



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN  
MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 29 DECEMBER 2015 AT 6:30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Councillor T Hogg)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, P Barr, T Burns, T Campbell,  
M Cosgrove, B DeCourcy and J Smyth
- Councillors - D Arthurs, A Ball, T Beatty, J Bingham, J Blair, P  
Brett, T Burns, L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, T Girvan, M  
Goodman, P Hamill, D Hollis, N Kells, N Kelly, B Kelso, A M  
Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, M Maguire, J Montgomery, N  
McClelland, V McWilliam, P Michael, M Rea, D Ritchie, S  
Ross,
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon  
Director of Finance & Governance - Mrs C McFarland  
Senior Mayor/Member Services Officer – Mrs K Smyth  
Senior Admin Officer – Mrs S McAree  
Media and Marketing Officer - Mrs J Heasley  
ICT Officer - Mr A Cole

**1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME**

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Rev. Campbell Dixon MBE.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to his chaplain for his assistance at recent festive events.

Councillors Kelly, Cushinan and Goodman arrived following this item.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Alderman Swann  
Councillors Scott and Webb

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Condolences were extended to the families of Gerry Kingsbury and Jackson Turner on their recent bereavements.

The Mayor also expressed condolences to Councillor Arthurs on the death of his father. Councillor Arthurs thanked members and officers for their support during this time. He paid tribute to his father and various members extended condolences on behalf of their parties.

Councillor Rea informed members of the recent death of the mother of Sam Magee, former Chief Executive of Antrim Borough Council.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Blair declared an interest in Item 10.7  
Councillor Duffin declared an interest in Items 10.2 and 10.3.

## **4 MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Meeting of 30 November 2015 be taken as read and signed as correct. The Chief Executive suggested that in relation to Item 9.28, the Planning Appeals Commission be sent similar correspondence as the DOE.**

*ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon*

## **5 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved by Alderman Smyth  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee of 7 December 2015 be approved and adopted.**

*NO ACTION*

**6 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Alderman Barr  
Seconded by Councillor Kells and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee of 8 December 2015 be approved and adopted.**

*NO ACTION*

**7 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee of 14 December 2015 be approved and adopted subject to the following amendment:**

Proposed by Councillor Hollis  
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and

**RESOLVED – that the name of the development in Item 3.11 be changed from Watermans Point to Waterside View.**

*ACTION BY: Bronagh Doonan*

**8 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Moved by Councillor Beatty  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee of 15 December 2015 be approved and adopted subject to the following amendment to Item 3.4.**

Proposed by Councillor Kells  
Seconded by Councillor Brett that

**a redacted version of the tabled report also be sent to the Audit Office for information.**

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 23 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 10 Members viz</b>	<b>Abstentions 4 members viz</b>
Aldermen – W Ball, Barr, Burns, Campbell,	Aldermen – Agnew, and Cosgrove,	Councillors – Cushinan,

DeCourcy, M Girvan and Smyth Councillors – A Ball, Blair, Brett, Beatty, Clarke, Duffin, T Girvan, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Kelly, Lynch, Magill, McClelland, Michael and Ross,	Councillors – Arthurs, Bingham, Kelso, Maguire, Montgomery, McWilliam, Rea and Ritchie,	Goodman, Hollis and Logue,
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**The amendment was accordingly declared carried as the substantive motion.**

Councillor Logue arrived during consideration of this item and Councillor Michael left following consideration of this item.

*ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon*

**9(a) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, PART 1**

Moved by Alderman Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of, 21 December 2015, Part 1 be taken as read and signed as correct.**

*NO ACTION*

**9(b) MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, PART 2**

Moved by Alderman Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 21 December 2015, Part 2 be approved and adopted.**

*NO ACTION*

**10.1 OA/RD/1 ATTENDANCE BY TRANSPORT NI - PRESENTATION OF INTERIM REPORT 2015/2016 TO ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Members were reminded that it had been agreed at the September Council Meeting to confirm with Transport NI a future date to present their Northern Division Interim Report to Council comprising priorities for next year's programmes prior to finalisation.

A copy of their Interim Report 2015/2016 was attached and Alan Keys (Network Development Manager) and Fred Murdock (Section Engineer) were in attendance.

Mr Keys advised members that if they had any local issues that needed addressed that they should complete the enquiry form provided.

Following members questions the Mayor thanked Mr Keys and Mr Murdock for their presentation and they left the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that the Council should write to Colin Campbell who had recently retired to thank him for his assistance to the Council during his time as Section Engineer.

*ACTION BY: Minnie Aiken*

(Councillor Duffin left the meeting having previously declared an interest in the next two items).

## **10.2 TO APPROVE THE SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met:-

- Licence to TIDAL to develop community garden and allotments on land at Toomebridge, Co. Antrim.

