

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8 JUNE 2010**

Minutes of the annual general meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, at 8.55 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Administration Officer, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - None.

OUT-GOING MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Ó hOisín speaking in Irish first and then English thanked those who made his year in office special. He said he had met many interesting and talented people from the local area, Ireland, UK, Europe and indeed across the globe. He reiterated that from day 1 he had pledged to go wherever he was asked and meet whoever wished to meet him and that this pledge had been achieved judging by peoples reactions.

Councillor Ó hOisín outlined that it given him great pleasure to attend the 1st Volunteers Ball which recognised the work of many across the Borough and wider afield. He said throughout the year he had recognised contributions made to civic society by numerous individuals and that he had visited nearly all of the schools, with them reciprocating the gesture by in turn visiting Council. He added that in continuing the work of previous Mayors, he had visited all the nursing homes in the area at Christmas.

He explained that he had met many celebrities, including his neighbour when he became European Lightweight boxing champion. He said during his year Kevin Lynch's hurling club had made history by winning 4 in a row county championships, Derry Camogie had win the Under 16 All-Ireland championship and that he had marked the achievements of many other clubs throughout the year. He added that whilst he was not from a soccer background, he had missed very few of the Milk Cup games.

Councillor Ó hOisín acknowledged the achievement of Dungiven Celtic, Limavady United & Newtowne FC and said Peter Jack had kept him busy with various athletic events. He said that he had formed lasting friendship with Joan & Eddie Archibald from the Salvation Army, Canon McVeigh and the Rev Dunsmore. He added that it had been a pleasure to attend Civic Receptions to mark the retirement of Fr Collins and Glen Riley & Wilson Manning.

Referring to the 401 civic events attended, he said the Mayor's Charity Ball had been the highlight of his year when special guests the Rev David Armstrong and Fr Kevin Mullan being in attendance. He said despite the economic downturn, a total of £14,062 had been raised throughout the year, £4,523 of which had been presented to Glenshane Care Association, £3,220 to Haiti, £3,800 for relief for pensioners, £1,100 to the Niall Mellon Trust and the remainder distributed to MacMillan, Marie Curie, RNLI and the British Heart Foundation.

Councillor Ó hOisín indicated that the only regrets that he had was that his parents had not lived to see him as Mayor, nor had the Civic Centre been completed during his time in office. He said the role of Mayor had been made easier by the help given by Liam, Eithne, Denise and Edwina from the Chief Executives Department and by the Deputy Mayor Alderman Robinson. Finally, he thanked his wife Eileen and son Peadar known as 'The Mayors Kid' for their support in what he described as his year of reconciliation.

In concluding his speech, Councillor Ó hOisín wished in incoming Mayor best wishes for the year ahead.

Councillor Ó hOisín was congratulated by Alderman Coyle and Councillor Brolly for the way he had carried out his duties.

ELECTION OF MAYOR 2010/2011:

Councillor Ó hOisín sought nominations for the office of Mayor for 2010/2011.

Alderman Coyle proposed and Councillor Brolly seconded that Councillor Michael Carten be elected as the Mayor for 2010/11. Agreed.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Carten took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked those for electing him in Mayor and said he would do his best to fulfil the obligations as Mayor and to make those who elected for him proud.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2010/2011:

Councillor Cubitt proposed, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that Councillor Douglas be elected as Deputy Mayor for the year 2010/2011. Agreed.

Councillor Douglas signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and said he would support the Mayor throughout the year and suggested that he use the opportunity to change the workings of Council.

Several members congratulated Councillor Carten & Councillor Douglas and said the roles bestowed on them had been a long time in coming.

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 Alderman Coyle were re-elected to the Audit Committee for the year 2010/2011.

APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:

1. **Aghanloo Community Association (2):** Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Cubitt were elected to serve on this committee.
2. **Ballykelly Community Association (2):** Councillor Cubitt and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee.
3. **Binevenagh AONB (1):** Councillor Mullan was nominated to serve on this Forum as a representative from Council. Councillor Ó hOisín would continue to sit on the Forum as a representative of Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust.
4. **Causeway Coast Arts Committee (1):** Councillor Mullan and the Events & Cultural Officer were elected to serve on this committee.
5. **Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín and the Director of Development were elected to serve on this committee.
6. **Causeway Museum Service (2):** Councillor Mullan and Councillor Cubitt were elected to serve on this committee.

