

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**4 JUNE 2007**

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, Personal Assistant and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor Douglas.

**OUT-GOING MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Councillor McElhinney stated that as Mayor, it had been a privilege to represent the people of the Borough at the many events attended over the year. Before taking nominations for the position of Mayor, he took the opportunity to reflect on his year in office and said it seemed like only yesterday since he had attended his first engagement. .

He indicated that he had hosted various Mayoral receptions and welcomed visitors from home, across the UK and, of course, from Vigneux and Westport and also had the opportunity to visit Vigneux in October 2006 to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary twinning celebrations. He said he had attended numerous award ceremonies throughout the Borough and had the honour of presenting certificates to many members of our community for their educational, sporting, voluntary and vocational achievements.

He pointed out that being Mayor had provided him with an opportunity to meet interesting people from all walks of life and all sections of the community, whether this has been at, charitable functions, photo calls or at formal events and it had been an honour to meet President, Mary McAleese when she visited the Borough on 4 December 2006.

He continued that his year in office has also given him the opportunity to find out so much more about our Borough, its people and what's happening out there.

He said he was constantly impressed by the dedication, enthusiasm and initiative shown by the various organisations and groups in the community and that Council should be proud of endeavours to foster co-operation and offer support to the community for the betterment of our Borough.

He explained that his charity for the year was Foyle Hospice, which has provided care and support for many of our citizens down through the years and said he was delighted that £20,189.95 had been raised through various fundraising events during my term in office. Having witnessed personally the level of care for cancer patients at Altnagelvin, he also made a donation of £2,200 towards the Sperrin Room, donated £200 to Chest, Heart & Stroke and £100 to the Meningitis Research Foundation. He said that all of these causes were close to his heart and could not have spent his last day as Mayor in a nicer way than handing over cheques to these groups.

He extended his thanks to all those who supported him during his year as Mayor. To the Chief Executive, Directors and Council staff he gave his wholehearted thanks for their hard work and much appreciated assistance. He particularly thanked Eithne, Celine and Edwina in the Chief Executive's Office for organising his activities and making sure that he was at the right place at the right time with a speech in hand!

He also extend his appreciation to the press for their continuing interest in Council work and said their steadfast reporting of meetings reinforced Council's commitment to openness and accountability.

He indicated that his wife Pat has been a great source of support and a tower of strength during the past year and expressed his deepest appreciation for her help, guidance and encouragement – a task which would have been far more difficult without her by his side.

Finally, he stressed that he would continue to serve the electorate to the best of his ability and would strive to ensure that the current Council left behind a legacy for the people of the Borough prior to reorganization and that the needs of the area continue to be addressed thereafter under the new arrangements. He said it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as Mayor in a full, busy, yet enjoyable and interesting year.

#### **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2007/2008:**

Councillor McElhinney sought nominations for the office of Mayor for 2007/2008. He pointed out that it had been agreed at the 2006 AGM that the Mayor for 2007/08 would be from the Ulster Unionist Party.

Alderman Rankin proposed and Councillor Coyle seconded that Councillor Stevenson be elected to the position of Mayor in 2007/2008. Councillor McElhinney congratulated Councillor Stevenson on being elected Mayor and wished him well during his time in office.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Councillor Stevenson took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked members for electing him as Mayor for the year 2007/2008 and said it was an honour to be nominated to such a position. He explained that he had thought long and hard before accepting the nomination but had been reassured of support from his family and fellow UUP Councillor Jack Rankin. Finally, he made a pledge to assist anyone who came to him for help in every way possible.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2007/2008:**

Councillor Ó hOisín proposed, seconded by Councillor McElhinney that Councillor Chivers be elected as Deputy Mayor for the year 2007/2008.

There were no objections to the nomination but comments were made about the use of d'Hondt and that Councillor Carten should have been given the opportunity to be Mayor, Deputy Mayor or chair of a standing committee due to his longstanding service to Council.

**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):**

It was agreed that Councillor Butcher, Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Coyle be re-elected to the Audit Committee for the year 2007/2008.

**APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:**

1. **Aghanloo Community Association (2):** Alderman G Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher. Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Councillor Robinson, seconded by Alderman Robinson.
2. **Ballykelly Community Association (2):** Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Coyle. Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor McElhinney, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

3. **Causeway Coast Arts Committee (1):** Alderman Mullan and the Events & Cultural Officer were elected to serve on this Committee on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.
4. **Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín and the Director of Development were elected to serve on the above Committee on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.
5. **Causeway Museum Service (2):** Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Carten.
6. **Change Management Sub-Committee (6):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten that Councillor Chivers, Councillor Coyle, Councillor Butcher, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Cubitt be re-elected to serve on this committee.
7. **Confederation of European Councillors Executive Committee: (1 National Association of Councillors representative):** Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Carten.
8. **Corporate Gift Sub-Committee (5):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that Councillor Chivers, Councillor Coyle, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Rankin be re-elected to serve on this committee.
9. **Danny Boy Festival Sub Committee (6) (to include Mayor, ex officio and the Chair of Development)** The following members were elected to serve on this committee on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson:  
  
The Mayor, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Brolly, Councillor Chivers and Councillor Coyle.
10. **District Policing Partnership - Chair:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Alderman Rankin would chair the DPP until it was reconstituted.
11. **Dungiven Community Hall Management Committee Ltd 2005/09(3):** There were no nominations to the position reserved for a unionist member at the 2005 AGM.
12. **Emblems within Council: (6, plus Corporate Policy Officer)** Councillor Ó hOisín proposed, seconded by Councillor Brolly that the Councillor Butcher, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Coyle and Councillor Ó hOisín be re-elected on serve on the committee for 2007/08.