Moved by Alderman Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Bingham and

**RESOLVED – that the sealing of documents be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Paul Casey/Liz Johnston.*

## **10.3 AC/EV/8 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF THE SOMME**

Members were reminded that it had been agreed at the October Council meeting that the Council in conjunction with the Royal British Legion and relevant Somme Associations formulate a working group with the task of commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

Members were advised that elected members nominated to the group are as follows:

Mayor Councillor Thomas Hogg  
Alderman Fraser Agnew  
Alderman William Ball  
Councillor Jim Bingham  
Councillor Neil Kelly  
Councillor Brian Duffin  
Councillor Henry Cushinan  
Councillor David Hollis

Members were asked to note that Councillor David Hollis had subsequently withdrawn from the working group and they might wish to consider nominating a replacement. In addition representatives of the Royal British Legion Antrim Town, Randalstown, Crumlin, Ballyclare, Whiteabbey and Carnmoney Branches were nominated to participate along with a representative from the Antrim Somme Association and Rathcoole Somme Association. The first meeting of the group was held in Mossley Mill on Monday 14 December and a copy of the minutes was enclosed.

It was reported that Alderman Fraser Agnew was elected as Chair of the Group while Billy Snoddy of the Royal British Legion was appointed as Vice Chair. Taking into account the other activities and events planned in the surrounding area in relation to the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, the group felt that the centenary was not just about the 1 July anniversary and that it would be fitting to commemorate throughout the 140 day period of the Battle commencing on 1 July and running until end November 2016. Given the number of events on the weekend of 1 July, and likely Council involvement with them, the group felt that the Council's programme should not compete with any of the committed events above but be complimentary.

- 30 June – 1 July 2016 Helen's Tower Vigil
- 1 July – Belfast City Hall Cenotaph
- 1 July – Mid East Antrim Somme Tattoo / Beating of Retreat Carrickfergus
- 2 July – Somme Parade Bangor
- 3 July – Knockagh Memorial Somme Service
- 3 July – St. Anne's Cathedral Somme Service

A follow up meeting between the Chair, Vice Chair and officers was agreed by the working group to narrow down the possible events and initiatives and estimate an appropriate budget. This meeting took place on 16 December and the following initiatives are proposed for consideration:

- The delivery of a programme of events and initiatives throughout the Borough commencing on 1 July 2016 and running through until the end of November 2016 in line with the duration of the battle with the launch on 1 July marked by the lighting up of Antrim Civic Centre, Mossley Mill and Ballyclare Town Hall red.
- The delivery of specific legacy projects including production of a poppy themed art work, production of a book listing names of the fallen from the Borough and installation of a memorial stone at the trench in Campbell Memorial Garden, Mossley Mill.
- The involvement of all schools in the Borough in arts and educational initiatives, which will promote understanding of the heritage and learning.
- The delivery of a themed exhibition, which will be on display in various locations during the period throughout the Borough,

- The inclusion in the arts and culture programmes, during the 140 day period of a range of events such as poetry readings, theatre performances and music events with a Somme Commemoration theme.
- Production of a Somme Commemoration Programme carrying all relevant information for distribution throughout the Borough and delivery of a marketing plan and range of appropriate materials to support delivery of the programme.
- Planting schemes on roundabouts and other locations, which use the poppy wherever possible.
- Production of a 100 Year Anniversary Battle of the Somme concert at the end of November 2016, which will both commemorate the centenary and celebrate the end of the 140 day programme recognising schools, community groups and others who have participated.

Having considered all of the above in the context of the new Borough it was estimated that a total budget for the 100 Year Anniversary of the Somme of £50,000 be provided for in the 2016/17 estimates to be allocated across the programme elements listed. It was proposed that a further report on details of the events and initiatives proposed, along with estimated costs be brought to a future meeting of the Operations Committee.

At the meeting on 16 December the Chair proposed a monthly meeting schedule for the working group, with meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of each month in Antrim Civic Centre at 5pm commencing, on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Brett and

RESOLVED - that

- (a) the minutes as circulated be approved**
- (b) the outline proposals to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme including an estimated £50,000 budget be approved**
- (c) the time and date of future meetings be reviewed in consultation with the Chairman**
- (d) Councillor Goodman be recorded as being on the working group instead of Councillor Cushinan**

ACTION BY Ursula Fay

(Councillor Duffin returned to the meeting).

#### **10.4 SONI LTD - REQUEST TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL**

It was reported that correspondence had been received from SONI Ltd a copy of which was enclosed, requesting to make a presentation to Council on the role in which SONI Ltd play in the electricity market.

Members were advised that the presentation would provide information on current and future SONI Projects including the proposed North South Interconnector, which is vital to achieving security of electricity supply across Northern Ireland.

Moved by Councillor Kells  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

**RESOLVED – that SONI Ltd be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting.**

ACTION BY: Member Services

## **10.5 G/IG/5 ANBC RETENTION & DISPOSAL SCHEDULE**

It was reported that the Council's retention and disposal schedule aimed to support the development of greater control over the records created by the Council. It will enable us to dispose of records promptly when they cease to be of any continuing administrative/legal value and will identify records which should be transferred to PRONI because of their long-term historical/research value.

