

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5 JUNE 2006

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 and the Town Clerk.

OUT-GOING MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Before taking nominations for his replacement, the Mayor, Councillor Coyle referred to his year in office. He explained that the year had got off to a bad start with the loss of his wife Mary but with the help of friends and especially from his daughters Julie and Laura, he had managed to cope. He thanked each member of Council for their support throughout the year and said the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Donaghy had been supportive by undertaking last minute appointments on his behalf.

Councillor Coyle pointed out that it had also been a sad year for Alderman Rankin due to the death of his wife Emma and said all those who had died during the year would be remembered in prayers, including close friend, Brian Campbell.

Councillor Coyle stated that it had been an interesting and satisfying year, which started by attending several sports related events and concluded by meeting the local committee of Marie Curie Cancer Care. He said he had the privilege of meeting several Irish and British dignitaries and ministers throughout the year.

Councillor Coyle indicated that Christmas had been an intense and busy period, with visits to schools, nursing homes, clubs, organisations and church groups. He said the switch on of the festive lights had been enjoyable and for the first time in several years, the trees had not been vandalised.

Councillor Coyle referred to ongoing PR work for the Danny Boy Festival and said it was envisaged that the festival would be international, involve everyone

and take place in every part of the Borough. He said he had decided not to have a Mayors parade in 2006 but hoped this could be incorporated into the Danny Boy Festival.

Councillor Coyle stated that although his chosen charity was Marie Curie Cancer Care, he had worked with many other charities both at a local and national level. He said the dedication and commitment of the volunteers in carrying out work for all these organisations was amazing and he paid tribute to all those people who gave unstintingly of their time in helping others who were less fortunate than themselves.

He stated that although the Halloween Breakfast and Mayor's Ball had raised considerable money, many other groups had held smaller events for his charity. He thanked Council staff for donating the proceeds raised through several events and said over his year in office £20,000 had been collected for Marie Curie.

Councillor Coyle referred to recent changes within Council, with the appointment of a new Chief Executive and three Directors. He thanked Council staff for their co-operation during the transition from the old to the new and offered best wishes to those who had taken early retirement or moved on to other employment. He said change would continue with the Review of Public Administration and that Council needed to prepare locally by talking to other Councils who it would be amalgamating into.

He pointed out that although work within the chamber had got off to a poor start, this had slowly improved and hoped this trend would continue. He said Council meetings had improved time wise, however, he felt this had the effect of diluting the more serious business of Council.

Finally, he thanked staff within the Chief Executive's Department for their help throughout the year; Lucille Brolly and the local Marie Curie Cancer Care Committee and his two daughters who acted as Mayoress.

ELECTION OF MAYOR 2006/2007:

Councillor Coyle sought nominations for the office of Mayor for 2006/2007. He pointed out that it had been agreed at the 2005 AGM that the Mayor for 2006/07 would from Sinn Féin.

Councillor Butcher proposed and Councillor Ó hOisín seconded that Councillor McElhinney be elected to the position of Mayor in 2006/2007.

Councillor Coyle congratulated Councillor McElhinney on being elected Mayor and wished him well during his time in office.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Councillor McElhinney took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked members for electing him as Mayor for the year 2006/2007 and said he felt great pleasure at being elected the first Sinn Féin Mayor from the Greysteel and Bellarena Ward.

He explained that he had spent most of his childhood around the Limavady/Largy area and was fortunate to have met his good lady wife at one of the local dances. He paid tribute to the work and fundraising that Councillor Coyle had undertaken over the past year and said he would continue to work with everyone in the Borough.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2006/2007:

Alderman Robinson proposed, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that Councillor Cubitt be elected as Deputy Mayor for the year 2006/2007. There were no objections to the nomination.

Councillor Cubitt thanked those who nominated him and said he would represent everyone in the Borough, no matter what race, religion or political viewpoint.

The Mayor, Councillor McElhinney suggested that it might be appropriate to agree nominations for the other spaces left for unionist members. Councillor Stevenson said Council was left with the awful situation whereby nationalist's members selected their positions, leaving the remainder for unionists at the 2005 AGM but questioned on what authority they did this. Councillor Brolly responded that if the unionist block had remained at the meeting, they could have chosen their seats as well

Councillor Stevenson proposed that the position of Mayor for 2007/2008 be reserved for a UUP member. This was seconded by Alderman Rankin. There were no objections to the proposal.

Councillor Cubitt proposed that Alderman Robinson chair the Environmental Services Committee, that Alderman Rankin chair the Development Committee and that the Planning & Services Committee be co-chaired given the amount of work that was involved with office meetings. Councillor Ó hOisín reminded him that nomination was for the party rather than the person and that the chair would be decided at the first meeting of the committees.

