

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

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	4.1 Mayor Year 1	Councillor Sean Bateson
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : Councillor Chivers
Councillor Bateson

Members Present : Aldermen Duddy, Hillis, Fielding, Finlay, McCandless,
McCorkell, McKeown and Robinson

Councillors Anderson, Baird, Bateson, Beattie, Boyle, Callan,
Dallat O'Driscoll, Duddy, Fielding, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-
McQuillan, Laverty, McAuley, McCaw, McGlinchey, McGurk,
McKeown, McKillop MA, McKillop S, McLaughlin, McLean,
McMullan, McQuillan, McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl,
Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace and Watton

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services Officer
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : Press (1 No)
Public (5 No)

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed Elected Members, Officers and those seated in the viewing gallery to the Annual Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was recorded for Councillor Wilson.

2 OUTGOING MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Councillor Chivers as outgoing Mayor reflected on her year in office addressed the Council as follows:

'Good evening everyone.

I want to begin by congratulating all recently elected councillors and wish you all good luck for this incoming term of Council and hope that we can all work together in the interests of all of our ratepayers.

It is hard to believe that we are sitting here tonight at the end of my term as Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Council.

There has been many highlights throughout the past few months. At the outset of my term I pledged to be a Mayor for all and I hope I have delivered this. It has been a real privilege to hold this position and I have so many good memories to look back on.

One of the biggest achievements for me was raising awareness for my chosen charity TinyLife and the vital services they provide for premature and vulnerable babies. I have very personal reasons for supporting this organisation, and I'm grateful to everyone who supported my fundraising efforts.

I am also extremely proud of being part of a number of firsts within the council. To host the first civic event recognising our LGBT community for example. As Mayor I felt it was vital to display leadership, to promote equality and respect across all sections of our community. This Council must be a welcoming place for every single citizen who lives here. I am proud of the fact that I was able to meet, attend events, welcome groups and individuals from all geographical parts of the Council - People of all ages, and from all political backgrounds.

Since taking up the position of Mayor, I have been very grateful for the opportunity to meet so many of our area's volunteers and emergency services. The hard work, dedication and commitment they show help to ensure the Causeway Coast and Glens is a safe place for everyone and I was humbled to have the opportunity to personally thank and acknowledge everything that they do for our community. So often this work is unseen and unappreciated but we should all remind ourselves of the efforts of so many other organisations to improve the lives of those within our Council.

There can be no doubt that this is an exciting time for the Causeway Coast and Glens. Lonely Planet travel experts selected the area as the Best Region to visit alongside Belfast for 2018. Our area is once again in the spotlight as we prepare to host The 148th Open at Royal Portrush in July. This event will showcase our ability to hold a sporting event on a global scale and I have been honoured to play a part in the countdown to this huge occasion. We should be proud that this historic sporting event is coming back to Portrush for the first time in almost 70 years and I would encourage everyone to embrace the occasion and work together to capitalise on its potential.

Throughout my term I had the opportunity to meet with many of our local school children and congratulate them on their many achievements. Commitment to ensuring our environment is a cleaner and more sustainable place is also something our young people are genuinely interested in. I recently held a reception for Kilrea Primary School to celebrate their success in becoming first school in the North to win ten Green Flags throughout the Eco-Schools initiative. The internationally recognised award identifies excellence in environmental action and learning. It is really inspiring to hear success stories like this from our young people and I hope it stays with them throughout their lives.

Before I formally end my term as Mayor I would like to thank all of you for putting your faith in me and to my own party colleagues who selected me for the position. I would also like to personally thank all Council staff who have helped and supported me throughout my term.

It was my intention to continually strive to make the Causeway Coast and Glens a better place for all and I have thoroughly enjoyed every part of my role.

To the new Mayor, I offer my very best wishes for the year ahead and I hope it is another positive term for our Council.'

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Holmes referred to the recent Code of Conduct training in which newly Elected Members were advised that that all interests must be declared including external bodies which Members are nominated to sit on by Council.

