

# ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of the **Community Planning Committee** of Antrim Borough Council held in The Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim on **13 May 2010** at **3.55 pm**.

In the Chair : Councillor O C J Keenan

Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop  
M Rea

Councillors -

T A Burns  
A D Cochrane-Watson  
H J Cushinan  
B Graham  
A A Lawther  
P Lewis  
S Nicholl  
D Ritchie  
J Smyth

In Attendance : Chief Executive  
Northern Regional College Representatives -  
Mr T Neilands, Director and Chief Executive  
Mrs Claire Moore, Director of Finance  
Ms Claire O'Neill, Head of Economic  
Engagement  
Committee Secretary (*M Aiken*)

Apologies : Alderman R J Loughran

Councillors -

A K Brady  
T Clarke  
A Logue  
M Lucas

The Chairman welcomed representatives from the Northern Regional College, Mr Trevor Neilands, Director and Chief Executive; Mrs Claire Moore, Director of Finance and Ms Claire O'Neill, Head of Economic Engagement.

**ATTENDANCE BY  
REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM NORTHERN  
REGIONAL  
COLLEGE**

Mr Neilands presented proposals for a Business Improvement Plan for the Northern Regional College, copies of which were circulated.

Members expressed extreme disappointment that financial constraints dictated that the Antrim Campus was scheduled for closure in 2011.

The drain of students from the Antrim Borough to neighbouring areas continued to be of great concern to Members. Also, given that there were three hospitals and numerous healthcare facilities within the Antrim Borough but no provision for training in these subject areas, Members felt there may be grounds for exploring partnership working between the Antrim Campus and the Hospitals.

Councillor Burns left the Meeting at 4.12 pm; Councillor Lewis left at 4.30 pm.

Following consideration of queries raised, the Chairman thanked the representatives for attending and they withdrew from the Meeting at 4.48 pm.

**AGREED:** that Council's Education Sub-Group examine the potential for improved local education planning in its broadest sense and explore options for more efficient education provision in the Antrim Borough area in order to make representations to the two Ministers of Education and Employment & Learning with a view to establishing more co-operation across the various educational facilities and create better value for money facilities and choices for local students.

Councillor Graham left the Meeting at 5.00 pm and Alderman Rea left at 5.05 pm.

**Minutes of Transition Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2010 –**

**REVIEW OF  
PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTED:** Minutes of the Transition Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated. Councillor Cushinan asked that an apology be recorded for his non-attendance as he was unavailable owing to other Council business.

Members were advised that there would be no Meeting of the Transition Committee in May. A decision was awaited as to whether the Review of Public Administration was to be postponed, possibly until 2015.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**AGREED:** that Councillor Nicholl attend a symposium in the University of Ulster, Jordanstown on Friday 21 May 2010 on 'A Future Direction for Housing Associations in Northern Ireland' – cost of £95 per delegate.

**HOUSING  
SYMPOSIUM –  
JORDANSTOWN 21  
MAY 2010**

**AGREED:** that, diary permitting, the Mayor attend the 'Conference of the Isles – Moving Housing Forward Together' to be held in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle on 27/28 May – residential rate £550 per delegate.

**CONFERENCE OF  
THE ISLES –  
SLIEVE DONARD  
HOTEL,  
NEWCASTLE  
27/28 MAY 2010**

**AGREED:** that the Chief Executive responds to the proposed Local Government (Finance) Bill by the closing date of 18 June 2010 in line with the views of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and the Northern Ireland Local Government Association who were considering the document.

**LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
(FINANCE) BILL**

**AGREED:** that the Chief Executive responds to proposals for a Roads (Functions of District Councils) Bill by the closing date of 23 July 2010 in line with the views of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives who were considering the document.

**ROADS  
(FUNCTIONS OF  
DISTRICT  
COUNCILS) BILL**

**NOTED:** correspondence from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, (*copies of which had been circulated*), seeking applications for appointment of four District Councillors to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board – closing date 10 June 2010.

**APPOINTMENT TO  
NI FIRE AND  
RESCUE SERVICE  
BOARD**

**NOTED:** correspondence from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, (*copies of which had been circulated*), seeking applications for appointment of a Chairperson to the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland.

**APPOINTMENT OF  
CHAIRPERSON TO  
HEALTH AND  
SAFETY  
EXECUTIVE FOR  
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There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 5.33 pm.

**Mayor**

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**Chief Executive**

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**Date**

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