

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**23 MAY 2005**

Minutes of the annual general meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, at 7.30 pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Chief Finance & Administration Officer, Finance Officer and the Town Clerk.

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

Before taking nominations for his replacement, the Mayor, Councillor Jack Rankin reflected on the last twelve months and said he was honoured to have been elected Mayor and had thoroughly enjoyed his year in office. He said that as Mayor he had hosted many receptions and had extended the hand of friendship to citizens across the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and other parts of the world.

He said that the position of Mayor had given him the opportunity to attend numerous events, including school prize giving, sporting events, the world ploughing championship, world Moto-Cross and the Northern Ireland Milk Cup matches. He said he was fortunate that world events had occurred during his year in office as he had made friends with overseas visitors who continued to communicate with him and that the highlight was meeting and talking to His Royal Highness Prince Charles during the World Ploughing Championships.

He referred to the positive changes over the year, including the success of the by-pass; start of enabling works at the Multi Cultural Civic Centre; improvements to Newtowne Square and Connell Street car parks; the continued success of the Magilligan/Greencastle Ferry; inclusion of Dungiven by-pass built into the 5 – 10 year plan; publication of Northern Area Draft Plan 2016; extension of Tesco Store to provide 300 new jobs; improvements to retail premises in the Borough; the opening of new Technology Park for College of Further Education and the provision of a climbing lane on the Coleraine Mountain Road.

He stressed that the establishment of the DPP in Limavady had provided an opportunity to facilitate dialogue between the community and the local PSNI and that whilst the general public were slow in taking up this opportunity, he hoped they would attend future meetings and take an active part in supporting the local police service. He said he had made a special point of giving the youth of the Borough an opportunity of discovering the mechanism of local government in the hope that one day it might encourage them to enter the political arena.

Councillor Rankin paid tribute to the generosity of people of the Borough who had contributed almost £7000 to his chosen charities of British Heart Foundation, Cancer Northern Ireland and Diabetes UK. He said he could not forget the generosity showed to those less fortunate during the Tsunami appeal, when £18,000 was raised.

He thanked those who supported the Mayor's Parade, especially visitors from Westport and Vigneux. He said he had been delighted to launch the Atlantic Drift, a major new tourism initiative, which would be rewarding to the region through increased tourism figures and revenue.

He extended his thanks to those who voted for him in the Local Government Elections, securing him a second term in office. He also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Michael Coyle who had assisted him during the year and to his Chaplain Reverend Stanley Irwin for his moral and spiritual support.

He paid tribute to the press for covering his work as Mayor and give thanks to the Chief Executive, the Senior Management team, Council staff and in particular the staff of the Town Clerk's Department.

Councillor Rankin wished the Town Clerk many happy years ahead following his retirement in June and said he had always found him to be a dedicated and fair minded Chief Executive. He said it was unfortunate that the Chief Technical Service Officer and Chief Building Control Officer would also be leaving in June, which would be followed by the retirement of the Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer in October 2005. He added that the loss of these three officers along with the Chief Executive would undoubtedly leave a void but sincerely hoped that whoever replaced them would carry on the good work they had already achieved.

He referred to the Appraisal Audit and said what whilst this had brought about changes to Council's staffing structure, he had reservations as to whether or not the savings certain Councillors predicted could be achieved.

Councillor Rankin concluded that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Mayor and although it had been a busy year, it had also been enjoyable and interesting. He expressed heartfelt thanks to his wife Emma and daughter Tanya who acted as Mayoress on behalf of her mother and said that she had given

tremendous help, guidance and encouragement. He added that his grandchildren also played their part, especially granddaughter Stephanie who assisted him on several occasions.

Finally, he reinforced that Local Government re-organisation was about to become a reality and hoped party political discussions would be avoided, with members concentrating on local issues in achieve as much as possible over the next four years.

Councillor Coyle and representatives from each party expressed their thanks to Councillor Rankin for reaching out to the people of the Borough and working for all sections of the community.

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2005/2006:**

Councillor Coyle proposed that Council look at the position of Mayor for a 4 year period as this would provide continuity. He said that former colleague Arthur Doherty and present day members of the SDLP believed in power sharing and proposed that Council support power sharing again.

Alderman Robinson said that the power sharing system arrangement in place for the last 12 years had worked well. He said that although there were parties he could not or would not work with, he would second Councillor Coyle's proposal.