The Chief Executive agreed to follow up on the points made with the Department and Council's legal team.

4 NOMINATIONS TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, NOMINATION OF ALDERMEN, NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES, NOMINATIONS TO PARTERSHIPS AND EXTERNAL BODIES

The Chief Executive referred to the reports previously circulated in relation to Nominations to Positions of Responsibility, Nomination of Aldermen, Nominations to Partnerships and External Bodies.

Referring to the report relating to the Nominations to Positions of Responsibility the Chief Executive advised that an adjournment would take place to allow parties to leave the Chamber and assemble in their parties.

The following Positions of Responsibility would be filled in accordance with Council's decision to fill these positions by the D'Hondt method.

Figure 1 – Positions of Responsibility 2019-2022

Position		No of positions available	2019	2020	2021	2022
Mayor		4				
Deputy Mayor		4				
Chair	Environmental Services Committee	4				
Vice Chair	Environmental Services Committee	4				
Chair	Leisure & Development Committee	4				
Vice Chair	Leisure & Development Committee	4				
Chair	Corporate Policy & Resources Committee	4				
Vice Chair	Corporate Policy & Resources Committee	4				
Chair	Planning Committee	4				
Vice Chair	Planning Committee	4				
Chair	Audit Committee	4				
Vice Chair	Audit Committee	4				
Partnership Panel	External appointment	1 (4 year term)				
Northern Ireland Housing Council	Statutory Body appointment	1 (4 year term)				
Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association / Veterans' Champion	Statutory Body appointment	4				
	TOTAL	54				

On 12th June 2014 Council agreed to fill Positions of Responsibility using the D'Hondt method. Details of the D'Hondt picks were prepared based on Schedule 1 of the Act and on Council's Committee structure and included in the report, previously circulated.

Pick	Party	Remarks	Pick	Party	Remarks
1	DUP	Position of responsibility	28	DUP	Position of responsibility
2	SF	Position of responsibility	29	SDLP	Position of responsibility
3	UU	Position of responsibility	30	UU	Position of responsibility
4	DUP	Position of responsibility	31	DUP	Position of responsibility
5	SDLP	Position of responsibility	32	SF	Position of responsibility
6	DUP	Position of responsibility	33	DUP	Position of responsibility
7	SF	Position of responsibility	34	APNI	Position of responsibility
8	UU	Position of responsibility	35	PUP	Position of responsibility
9	DUP	Position of responsibility	36	IND	Position of responsibility
10	SF	Position of responsibility	37	SF	Position of responsibility
11	SDLP	Position of responsibility	38	UU	Position of responsibility
12	DUP	Position of responsibility	39	DUP	Position of responsibility
13	UU	Position of responsibility	40	SDLP	Position of responsibility
14	DUP	Position of responsibility	41	DUP	Position of responsibility
15	SF	Position of responsibility	42	SF	Position of responsibility
16	APNI	Position of responsibility	43	UU	Position of responsibility
17	DUP	Position of responsibility	44	DUP	Position of responsibility
18	SDLP	Position of responsibility	45	SDLP	Position of responsibility
19	SF	Position of responsibility	46	DUP	Position of responsibility
20	UU	Position of responsibility	47	SF	Position of responsibility
21	DUP	Position of responsibility	48	UU	Position of responsibility
22	DUP	Position of responsibility	49	DUP	Position of responsibility
23	SF	Position of responsibility	50	SF	Position of responsibility
24	SDLP	Position of responsibility	51	SDLP	Position of responsibility
25	UU	Position of responsibility	52	DUP	Position of responsibility
26	DUP	Position of responsibility	53	UU	Position of responsibility
27	SF	Position of responsibility	54	DUP	Position of responsibility

Council noted the contents of the report.

Council also noted the reports, previously circulated in relation to the agenda items for Nominations of Aldermen, Nominations to Committees and Nominations to Partnerships and the reports.

The Chief Executive advised that nomination officers would be contacted following the meeting for nominations.

