

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 24 May 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: T Wilson, Chairman

Councillors: Cassidy, Clarke, Glasgow, Greer, Lees, McAleer, McCartney, McCrea, McGlone, McIvor, McNamee, Molloy, Quinn, and Wilson

Officers Clerk/Chief Executive
Director of Corporate Services
Clerk's Secretary

1. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman referred to the death of Mr Espie Donaldson a former Councillor and Vice Chairman of the Council and extended the sympathy of the Council.

Council stood for a minute's silence.

The Chairman also referred to the recent death of Mr Brian McMurray, brother of Mr Damien McMurray, Building Control Officer and extended the sympathy of the Council.

Before vacating the Chair, the Chairman extended his thanks to the Members, Chief Executive and staff for their support over the past year. Councillor Wilson formally resigned as Chairman.

The Vice Chairman also extended his thanks to the Members, Chief Executive and staff for their support over the past year. Councillor McAleer formally resigned as Vice Chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk/Chief Executive stated that in accordance with Standing Order 19.7 the parties shall be ranked in order of the number of seats each party has. The party with the largest number of seats shall have first choice of one of the four year-long terms during the life of the Council. Its seats shall then be divided by two, and it shall take its place again in the ranking order according to the new figure.

Sinn Fein having the 5 number of seats and the largest first preference votes elected to take the position of Chairman for the second term, SDLP ranked second opted for the first term, DUP with 3 seats elected for the third year and the Ulster Unionist Party took the fourth term.

The Council unanimously accepted the nomination of Councillor McGlone and AGREED that he be elected Chairman.

Councillor McGlone thereupon made the Declaration of his Acceptance of Office and stated he would do his best to create harmony within the Council to serve and represent the community to the best of his ability.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Lees it was proposed that Councillor McCrea be elected.

The Chairman declared Councillor McCrea elected.

Councillor McCrea thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

3.1. POLICY RESOURCES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED that all members of the Council serve on the above Committee.

3.2. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED that all members of the Council serve on the above Committee.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE

In advance of the election of the chairs and vice chairs of the standing committees the Chief Executive referred to the arrangement agreed by the 4 parties. It was agreed that the chairs and vice chairs of the 2 standing committees would be shared on the basis of each party having the position of chair and vice chair of each committee over the 4 year period.

On the proposal of Councillor McAleer, seconded by Councillor Molloy it was

AGREED that Councillor McNamee be elected as Chairman of the Policy Resources & Services Committee.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN - POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer it was AGREED that Councillor Glasgow be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Policy Resources & Services Committee.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillor McCrea be elected as Chairman of the Development Committee.

7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN - DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McAleer it was AGREED that Councillor McIvor be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Development Committee.

8. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP – 8 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillors Glasgow, McCrea, McCartney and Wilson be elected to serve on the District Policing Partnership.

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED that Councillors Baker, Cassidy, McGarvey and Quinn be elected to serve on the District Policing Partnership.

The Chairman declared Councillors Baker, Cassidy, Glasgow, McCartney, McCrea, McGarvey, Quinn and Wilson elected to serve on the District Policing Partnership for 4 years.

It was NOTED that Councillors McCartney and Quinn would take up their positions from 1 December 2005.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP

On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be elected as Chairman of the District Policing Partnership.

10. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN - DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP

On the proposal of Councillor McCrea seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillor Wilson be elected as Vice Chairman of the District Policing Partnership until the reconstitution of the Partnership in December 2005.

11. SOUTHERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD – ONE MEMBER

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Molloy it was proposed that Councillor McAleer be elected to serve on the Southern Education & Library Board.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Glasgow it was proposed that Councillor Greer be elected to serve on the Southern Education & Library Board.

Following a show of hands 9 members voted for Councillor McAleer and 6 members for Councillor Greer.

The Chairman declared Councillor McAleer nominated to serve on the Southern Education & Library Board for 4 years.

12. NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED that Councillor Quinn be nominated to serve on the Northern Health & Social Services Council for a period of 4 years.

13. NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL – ONE MEMBER

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED that Councillor Cassidy be nominated to serve on the Northern Ireland Housing Council for a period of 4 years.

14. WESTERN BUILDING CONTROL GROUP COMMITTEE – 2 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor McIvor that Councillor Clarke be nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer that Councillor Glasgow be nominated.

The Chairman declared Councillors Clarke and Glasgow elected to serve on the above Committee for a period of 4 years.

15. NORTHERN GROUP PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE – 2 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Baker be nominated as one of the representatives to serve on the above Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCartney that Councillor Lees be nominated as one of its representatives to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors Baker and Lees elected to serve on the above Committee for a period of one year.

16. SOUTHERN WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Mclvor that Councillor McAleer be nominated as one of the representatives to serve on the above Partnership.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Glasgow that Councillor Greer be nominated as one of its representatives to serve on the above Partnership.

The Chairman declared Councillors Greer and McAleer elected to serve on the above Partnership for a period of 4 years.

17. NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – 4 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor McGlone be nominated as one of the representatives to serve on the above Association.

It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Mclvor that Councillor McAleer be nominated as one of its representatives to serve on the above Association.

It was proposed by Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Lees that Councillor McCrea be nominated as one of its representatives to serve on the above Association.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer that Councillor Glasgow be nominated as one of its representatives to serve on the above Association.

The Chairman declared Councillors Glasgow, McAleer, McCrea and McGlone elected to serve on the above Association for a period of 4 years.

18. SPERRIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP – 4 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor McGarvey be nominated as a representative to serve on the above Partnership.

It was proposed by Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Wilson that Councillor Greer be nominated as a representative to serve on the above Partnership.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee seconded by Councillor McAleer that Councillors Clarke and Molloy be nominated as representatives to serve on the above Partnership.

The Chairman declared Councillors Clarke, Greer, McGarvey and Molloy elected to serve on the Partnership for one year.

19. SOMME ASSOCIATION – 1 MEMBER

It was proposed by Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor McCrea and AGREED that Councillor Greer be nominated to serve on the above Association for a period of one year.

20. RESERVE FORCES & CADETS ASSOCIATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – 1 MEMBER

It was proposed by Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor McCrea and AGREED that Councillor Lees be nominated to serve on the above Association for a period of one year.

21. TEDI BOARD – 1 MEMBER

It was proposed by Councillor McCrea, seconded by Councillor Glasgow that Councillor Wilson be nominated to serve on the above Board.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McAleer that Councillor Clarke be nominated to serve on the above Board.

Following a show of hands 6 members voted for Councillor Wilson and 9 members for Councillor Clarke.

The Chairman declared Councillor Clarke nominated to serve on the TEDI Board for one year.

22. COOKSTOWN & DUNGANNON BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE– 2 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillor McCrea be nominated to serve on the above Partnership.

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Molloy it was AGREED that Councillor McAleer be nominated to serve on the above Partnership for a period of one year.

The Chairman declared Councillors McAleer and McCrea nominated to serve on the above Partnership for one year.

23. COOKSTOWN ENTERPRISE BOARD– 2 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor McGlone, seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Cassidy be nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Lees that Councillor Wilson be nominated.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy and Wilson nominated to serve on the Cookstown Enterprise Board for one year.

24. COOKSTOWN & DISTRICT WOMEN'S GROUP– 2 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Wilson that Councillors Baker and Lees be nominated to serve on the above Group.

The Chairman declared Councillors Baker and Lees nominated to serve on the Cookstown & District Women's Group for one year.

25. INNOVATION WEST STRATEGY GROUP – 2 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor McAleer that Councillor Clarke be nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer that Councillor Glasgow be nominated.

Following a show of hands 9 members voted for Councillor McGarvey, 9 members for Councillor Clarke and 6 members for Councillor Glasgow.

