

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 25 August 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Wilson, Chair

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Kearney, Mallaghan (7.11pm), McAleer, McElDowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, Monteith, Mullen (7.11pm), Mulligan, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid (7.35pm), Robinson, J Shiels, G Shiels, and Totten

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C173/16 Apologies

Councillors Cuthbertson, Elattar, Glasgow, McPeake, Molloy, C O'Neill and J O'Neill

C174/16 Declarations of Interest

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

C175/16 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised that the pipe band season had come to an end for 2016 and pipe bands and drum majors from the district had achieved national titles which should be acknowledged in an appropriate way. Councillor McLean concurred stating that he was immensely proud of the very high standards achieved.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That Council acknowledge the undernoted achievements in an appropriate way.

(i) Pipe Band Champions: Drum Majors

- UK Championship Junior Abigail Wenlock (1st) Cullybackey
- UK Championship Adult Alicia Dickson Hamilton (1st) Matt Boyd Memorial

- European Championship Junior Jason Nichol (1st) Tullylagan;
 - Scottish Championship Adult (1st) Paula Braiden, Cullybackey
 - Scottish Championship Adult (1st) Paula Braiden, Cullybackey
 - World Championship Adult (1st) Paula Braiden, Cullybackey
 - Ulster Championship Junior (1st) Kara Gilmour, Finvoy
 - Ulster Championship Juvenile (1st) Lauren Abraham, Ballybriest
 - Ulster Championship Adult (1st) Paula Braiden, Cullybackey
 - All Ireland Novice (1st) Leanne Crooks, Syerla
- (ii) **Pipe Band Champions - Bands**
- British Championship 3A – (1st) Aughintober
 - UK Championship – 3B (1st) Matt Boyd Memorial
 - UK Championship – 3A (1st) Drums Aughintober
 - Scottish Championship – 3A (1st) Aughintober
 - Ulster Championship – 3A (1st) Aughintober
 - Ulster Championship – 4A (1st Drums) Tullylagan
 - All Ireland – 3B – 1st Matt Boyd Memorial
1st Marching & Department and Best Bass Section
- (iii) **Champion of Champions**
- Aughintober Pipe Band – Champion of Champions

Councillor Kearney acknowledged the generosity of the people of Mid Ulster following the fundraising campaign in which £250K had been raised within a seven day period to fund specialised cancer treatment for a local man.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson made mention of a fund raising event scheduled for 20 October 2016 to again raise money to fund specialised treatment.

Councillor McFlynn concurred with the success of people from the district at the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association Champion of Champions event.

Councillor McGinley on behalf of Councillor J O'Neill requested that Feet Beat dance troupe from Coalisland be recognised for winning an All-Ireland Dancing Championship.

Councillor Bell requested that Council send congratulations to Emmet Conway from the district who is now a pipe major with the police band in New Zealand.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he was involved in Aughintober Pipe Band and acknowledged they were a young band of great achievers who this year won Champion of Champions and he was delighted to acknowledge such achievements.

Councillor Ashton stated that like fellow Councillors she had received a letter from Dungannon Hockey Club regarding the proposed cessation of the Service Level

Agreement with Council and advised that she would forward the letter to the Director for consideration at the Development Committee.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mulligan declared an interest in Dungannon Hockey Club stating that his granddaughter played for the club.

C176/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2016

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 July 2016 (C154/16 – C165/16 and C172/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C177/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 August 2016.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 August 2016 (P137/16 – P143/16 and P148/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C178/16 Conferences and Seminars

The Head of Democratic Services referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) La Touche Legacy, Greystones Seminar – Emerging Ireland Post 1916
 - Friday 23 September – Sunday 25 September 2016, Greystones Golf Club, Whitshed Road, Greystones, Co Wicklow
- (ii) Northern Ireland Annual Economic Conference – Planning for the future in a fractured economic landscape
 - Wednesday 19 October 2016, City Hotel, Derry 9.00am – 5pm
- (iii) Energy in Northern Ireland – the energy market, renewables and security of Supply
 - Tuesday 6 December 2016, Belfast, 8.30 am – 1.00pm

- (iv) Economic Development in Northern Ireland: key challenges and future opportunities post Brexit.
 - Monday 16 January 2017, Belfast, 8.30am – 1.00pm
- (v) Improving Mental Health Provision in Northern Ireland: prevention, treatment and developments in care
 - Tuesday 17 January 2017, Belfast 8.30am – 1.00pm
- (vi) Commissioning in Healthcare Conference
 - Wednesday 28 September 2016, London Olympia Centre

Approval for Director of Public Health and Infrastructure to attend

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That the attendance of Members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attending Members or officers

C179/16 Equality & Good Relations Statutory Duties Annual Progress Report 2015-16

The previously circulated Annual Progress report 2015-2016 on council activity in regard to the statutory equality and good relations duties from Section 75(1) and 75(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 was considered by members.

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That Council approved the Annual Progress Report (2015-16) on the implementation and activity surrounding its Equality and Good Relations statutory duties.

Matters for Information

C180/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

Resolved That the consultations contained within the previously circulated report be noted

C181/16 Correspondence to Council

The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

Resolved That the correspondence contained within the previously circulated report be noted

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That items C182/16- C193/16 be taken as confidential business.

The press left the meeting at 7.10 pm

C194/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.52pm

CHAIR _____

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