

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 12 March 2015 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Mallaghan, Chair (Presiding Councillor)

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Dillon, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, C O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Boomer, Area Planning Manager, Mid Ulster
Mrs Canavan, Lead HR Officer
Mrs Campbell, Director of Policy and Development (MDC)
Mr Cassells, Director of Technical Services and Leisure Services (MDC)
Mr Kelso, Director of Environment Health and Building Control (CDC)
Mr McCreesh, Acting Chief Executive (CDC)
Mrs Mezza, Marketing Communications Manager
Mr Moffett, Change Management Officer
Mr JJ Tohill, Lead Finance Officer
Mrs Smith, Council Business Manager (D&STBC)

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

AC1/15 Chair's Comments

Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council.

Congratulations

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, spoke in relation to a poem by Seamus Heaney being chosen as Ireland's best-loved poem of the last one hundred years and stated that it was great that Council was going to highlight this work.

Best Wishes

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, extended best wishes to Slaughtneil who would be taking on Corofin, Galway in the All Ireland Club Final on St Patrick's Day in Croke Park.

AC2/15 Apologies

Councillors McNamee and J O'Neill

AC3/15 Declarations of Interest

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

AC4/15 Positions of responsibility for periods 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, referred members to a pack that had been circulated containing a grid for 67 Positions of Responsibility for the periods 2015/16, 2016/17, 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 Wilson
 Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

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

	Year 1 2015/2016	Year 2 2016/2017	Year 3 2017/2018	Year 4 2018/2019
Council				
Chair	SF	UUP	DUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	DUP	SDLP	UUP	DUP
Audit Committee				
Chair	UUP	SF	SDLP	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	UUP	SF	DUP
Development Committee				
Chair	DUP	SF	UUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	IND	SDLP	SF	DUP
Environment Committee				
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 (Note 2)				
1 Representative	SF	SF	SF	SF

Partnership Panel for NI				
1 Representative 4 year term	SDLP			
Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for NI				
1 Representative	UUP	DUP	UUP	DUP
Policing & Community Safety Partnership - Mid Ulster (Note 3)				
10 Representatives 4 year term	SF	DUP		
	SF	DUP		
	SF	UUP		
	SF	UUP		
	SF	SDLP		

AC5/15 Receive nominations to hold positions of responsibility commencing April 2015

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to hold the positions of responsibility, as listed for the period 2015-2016.

Positions of Responsibility	Party	Councillor
Council, Chair	SF	Councillor Linda Dillon
Council, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor Kim Ashton
Audit Committee, Chair	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
Audit Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor Caoimhe O'Neill
Development, Chair	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
Development, Deputy Chair	IND	Councillor Barry Monteith
Environment Committee, Chair	SDLP	Councillor Christine McFlynn
Environment Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor John McNamee
Planning Committee, Chair	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney
Planning Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor Gavin Bell
Policy & Resources, Chair	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
Policy & Resources, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
Housing Council for NI	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar

Partnership Panel for NI (2015-2019)	SDLP	Councillor Malachy Quinn
Reserve & Cadets Association for NI	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
Policing & Community Safety Partnership	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
	UUP	Councillor Robert Mulligan
	UUP	Councillor George Shiels
SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn	

AC6/15 Appointment of councillors to Audit Committee

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Audit Committee:

Audit Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
2. Vice-Chair	SF	Councillor Caoimhe O'Neill
3. Member	SF	Councillor Ronan McGinley
4. Member	SF	Councillor Barry McGuigan
5. Member	DUP	Councillor Kim Ashton
6. Member	UUP	Councillor George Shiels
7. Member	SDLP	Councillor Christine McFlynn
8. Member	IND	Councillor Barry Monteith

AC7/15 Appointment of councillors to Development Committee

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Development Committee:

Development Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
2. Vice-Chair	IND	Councillor Barry Monteith

3. Member	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
4. Member	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
5. Member	SF	Councillor Kate McEldowney
6. Member	SF	Councillor Linda Dillon
7. Member	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
8. Member	SF	Councillor Caoimhe O'Neill
9. Member	SF	Councillor John McNamee
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
11. Member	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
13. Member	UUP	Councillor George Shiels
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer

AC8/15 Appointment of councillors to Environment Committee

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Environment Committee:

Environment Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SDLP	Councillor Christine McFlynn
2. Vice-Chair	SF	Councillor John McNamee
3. Member	SF	Councillor Barry McGuigan
4. Member	SF	Councillor Joe O'Neill
5. Member	SF	Councillor Mickey Gillespie
6. Member	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
7. Member	SF	Councillor Ronan McGinley
8. Member	SF	Councillor Darren Totten
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Councillor William Buchanan
11. Member	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Robert Mulligan
13. Member	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Denise Mullen
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney

AC9/15 Appointment of councillors to Planning Committee

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Planning Committee:

Planning Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney
2. Vice-Chair	SF	Councillor Gavin Bell
3. Member	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
4. Member	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
5. Member	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
6. Member	SF	Councillor Kate McEldowney
7. Member	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
8. Member	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
9. Member	DUP	Councillor James Sheils
10. Member	DUP	Councillor William Robinson
11. Member	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
13. Member	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Denise Mullen

AC10/15 Appointment of councillors to Policy & Resources Committee

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Policy & Resources Committee:

Policy & Resources Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
2. Vice-Chair	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
3. Member	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
4. Member	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
5. Member	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
6. Member	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
7. Member	SF	Councillor Darren Totten
8. Member	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
9. Member	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
10. Member	DUP	Councillor William Buchanan
11. Member	DUP	Councillor Kim Ashton

12. Member	DUP	Councillor Paul McLean
13. Member	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Malachy Quinn
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn

AC11/15 2015-2016 Schedule of Meetings for Council and Committee meetings

Schedule of meetings for 2015-16 Council and Committee meetings was presented.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That the 2015-2016 Council and Committee Meeting schedule be adopted

MONTH	COMMITTEE	DATE	LOCATION
April	Planning	Mon 13 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Environment	Tues 14 th at 7pm	
	Policy and Resources	Wed 15 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 16 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 23 rd at 7pm	Dungannon
May	Planning	Tues 5 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 7 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 12 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 14 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 28 th at 7pm	Dungannon
June	Planning	Tues 2 nd at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 4 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 9 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 11 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 25 th at 7pm	Dungannon
July	Environment	Mon 6 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Planning	Tues 7 th at 7pm	
	Development	Wed 8 th at 7pm	
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 9 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 23 rd at 7pm	Dungannon

MONTH	COMMITTEE	DATE	LOCATION
August	Council	Thurs 27 th at 7pm	Dungannon
September	Planning	Tues 1 st at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 3 rd at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 8 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 10 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 24 th at 7pm	Dungannon
October	Planning	Tues 6 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 8 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 13 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 15 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 22 nd at 7pm	Dungannon
November	Planning	Tues 3 rd at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 5 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 10 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 12 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 26 th at 7pm	Dungannon
December	Planning	Tues 1 st at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 3 rd at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 8 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 10 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 17 th at 7pm	Dungannon
January	Planning	Mon 11 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Environment	Tues 12 th at 7pm	
	Policy and Resources	Wed 13 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 14 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 28 th at 7pm	Dungannon
February	Planning	Tues 2 nd at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 4 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 9 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 11 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 25 th at 7pm	Dungannon
March	Planning	Tues 1 st at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 3 rd at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 8 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 10 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 24 th at 7pm	Dungannon

AC12/15 Thanks

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, thanked everyone for their co-operation in getting through the business and invited Councillor Dillon, the incoming Chair, to address the meeting.

Councillor Dillon in addressing the meeting said:

'Firstly I would like to say that I am very honoured to have been chosen by my party colleagues, particularly given the depth and strength of all of the councillors in our team, to lead the new Mid-Ulster Council in the first year this is history in the making and I'm delighted to be part of that. I want that history to be a positive one and will work with everyone in this chamber to ensure that it is. I would like to thank my friend and party colleague Cathal Mallaghan for the wonderful job he has done as our Lead Councillor in the transition year of this council working very hard with both Councillors and staff to ensure that the transition would be a success and we could deliver in the new council.

My priority is the people of Mid-Ulster and what it is we need to do as a council to ensure that every person right across this district has a good quality of life and I believe that the community plan is going to be key to this so we need to get it right and we can only do that by working together. We have an opportunity to create change for the better we need to grasp this opportunity and use it as a tool to create a better Mid-Ulster for all.

I have worked with all sectors from community/ voluntary to business, education and health over the past number of years working with the Sinn Fein MLA's across Mid-Ulster and the thread that runs through all is that they want political representatives to show leadership and work for them and with them so that is what I will do and what I would expect every representative in this chamber to do.

I will be doing everything in my power in my role as Chairperson of Mid-Ulster Council to encourage investment in Mid-Ulster we have a responsibility in the positions we hold to create a Mid-Ulster where businesses want to invest and grow, where people want to visit and spend time and most importantly where people want to work and live and raise their family. All of this means supporting businesses, voluntary and community sectors and individuals and I am very willing to put the work, time and effort into ensuring all of this is possible.

Mine will be an open door policy I will accommodate and facilitate any meetings with groupings or individuals that want to meet with me. I will welcome engagement with all sections and sectors across our very varied and diverse society and look forward to such engagements.

I am particularly honoured as a woman to have been selected as the first Chairperson of the new Mid-Ulster Council I think this sets an excellent example across Mid-Ulster and wider society that women are capable and up for the job and I am delighted that my party are again leading the way on this. None of this would be possible as a wife and mother without the support of my husband Gerard and my

wider family circle so I thank them for their ongoing support and in advance for their help and patience in the coming year which will I have no doubt be extremely busy and this role will take up most of my time.

Finally I would like to thank the electorate who voted for me last May I was extremely proud to be elected in the Torrent DEA and have worked with many different groupings and individuals over the past year on numerous issues however I would like to stress that as chair for the district I intend to ensure that I represent all areas and people right across Mid-Ulster.

We as a council are going to create change and I am determined that change will be a positive thing we have a big responsibility as a new council to show leadership this is a challenge but I am up for it as are my party colleagues and I believe all councillors in this chamber stood for election to do the right thing for the people of Mid-Ulster so I intend to lead a council that works hard and works together.'

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, in closing the meeting congratulated all those who had been nominated to positions of responsibility.

AC13/15 Duration of Meeting

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

CHAIR _____

DATE _____