

ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of **Antrim Borough Council** held in the Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim on **Thursday 13 May 2010** at **2pm**.

In the Chair : Councillor Adrian Cochrane-Watson, Mayor

Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop
R J Loughran
M Rea

Councillors -

T A Burns
H J Cushinan
D R J Ford
B Graham
O C J Keenan
A A Lawther
P Lewis
A Logue
S Nicholl
D Ritchie
J Smyth

In Attendance : Chief Executive
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Development and Leisure
Assistant Director - Environmental Health
Public Relations Manager
Enkalon Foundation Representatives
PSNI Representatives
Committee Secretary (*M Aiken*)

Apologies : Councillors -

A K Brady
T Clarke
M Lucas

Councillor David Ford addressed the Meeting having tendered his resignation as a Councillor for Antrim Town District Electoral Area, with immediate effect, following his appointment as Minister for Policing and Justice. He thanked his fellow Members, the Chief Executive and the staff for all their help during his 13 years as an elected representative and wished Council every success for the future. On behalf of Council the Mayor extended congratulations on attaining this high office and tributes were paid from all the political parties.

**RESIGNATION OF
COUNCILLOR
DAVID R J FORD,
ALLIANCE**

Councillor Ford withdrew from the Meeting at this point, 2.10 pm.

At the Mayor's invitation Dr Roelof Schierbeek CBE, Chair of Enkalon Foundation addressed the meeting. He introduced three of his Board members and apologised that his wife Eppy was unable to be present.

**PRESENTATION
OF CHEQUE FROM
ENKALON
FOUNDATION**

Dr Schierbeek commended Council for their ongoing project in Antrim Castle Gardens and on their decision to have the Old Courthouse in Antrim fully restored. In this respect and as a token of the support of the Enkalon Foundation he presented Council with a cheque for £88,000 towards seating in the new auditorium.

The Mayor and Members expressed their sincere gratitude for such practical support and paid tribute to the work and continuing commitment of Dr Schierbeek since coming to the Province on the opening of British Enkalon in 1963.

Tributes were also paid to the Council staff responsible for bringing the Courthouse project to fruition.

The representatives withdrew from the Meeting at this point.

Councillor Lewis joined the Meeting at 2.24 pm.

At this point in the Meeting the Chief Executive reported that, with effect from 10 May 2010, Councillor Danny Kinahan had tendered his resignation as a Councillor for Antrim South East in view of his commitments as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. The Mayor and UU Party Leader Alderman Rea paid tribute to Councillor Kinahan for his service since elected to Council in 2005.

**RESIGNATION OF
COUNCILLOR DANNY
KINAHAN, UUP**

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Condolences were extended to the wife and family of former Ulster Unionist Councillor, Howard Campbell from Crumlin who had passed away on Monday 10 May 2010. Party Leader, Alderman Mervyn Rea, together with other Members, paid tribute to Mr Campbell's contribution to the Council and the community during the three terms which he served from 1985 until 1997.

**DEATH OF FORMER
ULSTER UNIONIST
COUNCILLOR,
HOWARD CAMPBELL**

The Mayor, on behalf of Members and staff, expressed sympathy to the family of Antrim man, Darryll Kyle, drowned as the result of a tragic accident. Darryll was well known through his connections with the Musicians of Antrim District Development Group.

**DEATH OF ANTRIM
MAN,
DARRYLL KYLE**

Congratulations were extended to local jockey and Freeman of Antrim Borough, Tony McCoy MBE on winning the Grand National on his sixteenth attempt.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO TONY McCOY ON
WINNING
GRAND NATIONAL**

The Mayor congratulated Mr Tom McIlvenna on his appointment as President of the Irish Bowling Association.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO TOM McILVENNA,
PRESIDENT OF IRISH
BOWLING
ASSOCIATION**

Thanks and congratulations were extended to Council staff, particularly Reggie Hillen, Ian Fawcett and Gary Shaw for their excellent work in relation to the restoration of the Old Courthouse at Market Square, Antrim which was due to open soon.

**RESTORATION AND
OPENING OF OLD
COURTHOUSE,
ANTRIM**

NOTED: invitation to attend the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service to be held at the Knockagh War Memorial on Sunday 27 June 2010 at 10.40 am followed by a Service at 11.00 am.

**SOMME
REMEMBRANCE
PARADE AT
KNOCKAGH WAR
MEMORIAL
27 JUNE 2010**

Members interested in attending to inform staff to assist with numbers for refreshments to be provided in Carrickfergus Museum and Civic Centre.

Council would participate in the wreath laying ceremony as in previous years.

AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Smyth seconded by Councillor Ritchie that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 8 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed.

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES OF
COUNCIL
MEETING HELD
ON 8 APRIL 2010**

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Smyth that the Minutes of the Community Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed.

