI <b>(term of council)</b>	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn

Reserve & Cadets Association for NI	UUP	Councillor Reid
Policing & Community Safety Partnership	SF	Cllr Phelim Gildernew
	SF	Cllr Seán McPeake
	SF	Cllr Peter Bateson
	SF	Cllr Cáthal Mallaghan
	SF	Cllr Catherine Elattar
	DUP	Cllr Frances Burton
	DUP	Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
	UUP	Cllr Derek McKinney
	UUP	Cllr Kenneth Reid
	SDLP	Cllr Denise Mullen

#### **A7/17          Appoint of Councillors to Committees**

<b>Audit Committee</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Membership 2017-2018</b>
1. Chair	SDLP	Cllr Christine McFlynn
2. Deputy-Chair	SF	Cllr Brian McGuigan
3. Member	SF	Cllr Cathal Mallaghan
4. Member	SF	Cllr Ronan McGinley
5. Member	DUP	Cllr Kim Ashton
6. Member	UUP	Cllr Walter Cuddy
7. Member	UUP	Cllr Trevor Wilson
8. Member	IND	Cllr Barry Monteith

Councillor McGinley advised that Councillor Niamh Milne who would be co-opted to Council to represent Sinn Féin was present at the meeting. The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed her to the Council.

Development Committee		
Position	Party	Membership 2017-2018
1. Chair	UUP	Cllr Trevor Wilson
2. Deputy-Chair	SF	Cllr Niamh Doris
3. Member	SF	Cllr Dominic Molloy
4. Member	SF	Cllr Sean Clarke
5. Member	SF	Cllr Kate McEldowney
6. Member	SF	Cllr Catherine Elattar
7. Member	SF	Cllr John McNamee
8. Member	SF	Cllr Niamh Milne
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Frances Burton
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Anne Forde
11. Member	DUP	Cllr James Shiels
12. Member	UUP	Cllr George Shiels
13. Member	UUP	Cllr Walter Cuddy
14. Member	SDLP	Cllr Sharon McAleer
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Christine McFlynn
16. Member	IND	Cllr Barry Monteith

Environment Committee		
Position	Party	Membership 2017-2018
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Ronan McGinley
2. Deputy-Chair	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn
3. Member	SF	Cllr Sean McGuigan
4. Member	SF	Cllr Brian McGuigan
5. Member	SF	Cllr Joe O'Neill
6. Member	SF	Cllr Mickey Gillespie
7. Member	SF	Cllr John McNamee
8. Member	SF	Cllr Darren Totten
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Wilbert Buchanan
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Frances Burton
12. Member	UUP	Cllr Robert Mulligan
13. Member	UUP	Cllr Mark Glasgow
14. Member	UUP	Cllr Kenneth Reid
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Martin Kearney
16. Member	SDLP	Cllr Christine McFlynn

Planning Committee		
Position	Party	Membership 2017-2018
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Cáthal Mallaghan
2. Deputy-Chair	DUP	Cllr Wills Robinson
3. Member	SF	Cllr Gavin Bell
4. Member	SF	Cllr Peter Bateson
5. Member	SF	Cllr Sean Clarke



6. Member	SF	Cllr Kate McElDowney
7. Member	SF	Cllr Phelim Gildernew
8. Member	SF	Cllr Seán McPeake
9. Member	DUP	Cllr Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Cllr James Shiels
11. Member	UUP	Cllr Mark Glasgow
12. Member	UUP	Cllr Derek McKinney
13. Member	UUP	Cllr Kenneth Reid
14. Member	SDLP	Cllr Sharon McAleer
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Denise Mullen
16. Member	SDLP	Cllr Martin Kearney

Policy and Resources Committee		
Position	Party	2017-2018 Membership
1. Chair	SF	Cllr Dominic Molloy
2. Deputy-Chair	DUP	Cllr Wilbert Buchanan
3. Member	SF	Cllr Catherine Elattar
4. Member	SF	Cllr Peter Bateson
5. Member	SF	Cllr Phelim Gildernew
6. Member	SF	Cllr Niamh Milne
7. Member	SF	Cllr Darren Totten
8. Member	SF	Cllr Sean McGuigan
9. Member	SF	Cllr Sean McPeake
10. Member	DUP	Cllr Kim Ashton
11. Member	DUP	Cllr Anne Forde
12. Member	DUP	Cllr Paul McLean

13. Member	UUP	Cllr Walter Cuddy
14. Member	UUP	Cllr Derek McKinney
15. Member	SDLP	Cllr Martin Kearney
16. Member	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn

In response to Councillor McGinley's question, on the change in party representation following Councillor T Quinn's resignation from the SDLP to become an Independent and the possible effect on the d'hondt allocation of positions, the Chief Executive advised that d'hondt is applied for the term of Council based on local election results.