Councillor Brolly explained that Sinn Fein had a duty to the electorate with an increased mandate of 6 seats and proposed the D'Hondt system of appointment to select Mayors, Deputy Mayors and committee chairmanships.

In seconding Councillor Brolly's proposal, Councillor Coyle clarified that his party would not be averse to using the D'Hondt system of appointment as party leader Mark Durkin believed this system should be used in all 26 Councils.

Councillor Stevenson suggested an amendment and urged members to support the status quo and give all parties a chance to represent all the electorate. He pointed out that Unionists would feel disadvantaged at taking the crumbs from a Sinn Finn table. Councillor Douglas seconded the amendment.

The amendment to maintain the status quo was put to the meeting was declared lost with 6 voting for and 9 against.

The substantive motion was put to the meeting and declared carried with 9 voting for and 6 against.

Councillor Stevenson said he refused to take part in the election of office and would leave the meeting.

Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Cubitt, Alderman Robinson and Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Using the D'Hondt system, it was agreed that the following parties be assigned to office of Mayor for the 4 year term 2005 – 2009.

<b>Year 1</b> <b>05/06</b>	<b>Year 2</b> <b>06/07</b>	<b>Year 3</b> <b>07/08</b>	<b>Year 4</b> <b>08/09</b>
SDLP	SF	----	SF

Councillor Mullan proposed and Councillor Brolly seconded that Councillor Coyle be elected to the position of Mayor 2005/2006.

Councillor Rankin congratulated Councillor Coyle on being elected Mayor and wished him well in his year in office.

Councillor Rankin left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

#### **MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Councillor Coyle took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked members for electing him as Mayor for the year 2005/2006 and said was not exactly how he would have thought he would have been elected as first citizen of Limavady.

He paid tribute to the previous Mayor, Councillor Rankin and said that he carried out his duties in a manner that did credit to himself and the Borough.

He referred to the Review of Public Administration and said whilst it was unclear which Council Limavady would be subsumed into, Council must continue to provide a good and efficient service to the citizens of this Borough and strive to improve costs of those services.

At a local level, he said Council was in the process of change, with staff taking retirement and others working under a revamped Council and hoped that the period of transition/uncertainty would be as short as possible.

He said the Northern Area Plan was long overdue and no doubt the eventual plan would not please everyone, but Council would take the broad view of what was best for the Borough and the people residing in the Council area.

He referred to the success of Glenshane Community Development and said like many other voluntary organisations, they were an example of how people would help each other with the help of statutory bodies and grant aiding organisations.

In voiced sadness at the collapse of the textile industry, he said Council needed to support the small businesses of the area as they were the backbone of the local economy.

In conclusion, he said that during his year in office, he intended to lobby for the Dungiven by-pass but would not forget Ballykelly or Greysteel. He said he would be calling on Roads Service to progress duelling on the A6 between the M2 and Derry City, with special emphasis being put on the part of the road which passed through the Borough.

Councillor Coyle requested that his two daughters share the office of Mayoress. Agreed.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2005/2006:**

Under the D’Hondt system the post of Deputy Mayor was allocated to Sinn Fein and Councillor Brolly proposed and Councillor McElhinney seconded that Councillor Donaghy be so elected.

There being no further nominations, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF ALDERMEN:**

Nominations were sought for three Aldermen to serve for the term of the present Council and the following nominations were tabled and agreed as follows:

Alderman Robinson on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Douglas.

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

Councillor Rankin on the proposal of Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

It was agreed that the standing committees would consist of all 15 members and be chaired for the following for years 2005 – 2009 as follows:

**Environmental Services Committee:**

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
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**Finance and General Purposes Committee:**

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>SF</i>	<i>SDLP</i>	<i>SDLP</i>	<i>SF</i>

**Development Committee:**

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>SF</i>	----	----	----

**Planning and Development Services Committee:**

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>SDLP</i>	<i>SF</i>	<i>SF</i>	<i>SF</i>

**Audit Committee (5):** Councillor Butcher on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor A Brolly and Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Donaghy. It was agreed that the three remaining seats be left open for members from the unionist group.

**APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Aghanloo Community Association (2):** Councillor Butcher on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor A Brolly and Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Councillor A Brolly, seconded by Alderman Carten. It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor A Brolly, seconded by Alderman Carten that a nominee from unionist members be appointed.

**Association of Direct Labour Organisations (NI Branch) (1):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Carten seconded by Councillor Chivers that the appointment be left open to a member of the unionist group.

**Ballykelly Community Association (2):** Councillor Carten on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Coyle and Councillor McElhinney on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín. It was agreed that a unionist member would also be appointed.

**Causeway Coast Arts Committee (1):** Alderman Mullan and the Community Relations Officer were elected to serve on this Committee on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

**Causeway Coast & Glens Ltd: (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín and Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer were elected to serve on this Committee on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Donaghy.

**Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (1):** Councillor Ó hOisín and the Chief Recreation/Tourist Officer were elected to serve on the above Committee on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Donaghy.

**Causeway Museum Service (2):** Alderman Mullan was elected to serve on the above Committee on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor A Brolly. It was also agreed that one unionist member would also be appointed.

**Change Management Sub-Committee (6):** Councillor Chivers on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Brolly; Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor McElhinney on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín. It was agreed that the remaining 3 seats be set aside for unionist members.

**Community Change (1):** It was agreed that the seat be appointed to a unionist member.

**Confederation of European Councillors Executive Committee: (1 National Association of Councillors representative):** Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Alderman Mullan.

**Corporate Gift Sub-Committee (5):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for the 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

It was agreed that the 3 remaining seats be allocated to unionist members.

**Danny Boy Festival Sub Committee (6)** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for the 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

The Mayor ex officio and Councillor Brolly on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

It was agreed that the remaining 2 seats be allocated to unionist members.

**Dungiven Community Hall Management Committee Ltd (3):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

Councillor Coyle, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Carten.

It was agreed that the Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer would serve on this Committee and that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**Equality Steering Group (6):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

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

It was agreed that the remaining 3 seats be allocated to a unionist members.

**District Policing Partnership (6):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten that the 3 elected SDLP be nominated to the DPP and the remaining 5 seats be allocated to unionist members, with the chair to be decided at a later date.

**Feeny Community Association (2):** Councillor Donaghy, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Alderman Mullan and Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten. It was also agreed that 1 unionist member be allocated to the Committee.

**Foreglen Community Association (2):** Councillor Donaghy on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor McElhinney and Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

**Forum for Local Government and the Arts (2):** Councillor Ó hOisín, on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly and Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Brolly.



**Glenshane Community Development Ltd (3):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

It was agreed that one officer would serve on this Committee and that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**Greysteel Community Association (2):** Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Carten and Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor McElhinney, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

**Greysteel Community Enterprises (2):** Councillor McElhinney, on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Brolly and Alderman Mullan on proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**Home Accident Prevention Committee (Open to any interested members):** It was agreed that Councillor Carten be appointed to the Committee and that further nominations be obtained from unionist members not present.

**Irish Language Sub-Committee (5):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

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

It was agreed that the 2 remaining seats be allocated to unionist members.

**Limavady Community Development Initiative & Advice Services Sub Group (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor McElhinney that Councillor Brolly serve on this Committee.

It was also agreed that the Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer be appointed to the Committee and that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**Limavady Area Partnership Ltd (4):** The following were elected to serve on the Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

Councillor Butcher, on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded Councillor Brolly;

It was agreed that the Town Clerk & Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer be appointed to this Committee and that the remaining seat be allocated to a Unionist member.

**Limavady Road Safety Committee (Open to any interested members):** Alderman Mullan expressed his willingness to serve on this committee and it was agreed that further nominations be sought from Unionist members not present at the meeting.

**Limavady Small Business Agency (2 plus 1 Officer):** Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Brolly and Councillor Brolly on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Butcher. It was agreed that a unionist member be allocated the third place.

**Limavady Sports Advisory Committee (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

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

It was agreed that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**Limavady Town Centres' Forum (7):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

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

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

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

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would serve on this Committee and that the remaining 2 seats be allocated to unionist members.

**Magilligan Community Association (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor McElhinney that Councillor Butcher serve on this Committee and Alderman Mullan on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín. It was agreed that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**National Association of Councillors (3 plus standby):** It was agreed that Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Brolly and Councillor Coyle, on the proposal Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Brolly, would serve on this Committee.