At this stage Councillor Coyle pointed out that the running order of nominations as set out in the D'Hondt sheet had not been adhered to as the DUP did not have the first choice for position of Deputy Mayor as they had used choice 16 by agreeing to chair the Environmental Services Committee earlier in the year.

It was agreed that Council would break for 10 minute to clarify nomination issues.

On return, the Chief Executive clarified that going by the D'Hondt list circulated to members, 15 places had been taken up at the 2005 AGM, the next choice (16) which lay with the DUP had been used during the year when they had agreed to Chair the Environmental Services Committee, therefore the UUP had the next choice going by the D'Hondt list.

The meeting continued and the Chief Executive sought clarification on nominations being made. Councillor Stevenson reaffirmed his proposal for a UUP member to be Mayor in the year 2007/2008 (choice 17), which was seconded by Alderman Rankin.

The DUP had choice 18 on the D'Hondt list and Alderman Robinson nominated Councillor Cubitt for the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2006/2007. This was seconded by Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Cubitt accepted the nomination.

The Mayor asked if members wanted to go down the list and fill the remaining places from 19 – 24 but it was agreed that these places would not be filled at this time.

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 2006/2007.

APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:

- 1. Aghanloo Community Association (2):** Alderman G Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher. (1 seat left unallocated)
- 2. Association of Direct Labour Organisations (NI Branch) (1):** Councillor A Robinson on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

3. **Ballykelly Community Association (2):** Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Robinson and Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan.
4. **Causeway Coast Arts Committee (1):** Alderman Mullan and the Community Relations Officer were elected to serve on this Committee on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.
5. **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 Butcher.
6. **Causeway Museum Service (2):** Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Robinson.
7. **Change Management Sub-Committee (6):** The following members were elected to serve on this committee:
 - Councillor Chivers on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher;
 - Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten;
 - Councillor Butcher on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Chivers;
 - Alderman Robinson on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Robinson;
 - Alderman Rankin on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Coyle and
 - Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Robinson.
8. **Community Change (1):** There were no nominations to this committee.
9. **Confederation of European Councillors Executive Committee: (1 National Association of Councillors representative):** Councillor Cubitt and Councillor Coyle were both nominated to this committee and on being put to the vote it was agreed with 9 votes for and 5 against that Councillor Coyle would serve on this committee for the year 2006/07.

- 10. Corporate Gift Sub-Committee (5):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee:

Councillor Chivers on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín;

Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten;

Councillor Robinson on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Stevenson;

Councillor Cubitt on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin and

Alderman Rankin on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Carten.

- 11. 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:

The Mayor, Councillor McElhinney;

Councillor Cubitt, on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Stevenson;

Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt;

Councillor Brolly, on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Donaghy;

Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín and

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

- 12. District Policing Partnership:** It was agreed that Aldermen G Mullan, J Rankin and G Robinson, Councillors M Carten, L Cubitt, M Coyle, E Stevenson and A Robinson would serve on this committee. It was also agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that Councillor Cubitt would be chair the committee for the year 2006/07.

- 13. 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.
- 14. Emblems within Council: (4, plus Corporate Policy Officer)** The following members were elected to serve to the committee:
- Councillor Butcher on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín;
- Alderman Rankin on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt and
- Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten.
- (1 seat left unallocated)
- 15. Equality Steering Group (6):** The following members were elected to serve on this:
- Councillor Donaghy, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Chivers;
- Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten;
- Alderman Robinson, on the proposal of Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Stevenson;
- Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín;
- Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt and
- Councillor Stevenson, on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.
- 16. Feeny Community Association 2005/09 (2):** There were no nominations for the position left for a unionist member at the 2005 AGM.
- 17. Foreglen Community Association (2):** Councillor Donaghy on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Butcher and

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten.

18. **Forum for Local Government and the Arts (2):** Alderman Robinson, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor Ó hOisín, on the proposal of Councillor Brolly seconded by Councillor Donaghy.
19. **Glenshane Community Development Ltd 2005/09 (3):** There were no nominations for the position left for a unionist member at the 2005 AGM.
20. **Greysteel Community Association (2):** Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Chivers and Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan.
21. **Greysteel Community Enterprises (2):** Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Coyle.
22. **Home Accident Prevention Committee (Open to any interested members):** Councillor Carten expressed his willingness to serve on this Committee.
23. **Irish Language Sub-Committee (currently 3 members and 1 officer):**

Councillor Butcher, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Donaghy;

Councillor Ó hOisín, on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher and

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten.

