

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Mallaghan, Chair (Outgoing)
Councillor Wilson, Chair (Incoming)

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.03pm), Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith (7.02pm), Mullen, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels and Totten

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Boomer, Planning Manager
Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Mrs Hobson, Executive Officer to Chief Executive

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

AC1/16 Chair's Business

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

AC2/16 Apologies

Councillor McGuigan

AC3/16 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.02pm

AC4/16 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan invited Deputy Chair Councillor Ashton to address the meeting.

Councillor Bateson entered the meeting at 7.03pm

The outgoing Deputy Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that it had been an honour and a privilege to be the first Deputy Chair of Mid Ulster District Council and thanked her Democratic Unionist Party colleagues for nominating her for the post. Expressing her thanks to her constituents for their understanding for the period she had served as Deputy Chair Councillor Ashton also stated that the officers of Council had proved to be its most valuable asset and that their dedication and commitment throughout the transition period and the first year of Council could not be questioned. Councillor Ashton expressed her thanks to all staff and in particular during her time as Deputy Chair the Head of Marketing and Communications and Executive Officer to the Chief Executive.

The outgoing Deputy Chair, Councillor Ashton advised that she had attended many functions throughout the District, thanked all the various groups and organisations for the invitations and stated that she had represented the District in a professional and courteous manner at all times. Reflecting on the time she had spent at engagements she expressed her personal thanks to her family who never complained when she had to miss family events and especially to her husband Rob who was a tremendous support to her. In closing Councillor Ashton thanked the community as a whole for their support and extended good wishes to the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair for the coming year.

In response, the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan remarking on some shared initiatives stated that Councillor Ashton together with the former Chair Councillor Dillon had been marvellous ambassadors for Council. The Chair acknowledged that it had been Councillor Ashton's idea to host the pre meeting reception to mark the first year of the Council. The Chair, further acknowledged the work of former Councillor Dillon throughout her time as Chair of the Council in its first year.

Reflecting on the past few weeks, Chair, Councillor Mallaghan highlighted events such as the Launch of the Seamus Heaney Homeplace at which the Irish President had been in attendance, a musical event at Kilronan School, Magherafelt and also attendance at events on the Hill of The O'Neill in Dungannon and emphasised that all of the people of Mid Ulster needed to know about this particular special place. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan expressed his pleasure at seeing Tullyhogue Fort project coming to fruition and how he looked forward to the official opening in the coming weeks.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan remarked on the transition of the Council and stated that public perception was good. Focusing on achievements, Councillor Mallaghan highlighted the new website, social media, the non-geographical telephone number and that the planning department was the third busiest in the North with a 96% approval rate. In regard to the achievements in planning the Chair stated that the common sense approach had seen both approvals and refusals turned around.

The Chair, highlighted the Launch of the Economic Development Plan at Stormont and remarked on the £30m investment over the life of the project. He made mention also of the £400k grants issued to the community, the £10.6 million Rural

Development programme and stated that Council had much to celebrate and were indeed 'setting the bar' across all Councils.

AC5/16 Positions of responsibility for periods 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, referred members to a pack that had been circulated containing a grid for Positions of Responsibility for the periods 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 Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McGinley

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		

**AC6/16 Receive nominations to hold positions of responsibility
commencing June 2016**

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

Councillor Cuddy nominated Councillor Wilson for the position of Chair.

Following the nomination of the Chair Councillor Mallaghan stood down and Councillor Wilson took the Chair.

The newly elected Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that it was an honour and a privilege to be the first Ulster Unionist Party Chair for Mid Ulster Council. He expressed his thanks to his party, his wife and family and his employer for their support and paid tribute to his predecessors Ms Dillon, Councillors Mallaghan and Ashton. Advising that he was proud to be a unionist and would make no apology for same, the Chair emphasised that it was his intention to represent everyone in the district during his time in office and acknowledging the difficulty of covering every event stated that he would work together with the Deputy Chair to endeavour that all events would be attended.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the Council had made great strides in its first year but that there was more work to be done and he looked forward to everyone working together to make yet more progress. Emphasising that he believed in equality and fairness, the Chair stated that it was his hope that 'petty politics' would be cast aside and that although it appeared that Mid Ulster was a 'cold house for unionists' that he hoped this could be worked emphasising that he was committed in his year as Chair to working for the betterment of the entire Mid Ulster region.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson made mention of his first official engagement which was to be at the primary school in Ardboe and acknowledged that in this the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme he would be remembering all the fallen but especially those of the 36th Ulster Division and 16th Irish Division.