7. **Confederation of European Councillors Executive Committee: (1 National Association of Councillors representative):** Alderman Coyle was re-elected to serve on this committee.
8. **Corporate Gift Sub-Committee (6):** Councillor Carten, Councillor Chivers, Councillor Mullan, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Cubitt and Alderman Rankin were elected to serve on this committee.
9. **Danny Boy Festival Sub Committee (6) (to include Mayor, ex officio and the Chair of Development):** Councillor Carten, Councillor McElhinney, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Chivers, Alderman Coyle and Chair of Development.
10. **Chair District Policing Partnership (9):** Councillor Robinson was nominated on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Coyle. It was agreed that times of meetings would be organised to facilitate Councillor Robinson schedule of appointments.
11. **Equality Steering Group (6):** Councillor Donaghy, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Chivers and Councillor McElhinney (1 unallocated) were elected to serve on this committee.
12. **Feeny Community Association (3):** Councillor Donaghy and Alderman Coyle (1 unallocated) were elected to serve on this committee.
13. **Foreglen Community Association (2):** Councillor Donaghy and Alderman Coyle were re-elected to serve on the committee.
14. **Forum for Local Government and the Arts (2):** Councillor Mullan and Councillor Ó hOisín, plus Events & Cultural Officer were re-elected to serve on this committee.
15. **Gender Equality Steering Group: (2):** Councillor Chivers and Alderman Coyle were re-elected to serve on this committee.
16. **Greysteel Community Association (2):** Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee.
17. **Greysteel Community Enterprises (2):** Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Carten were re-elected to serve on this committee.
18. **Home Accident Prevention Committee (Open to any interested members):** Councillor Carten and Councillor McElhinney were re-elected to serve on this committee
19. **Irish Language Sub-Committee (4): 2SF, 1 SDLP, 1 UUC and 1 officer):** Councillor Butcher, Councillor Ó hOisín, Alderman Coyle and

Culture Arts & Tourism Manager were re-elected to serve on this committee, with 1 unallocated seat.

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 Alderman Coyle were nominated to the above partnership.
22. **Limavady Road Safety Committee (Open to any interested members):** Councillor Cubitt and Councillor 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):** Councillor Mullan, Councillor Butcher and Councillor McElhinney were elected to serve on this committee.
25. **Management Committee – Grammar School Pitch (2) plus Director of Development:** Alderman Rankin and Councillor Ó hOisín were elected to serve on this committee.
26. **National Association of Councillors (3 plus standby):** Councillor Chivers, Alderman Robinson and Alderman Coyle would re-elected to serve on this committee, with Councillor Robinson as standby.
27. **Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (2):** Alderman Rankin and Councillor Mullan were elected to serve on this committee.
28. **Northern Corridor Railway Task Force (2):** Councillor Cubitt and Councillor McElhinney were elected to serve on this committee.
29. **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.
30. **Northern Ireland Local Government Association (4):** Councillor Brolly, Councillor Cubitt, Councillor Chivers and Alderman Coyle were elected to serve on this committee..

31. **North West Region Waste Management Joint Committee (2):** Alderman Rankin and Councillor Carten were elected to serve on this committee.
32. **Peace III Programme (2):** Alderman Rankin and Councillor Carten were elected to serve on this committee.
33. **Roe Valley Arts & Heritage Committee (2):** Councillor Mullan and Councillor Ó hOisín were elected to serve on this committee.
34. **Roe Valley Chamber of Trade:** It was agreed that this committee would be open to all elected members.
35. **Rural Development Programme (LAG) (4):** Councillor Mullan, Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Butcher were elected to serve on this committee and it was agreed that Councillor Ó hOisín would continue to act as standby.
36. **Sustainable Development Working Group:** Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Ó hOisín and 1 officer from each Directorate was nominated to serve on this committee.
37. **Limavady Twinning Committee (Vigneux & Westport) (4) to include the Mayor ex officio:** Councillor Carten, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Mullan and Councillor Cubitt were nominated to the joint Twinning Committee.
38. **Website Committee (2):** Alderman Coyle and Councillor Cubitt were re-elected to serve on this committee.
39. **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.
40. **Western Area Childcare Partnership (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín was re-elected to serve on this Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Committees Not Renewable at this time:

- Causeway Coast & Antrim Glens Ltd (2009/11)
- Disability Working Group (2009/11)
- Feeny Community Association (2009/11)
- Northern Ireland Housing Council (2009/11)
- Northern Ireland Museums Council (2009/11)
- North West Region Cross Border Group (2009/11)

- North West Region Waste Management Strategy Sub Group (2009/11)
- Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland (March 09/11)
- Roe Valley Enterprises (2009/11)
- Somme Advisory Committee (2009/11)
- Sperrins Tourism Ltd (2009/11)
- Transition Committee (2009/11)

Disbanded:

- (a) Local Government Staff Commission
- (b) Roe Valley Rural Development Ltd
- (c) Western Education & Library Board

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.30 pm)

Signed: _____
Mayor