There were no nominations from unionist members. Councillor Cubitt suggested that the committee be renamed 'Bilingual Sub Committee'.
24. **Limavady Community Development Initiative & Advice Services Sub Group (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Robinson that Councillor Cubitt would serve on this committee. It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Donaghy that Councillor Brolly would serve on the committee.

- 25. Limavady Community Safety Partnership (2 of which at least 1 should be a member of the DPP):** Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Coyle and Alderman Robinson on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Robinson.
- 26. Limavady Area Partnership Ltd 2005/09 (4):** There were no nominations for the position left for a unionist member at the 2005 AGM.
- 27. Limavady Road Safety Committee (Open to any interested members):** Alderman Mullan expressed his willingness to serve on this committee.
- 28. Limavady Sports Advisory Committee (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee:
- Councillor Carten, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan;
- Alderman Robinson, on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Robinson;
- Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher and
- Councillor Ó hOisín, on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher.
- 29. Limavady Town Centres' Forum 2005/09 (nomination for 2 unionists) (7):** Alderman Rankin on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Carten and Alderman Robinson on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Robinson.
- 30. Local Government Staff Commission 2005/09 (1):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that Councillor Cubitt would serve on this committee.
- 31. Magilligan Community Association (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that Councillor Butcher would serve on this Committee and Alderman Robinson was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Coyle.
- 32. National Association of Councillors (3 plus standby):**
- Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín;

Alderman Robinson, on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin;

Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten and

Councillor Robinson was nominated as standby on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten.

- 33. Northern Corridor Railway Task Force (2):** Council Robinson on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin and Councillor McElhinney on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

- 34. Northern Group Building Control Committee (2 plus standby):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee:

Councillor Carten, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan;

Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Robinson and

Councillor McElhinney as standby on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

- 35. Northern Ireland Amenity Council (1):** There were no nominations to serve on this Committee.

- 36. Northern Ireland Local Government Association (4 – 1 DUP, 2 SF, 1 SDLP):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for the period up to 2009:

Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher;

Councillor Cubitt, on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin;

Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly and

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten.

- 37. North West Region Cross Border Group 2005/09 (nomination for 1 unionist) (4):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Alderman Rankin would serve on this committee up to 2009.
- 38. North West Region Cross Border Group ‘Interreg IIIa Partnership 2005/09 (nomination for 1 unionist) (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Alderman Rankin would serve on this committee.
- 39. North West Region Waste Management Strategy Sub Committee (2):** Councillor Carten, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan and Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Carten.
- 40. Oral Health Steering Group (1 member plus one officer):** It was agreed that Alderman Rankin and Mrs J Glass serve on this Committee.
- 41. Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland (1):** It was agreed that Councillor Douglas would serve on this Committee.
- 42. Roe Valley Chamber of Trade:** It was agreed that this Committee would be open to all elected members.
- 43. Roe Valley Rural Development Ltd 2005/09 (nomination for 1 unionist) (3):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Coyle that Alderman Rankin be serve on this Committee.
- 44. Somme Advisory Committee (1):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Rankin that Councillor Douglas would serve on this Committee.
- 45. Town Hall Steering Group (5):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee:
- Councillor Brolly, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Butcher;
- Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín;
- Alderman Mullan, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten;

Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Alderman Robinson, on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Robinson.

46. Town Twinning Committee (5): The Mayor, ex officio, 4 members and the Director of Development:

Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Donaghy;

Councillor Brolly, on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín;

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten;

Alderman Rankin, on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Robinson.

It was agreed that the Mayor and Director of Development would serve on the Committee.

47. Western Group Environmental Health Committee (2 plus standby):

Alderman Rankin on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Carten;

Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin and

Councillor Chivers as standby, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

48. Western Health and Social Services Board Early Years Committee (1): It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Butcher that Councillor Ó hOisín be elected to serve on this Committee.

49. Westport Twinning Committee (6) Plus the Director of Development and the Chief Executive: The following members were elected to serve on this Committee:

Alderman Mullan, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten;

Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly;

Councillor Brolly, on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Butcher;

Councillor Donaghy, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly;

Councillor Carten, on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Mullan and

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Presentations to Council: It was agreed that George Duff, Project Engineer, Water Service would present to Council at the June 2006 Development Services Committee. It was also agreed that the Ulster Scots Agency would present to Council at the August Development Services Committee meeting.

Visit to Magherafelt Recycling Centre: The Chief Executive explained that the Director of Environmental Services had arranged for members to visit Magherafelt Recycling Centre at 3 pm on 8 June 2006.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS

(The meeting ended at 9.30 pm)

Signed: _____
Mayor