In closing the Chair, Councillor Wilson shared that he would be travelling to France to support the Northern Ireland Football team and expressed good wishes to them for the tournament. He also extended good wishes to the Republic of Ireland and Wales advising that according to the English press they had won the tournament and all other teams were playing for runner up positions! On a more serious note the Chair stated that he looked forward to working with the Chief Executive, the staff and fellow Members throughout his term of office.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson sought nomination for the position of Deputy Chair. Councillor Kearney nominated Councillor McAleer.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer stated that she was honoured and privileged to be nominated by her party for the position and thanked them for the opportunity together with her family for their support. The Deputy Chair stated that she looked forward to meeting, interacting and representing the people from across Mid Ulster.

Positions of Responsibility	Party	Councillor
Council, Chair	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
Council, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
Audit Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor Brian McGuigan
Audit Committee, Deputy Chair	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
Development, Chair	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
Development, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
Environment Committee, Chair	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
Environment Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
Planning Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
Planning Committee, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
Policy & Resources, Chair	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
Policy & Resources, Deputy Chair	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney
Housing Council for NI	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
Partnership Panel for NI (2015-2019)	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn
Reserve & Cadets Association for NI	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
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 Mark Glasgow
	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
Policing & Community Safety Partnership Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton

AC7/15 Appointment of councillors to Audit Committee

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

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

AC8/16 Appointment of Councillors to Development Committee

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

Development Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
2. Vice-Chair	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
3. Member	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
4. Member	SF	Councillor Niamh Doris
5. Member	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
6. Member	SF	Councillor Kate McEldowney

7. Member	SF	Councillor John McNamee
8. Member	SF	Councillor Caoimhe O'Neill
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
11. Member	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
13. Member	UUP	Councillor George Shiels
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
16. Member	IND	Councillor Barry Monteith

AC9/16 Appointment of councillors to Environment Committee

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

Environment Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
2. Vice-Chair	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
3. Member	SF	Councillor Mickey Gillespie
4. Member	SF	Councillor Ronan McGinley
5. Member	SF	Councillor Brian McGuigan
6. Member	SF	Councillor John McNamee
7. Member	SF	Councillor Joe O'Neill
8. Member	SF	Councillor Darren Totten
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Wilbert Buchanan

10. Member	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
11. Member	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Robert Mulligan
13. Member	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
14. Member	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Christine McFlynn
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Denise Mullen

AC10/16 Appointment of councillors to Planning Committee

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

Planning Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
2. Vice-Chair	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
3. Member	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
4. Member	SF	Councillor Gavin Bell
5. Member	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
6. Member	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
7. Member	SF	Councillor Kate McEldowney
8. Member	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Wills Robinson
11. Member	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney

13. Member	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
14. Member	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Denise Mullen

AC11/16 Appointment of councillors to Policy & Resources Committee

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

Policy & Resources Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
2. Vice-Chair	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney
3. Member	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
4. Member	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
5. Member	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
6. Member	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
7. Member	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
8. Member	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
9. Member	SF	Councillor Darren Totten
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Kim Ashton
11. Member	DUP	Councillor Wilbert Buchanan
12. Member	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
13. Member	DUP	Councillor Paul McLean
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Malachy Quinn

16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
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AC12/16 Nomination of Representatives to Outside Bodies

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulate report and advised that the undernoted nominations were no longer relevant

- Cookstown & Dungannon Citizens Advice Bureau;
- Magherafelt Advice Services;
- RDP Local Action Group; and
- TIPSA.

The Chair Councillor Wilson sought changes to the nominations in the report. Councillor Monteith stated although as a DEA Councillor in Dungannon he had been nominated to serve on the Coalisland and Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership he would not be accepting the position.

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

- Councillor Doris would now replace former Councillor Dillon on any organisations the previous Councillor served on;
- Councillor McNamee would replace Councillor Gillespie on Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport;
- Councillor Gillespie would replace Councillor McNamee on NI Amenity Council;
- Councillor Clarke would represent Sinn Féin Party NILGA Member Network for Planning;

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

- Councillor McFlynn replace Councillor McAleer on Shopmobility Mid Ulster.

The Chair Councillor Wilson outlined the undernoted change to UUP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor Reid replace Councillor Cuddy on Flavour of Tyrone;
- Councillor Glasgow would represent UUP on NILGA Member Network for Community Planning;

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

- Councillor Forde would be removed from Workspace Draperstown.

Resolved That the undernoted table be agreed as Councillor representation on outside bodies for year 2016/2017.