#### **A8/17 Chair of Mid Ulster Policing & Community Partnership**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton drew attention to previously circulated report and sought a nomination from the UUP for position of Chair of Mid Ulster Community Policing Partnership.

Councillor Wilson nominated Councillor Reid.

#### **A9/17 Nominations for representation on Outside Bodies**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton sought changes to the nominations in the report on Outside Bodies.

Councillor McGinley outlined the undernoted changes to Sinn Féin representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor J O'Neill would represent Sinn Féin on National Association of Councillors;
- Councillor Doris represent Sinn Féin on PEACE Partnership.

Councillor Kearney outlined the undernoted changes to SDLP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor McFlynn represent SDLP on National Association of Councillors.
- Councillor McAleer replace Councillor Mullen on Tullyvar Joint Committee
- Councillor McAleer represent SDLP on Tyrone & Sperrins Joint Working Group
- Councillor Mullen represent SDLP on PEACE Partnership

Councillor McLean outlined the undernoted change to DUP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor Robinson replace Councillor Buchanan on NILGA;
- Councillor Buchanan replace Councillor Burton on Rural Development LAG

- Councillor Robinson replace Councillor Burton on Tullyvar Joint Committee

The Chair Councillor Wilson advised there was no change to UUP representation

**Resolved** That the undernoted table be agreed as councillor representation on outside bodies for year 2017/2018.

Name of Outside Body	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2017 General Meeting
Agewell Partnership	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP 1UUP 1SDLP	Elattar Clarke Burton G Shiels McFlynn
Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Sub Committee	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Mallaghan McNamee Buchanan Wilson M Quinn
Caledon Regeneration Partnership	To be agreed 4	Mulligan Burton McAleer Gildernew
Coalisland and District Development Association	By Party Agreement  2	Reid  Doris
Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	Dungannon & Torrent DEAs	Ashton, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Molloy, Monteith*, Mullen, Doris, Gillespie, McGinley, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid
Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas	2SF, 1DUP, 1UUP, 1SDLP	Molloy J O'Neill Burton Mulligan McAleer
Cookstown & District Town Twinning Committee	Cookstown DEA	Bell McNamee T Quinn Wilson Buchanan Mallaghan
Cookstown Town Centre Forum	Cookstown DEA	Bell Buchanan Glasgow Mallaghan

		McNamee T Quinn Wilson
Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport	By Party Agreement 3	Burton McNamee Reid
Drainage Council	SF	Public Appointments Process (PAC)
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	By Party Agreement 2	Doris Ashton
Dungannon Regeneration Partnership	Dungannon DEA	Ashton Cuddy Cuthbertson Molloy Monteith Mullen
Flavour of Tyrone	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Gildernew Gillespie Burton Reid McAleer
ICBAN	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin UUP	Mallaghan McPeake Gildernew Mulligan
Rural Development Local Action Group	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin UUP UUP SDLP SDLP DUP DUP	Clarke, Gildernew McEldowney S McGuigan McPeake, J O'Neill G Shiels, Wilson Kearney McAleer Buchanan Forde
Local Government Forum: Northern Commissioning Group, HSCB	SDLP SDLP UUP Sinn Féin	C McFlynn M Kearney G Shiels B McGuigan
Lough Neagh Partnership Board	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	K McEldowney R McGinley W Robinson D McKinney M Quinn
Magherafelt Town Centre Forum	Magherafelt DEA	Clarke McFlynn McLean

