

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3 JUNE 2008**

Minutes of the annual general meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen G Mullan, J Rankin and G Robinson, Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Support Services and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Douglas.

OUT-GOING MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Stevenson thanked his family for supporting him throughout the year. He also thanked Alderman Rankin for his advice & guidance and to Council staff for helping him during his year in office.

Councillor Coyle congratulated Councillor Stevenson for his hard work and said it had been a difficult year due to job losses and arson attacks in the Borough, however Councillor Stevenson had been at the forefront when he was needed.

The out going Mayor was also thanked for his work by Alderman Rankin, Councillor Robinson and Councillor Cubitt.

ELECTION OF MAYOR 2008/2009:

Councillor Stevenson sought nominations for the office of Mayor for 2008/2009.

Councillor Brolly proposed and Councillor Butcher seconded that Councillor Chivers be elected to the position of Mayor in 2008/2009.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Chivers took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. She thanked members for electing her as Mayor and said it was with a great sense of pride to assume the office of Mayor of the Borough and to become

the 2nd lady Mayor, the first being party colleague Councillor Brolly. She said she was also honoured to be the 1st Mayor from Drumsurn, and the first Canadian citizen to hold the position.

Councillor Chivers explained that she was not a native of Limavady, but had emigrated to Toronto from Belfast where she had met her husband Liam who was from Drumsurn. She said since returning to Ireland with their four children, the family had made the Borough their home and was active in the local community life in Drumsurn. She added that she had a good relationship with both sections of the community through her work and social environment and that as Mayor, she would continue to build on the good foundation laid down by former Sinn Féin colleagues and extend the hand of friendship to everyone, regardless of their religion, political beliefs or background.

She referred to job losses in the Borough and gave assurance that she would do everything she could to attract investment into the area. She said sport had always been an important aspect to her family and that she would encourage all sporting bodies to reach their full potential.

Councillor Chivers thanked her family for agreeing to support her over the year. She pledged to do her best to live up to the responsibilities bestowed on her and asked for members to be supportive in carrying out her duties on behalf of the people of the Borough. Councillor Brolly indicated that Sinn Féin party members would fully support Councillor Chivers in her role as Mayor.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2007/2008:

Councillor Robinson proposed, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Alderman Robinson be elected as Deputy Mayor for the year 2008/2009. Agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

It was agreed that all 15 members be elected to the following standing committees:

- Support Services Committee:**
- Environmental Services Committee**
- Development Committee:**
- Planning and Services Committee:**

AUDIT COMMITTEE (4):

Councillor Butcher, Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Coyle be re-elected to the Audit Committee for the year 2008/2009.

APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:

1. **Aghanloo Community Association (2):** Alderman G Mullan and Councillor Cubitt were re-elected to serve on this committee. It was agreed that the Association would be asked to clarify when they held their meetings and if members were officially invited by letter to attend.
2. **Ballykelly Community Association (2):** Councillor Cubitt and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee.
3. **Causeway Coast Arts Committee (1):** Alderman Mullan and the Events & Cultural Officer were elected to serve on this Committee.
4. **Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín and the Director of Development were elected to serve on the above Committee.
5. **Causeway Museum Service (2):** Alderman Mullan and Councillor Cubitt.
6. **Change Management Sub-Committee (6):** Agreed that this committee would be disbanded.
7. **Confederation of European Councillors Executive Committee: (1 National Association of Councillors representative):** Councillor Coyle was re-elected to serve on this committee. .
8. **Corporate Gift Sub-Committee (5):** Councillor Chivers, Alderman Mullan, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Rankin were re-elected to serve on this committee.
9. **Danny Boy Festival Sub Committee (6) (to include Mayor, ex officio and the Chair of Development)** Councillor Chivers, Councillor McElhinney, Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Mullan, Councillor Stevenson and Chair of Development.
10. **Emblems within Council: (4, plus Corporate Policy Officer)** Agreed that this committee would be disbanded.
11. **Equality Steering Group (6):** Councillor Donaghy, Councillor Coyle, Alderman Robinson, Councillor Chivers, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Stevenson were re-elected to serve on this committee.
12. **Foreglen Community Association (2):** Councillor Donaghy and Councillor Coyle were re-elected to serve on the committee.