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
Agewell Partnership	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton, Councillor C McFlynn Councillor C Elattar, Councillor D Totten Councillor G Shields,
Blackwater Regional Partnership Board (DUP SDLP SF UUP	Councillor C Cuthbertson Councillor D Mullen Councillor P Gildernew Councillor K Reid
Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Sub Committee	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor W Buchanan Councillor M Quinn Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor J McNamee Councillor T Wilson
Caledon Regeneration Partnership	DUP SDLP SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor S McAleer Councillor P Gildernew Councillor R Mulligan
Coalisland and District Development Association	SF UUP	Councillor N Doris Councillor K Reid
Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	Dungannon & Torrent DEAs	Councillor Ashton Councillor Cuddy Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor Molloy Councillor Monteith Councillor Mullen Councillor Doris Councillor Gillespie Councillor McGinley Councillor J O'Neill Councillor M Quinn Councillor K Reid
Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor S McAleer Councillor D Molloy Councillor J O'Neill Councillor R Mulligan
Cookstown & District Town Twinning Committee	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor W Buchanan Councillor T Quin, Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor J McNamee Councillor T Wilson
Cookstown Town Centre Forum	Cookstown DEA	Councillor Bell Councillor Buchanan Councillor Glasgow Councillor Mallaghan Councillor McNamee

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
		Councillor T Quinn Councillor Wilson
Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport	DUP SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor J McNamee Councillor K Reid
Drainage Council	SF	Public Appointments Process (PAC)
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	DUP SF	Councillor K Ashton Councillor D Molloy
Dungannon Regeneration Partnership	Dungannon DEA 6	Councillor Ashton Councillor Cuddy Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor Molloy Councillor Monteith Councillor Mullen
Flavour of Tyrone	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor S McAleer Councillor P Gildernew Councillor M Gillespie Councillor K Reid
ICBAN	SF SF SF UUP	Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor P Gildernew Councillor S McPeake Councillor R Mulligan
Local Government Forum: Northern Commissioning Group, HSCB	SDLP SDLP SF UUP	Councillor M Kearney Councillor C McFlynn Councillor B McGuigan Councillor G Shiels
Lough Neagh Partnership Board	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor W Robinson Councillor M Quinn Councillor K McEldowney Councillor R McGinley Councillor D McKinney
Magherafelt Town Centre Forum	Magherafelt DEA	Councillor Clarke, Councillor McFlynn Councillor McLean, Councillor G Shiels Councillor D Totten
National Association of Councillors NI	DUP DUP SDLP SF SF SF SF	Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor J Shiels Councillor T Quinn Councillor S Clarke Councillor P Gildernew Councillor D Molloy Councillor C O'Neill

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
	UUP	Councillor D McKinney
NI Amenity Council	DUP SF UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor M Gillespie Councillor G Shiels
NI Local Government Association	DUP DUP DUP SDLP SF SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor W Buchanan Councillor J Shiels Councillor M Kearney Councillor S McPeake Councillor S McGuigan Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor M Glasgow
NILGA Member Networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Planning • Planning 	Community Planning (x1) Planning (x 1)	Councillor Mark Glasgow Councillor Sean Clarke
Pulse Contract Liaison Committee	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor P McLean Councillor M Kearney Councillor P Bateson Councillor K McEldowney Councillor D McKinney
The Honourable The Irish Society: Advisory Committee	UUP SF	Councillor G Shiels Councillor B McGuigan A Tohill (Officer)
Seamus Heaney Centre Project Board	Chair Deputy Chair	Councillor Trevor Wilson Councillor Sharon McAleer
Shopmobility Mid Ulster	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor C McFlynn Councillor J McNamee Councillor J O'Neill Councillor M Glasgow
Somme Association (Somme Advisory Council)	DUP UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor R Mulligan
South Tyrone Hospital Community Forum	DUP SF	Councillor C Cuthbertson Councillor D Molloy
Southern Child Care Partnership Trust Early Years Forum	SF UUP	Councillor D Molloy Councillor K Reid
Tullyvar Joint Committee (Appointed from Environment Committee)	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor D Mullen Councillor R McGinley Councillor S McGuigan Councillor R Mulligan

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
Tyrone & Sperrins Destination Joint Working Group	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor T Quinn Councillor S Clarke Councillor N Doris Councillor D McKinney
William Carleton Summer School	SF UUP	Councillor S McGuigan Councillor R Mulligan
Workspace Draperstown	SF	Councillor B McGuigan

AC13/16 2016/2017 Schedule of Meetings for Council and Committee meetings

Schedule of meetings for 2016-17 Council and Committee meetings was presented. Councillor McLean drew attention to the occasions when all committees take place in the one week and stated that the two most time consuming committees take place on consecutive evenings and stated that it was somewhat unfair for Members who had to attend both. In response the Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the matter would be discussed at Party Leaders meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the 2016-2017 Council and Committee Meeting schedule be adopted and Party Leaders consider the re-ordering of committees on occasions when the four take place in the one week.

AC14/15 Duration of Meeting

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

CHAIR _____

DATE _____