The Chairman declared Councillors Clarke and McGarvey nominated to serve on the Innovation West Strategy Group for one year.

26. NETWORKING FOR ENTERPRISING WOMEN– 2 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McGarvey and AGREED that Councillors Baker and Lees be nominated to serve on the above Group.

The Chairman declared Councillors Baker and Lees nominated to serve on the Networking for Enterprising Women Group for one year.

27. IRISH CROSS BORDER AREA NETWORK – 4 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED that Councillor Greer be nominated to serve on the above Network.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor McIvor it was AGREED that Councillor McAleer be nominated to serve on the above Network.

On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Molloy it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Network.

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor Cassidy be nominated to serve on the above Network.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy, Greer, McAleer and McGarvey nominated to serve on the Irish Central Border Area Network.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor McIvor it was AGREED that Councillor McAleer be nominated to serve as a Director of

ICBAN Ltd and on the ICBAN INTERREG Partnership.

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be nominated to serve as a Director of ICBAN Ltd and on the ICBAN INTERREG Partnership.

The Chairman declared Councillors McAleer and McGarvey nominated to serve as Directors of ICBAN Ltd and on the ICBAN INTERREG Partnership

28. COOKSTOWN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – 2 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor Cassidy be elected to serve on the above Board.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCartney it was AGREED that Councillor Lees be elected to serve on the above Board.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy and Lees elected to serve on the Cookstown Citizens Advice Bureau for one year.

29. LOCAL STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP – 5 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McIvor it was AGREED that Councillors Clarke and Molloy be elected to serve on the above Partnership for a period of one year.

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Greer it was AGREED that Councillors McCrea and Wilson be elected to serve on the above Partnership for a period of one year.

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be elected to serve on the above Partnership for a period of one year.

The Chairman declared Councillors Clarke, McCrea, McGarvey, Molloy and Wilson elected to serve on the Local Strategy Partnership for one year.

30. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS – 3 MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Cassidy and AGREED that Councillor Quinn be nominated to serve on the above Association.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Molloy and

AGREED that Councillor McAleer be nominated to serve on the above Association.

It was proposed by Councillor Lees, seconded by Councillor McCrea and AGREED that Councillor McCartney be nominated to serve on the above Association.

The Chairman declared Councillors McAleer, McCartney and Quinn be nominated to serve on the National Association of Councillors for one year.

31. NORTHERN IRELAND AMENITY COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED that Councillor Greer be elected to serve on the above Council for a period of one year.

32. COOKSTOWN RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT BOARD – 1 MEMBER

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCartney it was proposed that Councillor McCrea be nominated to serve on the above Board.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor McIvor it was proposed that Councillor McNamee be nominated to serve on the above Board.

Following a show of hands 6 members voted for Councillor McCrea and 9 members for Councillor McNamee.

The Chairman declared Councillor McNamee nominated to serve on the Rural Community Transport Board for one year.

33. LOUGH NEAGH & LOWER BANN ASSOCIATION – 2 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED that Councillor Baker be elected to serve on the above Association.

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED that Councillor Greer be elected to serve on the above Association.

The Chairman declared Councillors Baker and Greer elected to serve on the Lough Neagh & Lower Bann Association for one year.

34. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor McGlone it was AGREED that Councillors Cassidy and Quinn be elected to serve on the above Partnership.

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor McCartney it was AGREED that Councillors Greer and Lees be elected to serve on the above Partnership.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy, Greer, Lees and Quinn elected to serve on the Community Safety Partnership for one year.

35. EAST TYRONE RURAL GROUP – 2 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be elected to serve on the above Group.

On the proposal of Councillor Greer, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED that Councillor Glasgow be elected to serve on the above Group.

The Chairman declared Councillors Glasgow and McGarvey elected to serve on the East Tyrone Rural Group for one year.