In addition to this, Councillor Cubitt was nominated to the committee on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson and Councillor A Robinson was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

13. **Equality Steering Group (6):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Councillor Donaghy, Councillor Coyle, Alderman Robinson, Councillor Chivers, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Stevenson be re-elected to serve on this committee.
14. **Feeny Community Association 2005/09 (2):** There were no nominations for the position left for a unionist member at the 2005 AGM.
15. **Foreglen Community Association (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Carten that Councillor Donaghy and Councillor Coyle be re-elected to serve on the committee.
16. **Forum for Local Government and the Arts (2):** It was agreed that Alderman Mullan and Councillor Ó hOisín, plus Events & Cultural Officer be re-elected to serve on this committee.
17. **Greysteel Community Association (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Carten would be re-elected to serve on this committee.
18. **Greysteel Community Enterprises (2):** It was agreed that Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Carten be re-elected to serve on this committee.
19. **Home Accident Prevention Committee (Open to any interested members):** Councillor Carten and Councillor McElhinney expressed willingness to serve on this Committee.
20. **Irish Language Sub-Committee (4): 2SF, 1 SDLP, 1 DUP and 1 officer):**  
  
It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Councillor Butcher, Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Coyle and Culture Arts & Tourism Manager serve on this committee, with 1 seat left for unionist member.
21. **Limavady Arts & Cultural Committee (NEW): (2 members plus relevant Council Officers):** Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

22. **Limavady Community Development Initiative & Advice Services Sub Group (2, plus 1 Officer):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Alderman Rankin that Councillor Ó hOisín and Councillor Cubitt and the Director of Development be re-elected to serve on this committee.
23. **Limavady Community Safety Partnership (2 of which at least 1 should be a member of the DPP):** Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Councillor Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin and one space to be left for unnamed Sinn Féin members on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Butcher.
24. **Limavady Road Safety Committee (Open to any interested members):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Mullan be re-elected to serve on this committee.
25. **Limavady Sports Advisory Committee (4):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Councillor Carten, Alderman Robinson, Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Ó hOisín be re-elected to serve on this committee.
26. **Magilligan Community Association (2):** Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin and Councillor Butcher on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.
27. **National Association of Councillors (3 plus standby):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Councillor Chivers, Alderman Robinson and Councillor Coyle would serve on this committee, with Councillor Robinson as standby.
28. **Northern Corridor Railway Task Force (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Carten that Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Robinson serve on this committee.
29. **Northern Group Building Control Committee (2 plus standby):** It was agreed that Councillor Carten and Alderman Rankin would be re-elected to serve on this committee and that Councillor McElhinney would continue as standby.
30. **Northern Ireland Local Government Association (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for the period up to 2009:  
Councillor Ó hOisín, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Chivers and Councillor Coyle.

- 31. North West Region Waste Management Strategy Sub Committee (2):** It was agreed that Councillor Carten and Alderman Rankin be re-elected to serve on this committee.
- 32. Oral Health Steering Group (1 member plus one officer):** It was agreed that Alderman Rankin and Mrs J Glass serve on this Committee.
- 33. Roe Valley Chamber of Trade:** It was agreed that this Committee would be open to all elected members.
- 34. Town Hall Steering Group (5):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Councillor Brolly, Councillor Chivers, Alderman Mullan, Alderman Rankin and Alderman Robinson be re-elected to serve on this Committee:
- 35. Town Twinning Committee (5):** The Mayor, ex officio, 4 members and the Director of Development:
- Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Donaghy;
- Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten;
- Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt;
- Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly.
- It was agreed that the Mayor and Director of Development would also serve on the Committee.
- 36. Website Committee (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Rankin that Councillor Coyle and Councillor Cubitt be re-elected to serve on this committee.
- 37. Western Group Environmental Health Committee (2 plus standby):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McElhinney, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Alderman Rankin and Councillor Carten be re-elected to serve on this committee and that Councillor Chivers would be standby.
- 38. Western Health and Social Services Board Early Years Committee (1):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Councillor Ó hOisín would serve on this Committee.

- 39. Westport Twinning Committee (6) the Mayor ex officio and 5 members, plus the Director of Development and the Chief Executive:** Councillor McElhinney, Alderman Mullan, Councillor Brolly, Councillor Carten, Councillor Coyle, and the Mayor - Councillor Stevenson plus the Director of Development and the Chief Executive were elected to serve on this committee

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**

**(The meeting ended at 8.00 pm)**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**