The meeting adjourned at 7.10pm.

The meeting reconvened at 9.45pm following completion of the selection of positions of responsibility.

On resumption of the meeting the following selections by parties to Positions of Responsibility were confirmed.

Position		No of positions available	2019/20 Year 1	2020/21 Year 2	2021/22 Year 3	2022/23 Year 4
Mayor		4	SF ²	DUP ¹	UU ³	DUP ⁴
Deputy Mayor		4	DUP ⁶	UU ⁸	SDLP ⁵	SF ⁷
Chair	Environmental Services Committee	4	SDLP ¹¹	DUP ¹⁷	UU ²⁰	DUP ²¹
Vice Chair	Environmental Services Committee	4	Alliance ³ 4	SDLP ⁴⁵	DUP ⁴⁴	DUP ⁴⁶
Chair	Leisure & Development Committee	4	DUP ⁹	SF ¹⁵	DUP ¹²	Alliance ¹⁶
Vice Chair	Leisure & Development Committee	4	SDLP ²⁴	SF ²⁷	PUP ³⁵	SDLP ⁴⁰
Chair	Corporate Policy & Resources Committee	4	SF ¹⁰	UU ¹³	DUP ¹⁴	SF ¹⁹
Vice Chair	Corporate Policy & Resources Committee	4	SF ³⁷	SF ⁴²	UU ⁴³	SDLP ²⁹
Chair	Planning Committee	4	UU ²⁵	SDLP ¹⁸	UU ³⁰	SF ³²
Vice Chair	Planning Committee	4	SF ⁴⁷	DUP ⁴⁹	IND ³⁶	SDLP ⁵¹
Chair	Audit Committee	4	DUP ³⁹	DUP ⁴¹	SF ²³	UU ³⁸
Vice Chair	Audit Committee	4	SF ⁵⁰	UU ⁵³	DUP ⁵²	DUP ⁵⁴
Partnership Panel	External appointment	1 (4 year term) UU ⁴⁸				
Northern Ireland Housing Council	Statutory Body appointment	1 (4 year term) DUP ²²				
Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association / Veterans' Champion	Statutory Body appointment	4	DUP ³³	DUP ²⁸	DUP ²⁶	DUP ³³
TOTAL		54				

The remaining nominations to be confirmed by Nominating Officers following the meeting.

4.1 Mayor 2019/20 Year 1

As Nominating Officer for Sinn Féin, Councillor McShane confirmed Councillor Bateson as her party's selection for the position of Mayor for Year 1.

4.2 Deputy Mayor 2019/20 Year 1

As Nominating Officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, Councillor Callan nominated Councillor S McKillop as his party's selection for the position of Deputy Mayor for Year 1.

- * **Councillor Chivers left the Chair and handed the Mayoral Chain to Councillor Bateson who then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

Taking the Chair the Mayor thanked his party for the honour of selecting him as Mayor for first year of new Council term and said that it was significant that Sinn Féin will hold the position of Mayor in the first year of the new Council term following on from the successful year as Mayor of his party colleague, Councillor Chivers. He extended congratulations to Councillor Chivers on her term as Mayor. He noted that this was an honour for him, his party and the people of Bann DEA. He stated that he was looking forward to fulfilling the duties on behalf of the all of the citizens of the Council area. He concluded by extending best wishes to all newly elected members

The Deputy Mayor stated that she was delighted to be appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor and that she would do her utmost to represent everyone from all corners of the Borough. She said this was a year that would see the best of the area being showcased across the world, the Borough would host the 90th anniversary of the North West 200 and the British Open would also be held in Royal Portrush. The Deputy Mayor outlined that this year, Council would bestow the Freedom of the Borough on the RAF and see the unveiling of a memorial plinth to mark the service of security force men and women who served in the UDR regiments during Operation Banner. She said that whilst eyes are fixed on the future it is right not to forget the past.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were both congratulated by members on their nominations.

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9:50pm.

Chair