36. LOCAL COMMITTEES

36.1. MEMBERS SERVICES COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor Cassidy be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Mclvor, seconded by Councillor McAleer it was AGREED that Councillor Molloy be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillors McCrea and Wilson be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy, McCrea, Molloy and Wilson nominated to serve on the Members Services Committee for a period of one year.

36.2. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 4 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED that Councillor Quinn be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McAleer, seconded by Councillor McNamee it was AGREED that Councillor Mclvor be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer it was AGREED that Councillors Glasgow and Lees be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors Glasgow, Lees, Mclvor and Quinn nominated to serve on the Community Relations Committee for a period of one year.

36.3. COOKSTOWN AND DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE – 4 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Mclvor it was AGREED that Councillor McNamee be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillor McCrea and Wilson be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors McCrea, McGarvey, McNamee and Wilson nominated to serve on the District Arts Committee for a period of one year.

36.4. COOKSTOWN AND DISTRICT TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE – 8 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor McGlone it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McGlone, seconded by Councillor

McGarvey it was AGREED that Councillor Baker be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Greer, seconded by Councillor Glasgow it was AGREED that Councillors McCrea and Wilson be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCrea it was AGREED that Councillor Greer be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was AGREED that Councillors McAleer, Mclvor and McNamee be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors Baker, Greer, McAleer, McCrea, Mclvor, McNamee McGarvey and Wilson nominated to serve on the District Town Twinning Committee for one year.

36.5. COOKSTOWN & DISTRICT SPORTS FORUM – 7 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor McGlone, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillors Cassidy and McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Forum.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Mclvor it was AGREED that Councillors McAleer and McNamee be nominated to serve on the above Forum.

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor Greer it was AGREED that Councillors Lees, McCartney and McCrea be nominated to serve on the above Forum.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy, Lees, McAleer, McCartney, McCrea, McGarvey and McNamee nominated to serve on the Cookstown & District Sports Forum for a period of one year.

36.6. BURNAVON PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE – 4 MEMBERS

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was AGREED that Councillor McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Mclvor it

was AGREED that Councillor McNamee be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Lees it was AGREED that Councillors McCrea and Wilson be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors McCrea, McGarvey, McNamee and Wilson nominated to serve on the Burnavon Programming Committee for one year.

36.7. BALLYRONAN COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED that Councillors Baker, Greer, McAleer, McCartney, McGlone and McIvor be elected.

36.8. LOUGHRY COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor McGlone it was AGREED that Councillors Cassidy and McGarvey be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Greer, seconded by Councillor McCrea it was AGREED that Councillors Glasgow and Wilson be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was AGREED that Councillors McAleer and McNamee be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McCartney, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED that Councillors Lees and McCrea be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillors Cassidy, Glasgow, Lees, McAleer, McCrea, McGarvey, McNamee and Wilson nominated to serve on the Loughry Committee for one year.

36.9. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Members AGREED that Councillors Cassidy, Glasgow, McCrea, McNamee, Quinn and Wilson be elected to serve on the Cemetery Committee.

36.10. COOKSTOWN & DISTRICT DRUGS & ALCOHOL FORUM

On the proposal of Councillor McGlone, seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED that Councillor Quinn be elected to serve on the above Forum.

On the proposal of Councillor McCrea, seconded by Councillor McCartney it was AGREED that Councillor Lees be elected to serve on the above Forum.

The Chairman declared Councillors Lees and Quinn elected to serve on the Cookstown & District Drugs & Alcohol Forum for one year.

36.11. GAS TO WEST LOBBY GROUP

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer and AGREED that Councillor Glasgow serve on the above Group.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McIvor and AGREED that Councillor Molloy serve on the above Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Cassidy and AGREED that Councillor McGarvey serve on the above Group.

The Chairman declared Councillors Glasgow, McGarvey and Molloy elected to serve on the Gas to West Lobby Group for one year.

36.12. Town Centre Forum

It was AGREED that Councillors Cassidy, McCrea, McNamee, Quinn and Wilson serve on the Town Centre Forum for one year.

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date