It was agreed that the remaining seat be appointed to a unionist member and that a unionist member would also be appointed as standby.

**Northern Corridor Railway Task Force (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that Councillor McElhinney could serve on this Committee, with the remaining seat to be allocated to a unionist member.

**Northern Group Building Control Committee (2 plus standby):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

Councillor Carten on the proposal of Councillor McElhinney, seconded by Alderman Mullan, with the standby seat allocated to a unionist member.

**Northern Ireland Amenity Council (1):** It was agreed that a unionist member be allocated this place.

**Northern Ireland Housing Council (1):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Councillor Carten serve on this Committee.

**Northern Ireland Local Government Association (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

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

It was agreed that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**North West Region Cross Border Group (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

Councillor Chivers, on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Alderman Mullan;

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

It was agreed that the remaining seat be allocated to a unionist member.

**North West Region Cross Border Group ‘Interreg IIIA Partnership’ (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Councillor Chivers and 1 unionist member be nominated to sit on this Committee.

**North West Region Waste Management Strategy Sub Committee (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Councillor Carten and 1 unionist member be nominated to serve on this Committee.

**Oral Health Planning Team (1 member plus one officer):** It was agreed that 1 unionist and Mrs J Glass be nominated to serve on this Committee.

**Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland (1):** It was agreed that 1 unionist member be nominated to serve on this Committee.

**Roe Valley Chamber of Trade & Commerce Liaison Committee:**

The Mayor, ex officio and Town Councillors. Agreed.

**Roe Valley Rural Development Ltd (3):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

It was agreed that the Town Clerk and 1 unionist member be nominated to serve on the Committee.

**Somme Advisory Committee (1):** It was agreed that 1 unionist member be nominated to serve on this Committee.

**Sperrins Tourism Ltd (2):** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Councillor Ó hOisín serve on this Committee and Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

**Town Hall Steering Group (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

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

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

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

It was agreed that 1 unionist be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

**Town Twinning Committee (4):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

The Mayor, ex officio;

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

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

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

It was agreed that 1 unionist member and the Chief Recreation/Tourist Officer be nominated to serve on the above Committee.

**Western Education and Library Board (2):** It was agreed that Councillor Brolly on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Chivers and Councillor Coyle on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Butcher serve on this Committee.

**Western Group Environmental Health Committee (2 plus standby):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín that Councillor Carten and 1 unionist member be nominated to serve on the above Committee. It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Alderman Mullan that Councillor Chivers be nominated as standby.

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

**Western Health and Social Services Council (1):** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Butcher that Councillor Carten serve on this Committee.

**Westport Twinning Committee (6):** The following members were elected to serve on this Committee for 4 year period 2005 – 2009:

Councillor Chivers, Councillor Brolly and Councillor Butcher were elected on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor Carten.

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

It was agreed that 1 unionist member, plus the Chief Recreation & Tourism Officer and the Town Clerk be nominated to serve on this Committee.

**2005 SOMME PILGRIMAGE:**

It was agreed, that nominations to attend the 2005 Somme Pilgrimage would be sought at the Monthly meeting of Council to be held 25 May 2005.

**CO-OPTION OF BRIAN BROWN TO THE DANNY BOY FESTIVAL SUB-COMMITTEE:**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor A Brolly, seconded by Alderman Mullan that Brian Brown be co-opted on to the Committee.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL FOR TOWN CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE:**

**Shortlisting:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Chivers that the Mayor, Alderman Mullan and 1 unionist member sit on the shortlisting panel for the post of Town Clerk, with Councillor Brolly as a standby.

**Interview Panel:** It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Donaghy, seconded by Councillor McElhinney that Councillor Brolly, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Ó hOisín, Alderman Mullan and 3 unionist members sit on the interview panel for the post of Town Clerk.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL FOR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT:**

**Interview & Shortlisting:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly that the Mayor and Councillor Ó hOisín sit on the panel for selection of Director of Development.

**NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS INDUCTION SEMINAR:**

The Town Clerk tabled AN invitation from NILGA for newly elected Councillors to attend an Induction Seminar to be held 22 June 2005 at BT Tower Buildings, Belfast. It was agreed that Councillor Chivers, Councillor Butcher and Councillor Robinson would attend.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**

**(The meeting ended at 11.30 pm)**