**MINUTES OF
COMMUNITY
PLANNING
COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
ON 8 APRIL 2010**

Committee Chairman, Alderman Rea, presented the Minutes of the Environment and Borough Services Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated.

**MINUTES OF
ENVIRONMENT
AND BOROUGH
SERVICES
COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
ON 15 APRIL 2010**

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Alderman Rea seconded by Councillor Keenan that the Minutes of the Environment and Borough Services Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2010 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed and that the recommendations be adopted. Also, as previously requested by Councillor Graham, a Street Cleaning Schedule to be furnished to Members at the Environment and Borough Services Committee Meeting on 20 May 2010.

Alderman Loughran joined the Meeting at 2.38 pm.

Committee Chairman, Councillor Smyth, presented the Minutes of Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated.

**MINUTES OF
RESOURCES
COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
ON 15 APRIL 2010**

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Smyth seconded by Councillor Keenan that the Minutes of the Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2010 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed and that the recommendations be adopted.

Committee Vice-Chairman, Alderman Dunlop, presented the Minutes of the Development and Leisure Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Alderman Dunlop seconded by Councillor Ritchie that the Minutes of Development and Leisure Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2010 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed and that the recommendations be adopted subject to an apology for non-attendance by Councillor Lawther being recorded on Page 39 and subject to resolution recorded later in the Meeting regarding recommendation on Page 43 in relation to Sponsorship for Country Lifestyle Festival.

Also, in view of information from Committee Chairman, Councillor Nicholl, Officers to develop a draft plan in respect of possible availability of land in Randalstown for recreational use.

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Cushinan seconded by Alderman Loughran that the Minutes of the Public Services Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed. Also, the naming displayed at a housing development under construction on Belfast Road, Antrim to be investigated as this may not have been approved by Council.

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Nicholl seconded by Councillor Lawther that undernoted legal documents be signed and sealed all details having previously been agreed by Council -

No. 303

Catering Franchise Agreement with Cathy Busby for Antrim Civic Centre 2010-2012

No. 327

Catering Franchise Agreement with Joseph McCrea for Lough Shore Café 2010-2012

No. 328

Sale of Lands to Northern Ireland Water for New Pumping Station at Antrim Forum

No. 329

Catering Franchise Agreement with Joseph McCrea for Old Courthouse, Antrim

**MINUTES OF
DEVELOPMENT
AND LEISURE
COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
ON 22 APRIL 2010**

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES OF
PUBLIC SERVICES
COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
ON 22 APRIL 2010**

**SIGNING AND
SEALING OF
LEGAL
DOCUMENTS**

NOTED: that the Review of Public Administration may be postponed until 2015. Members considered cost and administration implications for Transition Committees, Policy Development Panels etc established to undertake work associated with the Review.

NOTED: that there had been changes in senior staffing at Northern Ireland Local Government Association.

AGREED: that, in view of changing demands, the Chief Executive write to the Northern Ireland Local Government Association calling for a review of the Association in which Councils should be consulted.

NOTED: under the Vacancy Control Arrangements, Jacqui Dixon had been appointed Chief Executive of Newtownabbey Borough Council until May 2011.

**REVIEW OF
PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

and

**NORTHERN
IRELAND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

**APPOINTMENT OF
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
AT
NEWTOWNABBEY
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTED: correspondence from the Chief Electoral Office regarding arrangements for Filling of Casual Vacancies on Councils.

NOTED: receipt of letter from Minister of the Environment, Edwin Poots MLA, advising that in the absence of full support from co-funders, the Lough Neagh and Lower Bann Advisory Committees were no longer sustainable and would be wound up on 30 June 2010.

These items would therefore not be considered at Council's Annual Meeting.

**FILLING OF
CASUAL
VACANCIES ON
COUNCILS**

**LOUGH NEAGH
AND LOWER BANN
ADVISORY
COMMITTEES**

NOTED: that arrangements would be made for a Budget Monitoring Workshop to be held at a convenient date.

**BUDGET
MONITORING
WORKSHOP**

At this point in the Meeting the Mayor extended congratulations to Dr William McCrea on being returned as MP for South Antrim in the recent elections.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor thanked the Members of the Resources Sub-Committee who had participated in assessment of the nominations for Antrim Community Excellence Awards to be held on Tuesday 8 June 2010.

**ANTRIM
COMMUNITY
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS**

This being the last Meeting before the Annual Meeting of Council, the Mayor thanked his fellow Members for their co-operation over the past year.

THANKS

Councillor Burns joined the Meeting at 2.50 pm.

INTO COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Keenan seconded by Councillor Smyth that the remainder of the Meeting be taken In Committee.

ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

- Licensing.
- Newpark Civic Amenity Site.
- Country Lifestyle Festival - Request for Sponsorship.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 3.35 pm.

Mayor

Chief Executive

Date