		G Shiels, Totten
MUDC Community Plan	DUP DUP Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin SDLP UUP UUP	Burton Forde Doris Gildernew Mallaghan, B McGuigan McPeake, Kearney G Shiels Reid
National Association of Councillors NI	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP UUP SDLP	Molloy Gildernew J O'Neill Clarke J Shiels Cuthbertson McKinney McFlynn
NI Amenity Council	By Party Agreement 3	Gillespie G Shiels J Shiels
NI Local Government Association	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP DUP DUP UUP SDLP	McPeake S McGuigan Mallaghan Burton J Shiels Buchanan Glasgow Kearney
NILGA Member Networks: • Community Planning • Planning	Community Planning (x1) Planning (x 1)	Glasgow Clarke
PEACE Partnership	DUP DUP Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin Sinn Féin SDLP UUP UUP	Ashton McLean Bateson Doris McGinley McNamee McPeake Mullen McKinney Wilson
Pulse Contract Liaison Committee	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	McEldowney Bateson McLean McKinney Kearney
The Honourable The Irish Society: Advisory Committee	By Party Agreement 2	G Shiels B McGuigan A Tohill (Officer)
Shopmobility Mid Ulster	Sinn Féin	McNamee

	Sinn Féin DU, UUP SDLP	J O'Neill J Shiels Glasgow McFlynn
Somme Association (Somme Advisory Council)	By Party Agreement 2	Mulligan J Shiels
South Tyrone Hospital Community Forum	By Party Agreement 2	Cuthbertson Molloy
Southern Child Care Partnership Trust Early Years Forum	By Party Agreement 2	Reid Molloy
Tullyvar Joint Committee	2SF, 1DUP, 1UUP, 1SDLP (from <i>Environment Committee</i> )	McGinley S McGuigan Robinson Mulligan McAleer
Tyrone & Sperrins Destination Joint Working Group	Sinn Féin Sinn Féin DUP UUP SDLP	Clarke Doris J Shiels McKinney McAleer
William Carleton Summer School	By Party Agreement  2	Mulligan S McGuigan
Workspace Draperstown	By Party Agreement	B McGuigan

## **A10/17 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2017/18**

The 2017/18 Schedule of Meetings for Council and Committee meetings was noted.

## **A11/17 Representation on Working Groups**

The Chair Councillor Ashton drew attention to representation on working groups. Councillor Monteith stated that working groups were supposed to be 'task and finish' yet a number were now in operation for a few years and if this was the case their membership should be determined by d'hondt.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that reflecting on them some were short term whilst others had lasted longer but it was a matter for the Council to decide whether they should become sub committees of the main committee at which time d'hondt would be applied.

Councillor Monteith stated he had no difficulty with working groups but suggested that the parent committee review their status and if it was more than two years it would constitute a sub-committee.

Councillor McLean suggested placing the matter on a future agenda.

**Resolved** That the status of working groups be reviewed and the undernoted representation be approved in the interim.

<b>Working Groups</b>		
<b>Bonfire Working Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b>	No representative Cllr J O'Neill Cllr B McGuigan Cllr C McFlynn Cllr Walter Cuddy
<b>Tourism Development Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor F Burton Councillor Clarke Councillor Doris Councillor Kearney Councillor Cuddy
<b>Good Relations</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor Ashton Councillor McLean Councillor Bateson Councillor McGinley Councillor McNamee Councillor McPeake Councillor Doris Councillor Mullen Councillor McKinney Councillor Wilson
<b>Irish Language Implementation/ Ethnic Minority Working Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor Ashton Councillor McLean Councillor Bateson Councillor McGinley Councillor McNamee Councillor McPeake Councillor S McGuigan Councillor Kearney Councillor McKinney Councillor Wilson
<b>Wind Turbine Working Group</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SF</b> <b>SDLP</b> <b>UUP</b>	Councillor Robinson Councillor Bell Councillor Clarke Councillor Kearney Councillor Glasgow
<b>Elected Member Development Charter</b>	<b>DUP</b> <b>SF</b>	Councillor Ashton Councillor Doris

	<b>SF SDLP UUP</b>	Councillor Gildernew Councillor M Quinn Councillor McKinney
<b>Mid Ulster Skills Forum</b>	<b>DUP SF SF SDLP UUP</b>	Councillor Burton Councillor Molloy Councillor Elattar Councillor McAleer Councillor G Shiels
<b>Planning Forums</b>		
• <b>Lough Neagh</b>	<b>SDLP SF</b>	Councillor Kearney Councillor McPeake
• <b>The Sperrins</b>	<b>SF SF</b>	Councillor Clarke Councillor Mallaghan
• <b>Cross Border</b>	<b>SF SF SF SDLP</b>	Councillor Bateson Councillor Gildernew Councillor McPeake Councillor McAleer

#### **AC12/17      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 7.25pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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