13. **Forum for Local Government and the Arts (2):** Alderman Mullan and Councillor Ó hOisín, plus Events & Cultural Officer were re-elected to serve on this committee.
14. **Gender Equality Steering Group: (2):** Councillor Chivers and Councillor Coyle were re-elected to serve on this committee.
15. **Greysteel Community Association (2):** Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee. It was agreed that the Association would be asked to consider changing their Tuesday night meetings to a different night to facilitate member's attendance at Council meetings.
16. **Greysteel Community Enterprises (2):** Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee. It was agreed that the above group would be asked to clarify if they still wanted elected members to be represented on their committee.
17. **Home Accident Prevention Committee (Open to any interested members):** Councillor Carten and Councillor McElhinney were re-elected to serve on this committee. It was agreed that the committee would be contacted to see if they still had regular meetings.
18. **Irish Language Sub-Committee (4): 2SF, 1 SDLP, 1 DUP and 1 officer):** Councillor Butcher, Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Coyle and Culture Arts & Tourism Manager were re-elected to serve on this committee, with 1 unallocated seat.
19. **Limavady Arts & Cultural Committee: (2 members plus relevant Council Officers):** Alderman Mullan and Councillor Cubitt were re-elected to serve on this committee.
20. **Limavady Community Development Initiative & Advice Services Sub Group (2, plus 1 Officer):** Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Ó hOisín and the Director of Development were re-elected to serve on this committee.
21. **Limavady Community Safety Partnership (2 of which at least 1 should be a member of the DPP):** Alderman Rankin and Councillor Coyle were nominated to the above partnership.
22. **Limavady Road Safety Committee (Open to any interested members):** Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Mullan were re-elected to serve on this committee.
23. **Limavady Sports Advisory Committee (4):** Councillor Carten, Alderman Robinson, Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Ó hOisín were re-elected to serve on this committee.

24. **Magilligan Community Association (2):** Alderman Mullan, Councillor Butcher and Councillor McElhinney were elected to serve on this committee.
25. **National Association of Councillors (3 plus standby):** Councillor Chivers, Alderman Robinson and Councillor Coyle would re-elected to serve on this committee, with Councillor Robinson as standby.
26. **Northern Corridor Railway Task Force (2):** Councillor Cubitt and Councillor McElhinney were elected to serve on this committee.
27. **Northern Group Building Control Committee (2 plus standby):** Councillor Carten and Alderman Rankin were re-elected to serve on this committee and it was agreed that Councillor McElhinney would continue as act as standby.
28. **Northern Ireland Local Government Association:** Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Chivers and Councillor Coyle to remain on the committee until 2009.
29. **North West Region Waste Management Strategy Sub Committee (2):** Councillor Carten and Alderman Rankin were re-elected to serve on this committee.
30. **Oral Health Steering Group (1 member plus one officer):** Alderman Rankin and Mrs J Glass were re-elected to serve on this committee.
31. **Roe Valley Chamber of Trade:** It was agreed that this committee would be open to all elected members.
32. **Town Hall Steering Group (5):** It was agreed that this committee would be disbanded.
33. **Town Twinning Committee (5):** The Mayor, ex officio Councillor Chivers, Councillor McElhinney, Councillor Coyle, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Brolly, plus Director of Development.
34. **Website Committee (2):** Councillor Coyle and Councillor Cubitt were re-elected to serve on this committee.
35. **Western Group Environmental Health Committee (2 plus standby):** Alderman Rankin and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee and it was agreed that Councillor Chivers would act be standby.
36. **Western Health and Social Services Board Early Years Committee (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín was re-elected to serve on this Committee.

37. **Westport Twinning Committee (6) the Mayor ex officio and 5 members, plus the Director of Development and the Chief Executive:** It was agreed that Alderman Mullan, Councillor Carten, Councillor Coyle, Councillor McElhinney, Councillor Ó hOisín and the Mayor Councillor Chivers would serve on this committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Committees Not Renewable at this time: The list of committees not required to be renewed at this time was noted by members.

The Chief Executive drew attention to the fact that the Disability Working Group and the Sustainable Development Working Group were not included on the list and did not require re-appointment at the AGM.

It was agreed that the Limavady Town Centre Forum would be disbanded.

Court of University of Ulster: It was agreed on the request of Councillor Butcher that the Chief Executive would write to the University of Ulster regarding nomination from Limavady area to the Court of University of Ulster.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Mayor