The Retention and Disposal Schedules for the former Antrim and Newtownabbey Councils were approved by the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) and the NI Assembly. There is a legal requirement for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council to have its own Retention and Disposal Schedule approved by 31 December 2015. The schedule must comply with the requirements in the Public Records Act (NI) 1923 and the Disposal of Documents Order (S.R. & O.1925 No 167).

The schedule helps the Council to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 in that information should be accurate and up to date and also information should not be kept longer than is necessary.

The schedule was submitted to PRONI by 30 September for approval. PRONI provided feedback at the start of November and the schedule has been amended in consultation with Heads of Service to take account of this feedback. The amended schedule must now be returned to PRONI by early January for submission to the Assembly for final approval.

Moved by Councillor Hamill  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

**RESOLVED - that the Council approves the draft Retention and Disposal Schedule for forwarding to PRONI, and subsequent submission to the Assembly for approval.**



ACTION BY: Helen McBride

#### 10.6 AC/GEN/31 REQUEST FOR FILMING AT MOSSLEY MILL

Members were advised that Tiger Aspect Productions, the television company responsible for the production of the BBC drama series 'The Fall', had requested permission to film at Mossley Mill for the third series of this programme due to be screened in the autumn.

'The Fall' is a hugely popular dramatic thriller starring Northern Ireland's Jamie Dornan, who has recently starred in a Hollywood film and become a household name in the UK and USA. It is filmed almost exclusively on location in and around Belfast and also stars internationally renowned actress Gillian Anderson of 'X Files' fame. Some of the iconic locations previously used include Queens University, Botanic Gardens and The Merchant Hotel.

It was reported that the Production Company had made a number of visits to Mossley Mill and had now identified the Mill as a suitable location for some specific scenes primarily due to the uniqueness of the spaces including the distinctive architectural features. This was the first time they have chosen a building outside Belfast for this production.

Members are further advised that they have requested permission for filming as follows:

- **Theatre at the Mill Foyer and Exterior** – this location would be required for two exterior and two interior scenes with filming estimated to take approximately 3 to 4 hours from 7 am to 11 am.
- **Mossley Mill North Fourth Floor including The Members Room, The Braiding Room, corridor and entrance lobby**– this area would be required for one day's filming with an additional day to set up.

Should filming be approved, there would be a requirement to authorise the art department to dress both areas on a temporary basis with an undertaking to completely restore locations to their pre-filming condition. Dressing would be only cosmetic in terms of some furniture installation and accessories in each of the spaces.

In total two days filming had been requested with the normal working day for the crew running from 7 am to 7 pm. In order to accommodate filming at both areas in Mossley Mill there would be no access to staff and the public for the two areas for the duration of filming. Filming was scheduled for late February/early March and the specific dates could be agreed in order to minimise any disruption to the site and existing booking commitments with closures publicised in advance.

It was further reported that the production company had offered a location fee of £1,000 and a draft location agreement was enclosed for information.

This agreement and the company's insurance documentation had been reviewed by the Councils Legal Services Manager with everything found to be in order.

Moved by Alderman Cosgrove  
Seconded by Alderman Barr and

**RESOLVED - that**

- (a) the request to film at Mossley Mill in both the Theatre at the Mill and Mossley Mill North Fourth Floor over two days in late February/early March be approved with no access for staff and the public during filming**
- (b) the acceptance of the proposed location fee of £1,000 and the location agreement be approved.**

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay

(Councillor Blair had declared an interest in this item).

**10.7 G/MSMO/8 CONSULTATION ON FISHERIES BILL**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Assembly, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure inviting comments on Clauses 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Fisheries Bill. Information regarding the Bill, including a copy of the bill and its Explanatory and Financial Memorandum could be obtained from the Assembly's website –

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/committees/agriculture-and-rural-development/legislation---committee-stage-of-bills/rural-needs-bill/>

Response to be forwarded to the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure by 12 pm on 6 January 2016.

A copy of the correspondence was enclosed.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and

**RESOLVED – that members' respond on an individual or party political basis.**

NO ACTION

**10.8 L/P/22 COMMEMORATIVE POLICY**

It was reported that a Commemorative Policy was in place for a number of years within the legacy Newtownabbey Borough Council for administering requests from the public for commemorative trees and benches with plaques - to provide a lasting tribute to a loved one. Antrim Borough Council, through custom and practice, did not permit commemorative trees and benches.

Members were advised that in order that requests could be dealt with consistently going forward Council needed to consider the options:

- i. To agree a policy to deal with such requests
- ii. To agree that such requests would not be considered

In considering the way forward Officers had reviewed the experience in the former Newtownabbey and the procedure had worked well, been refined over time and had been met with satisfaction from those members of the public who had availed of it.

The former Antrim Borough Council experience had been that such requests were rare and were not approved.

In the event that council wished to consider a commemorative Policy a draft was enclosed. Officers reviewed the former Newtownabbey policy and updated it for consideration.

Moved by Alderman Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Hollis and

**RESOLVED – that the draft policy be approved.**

ACTION BY: Margaret Lindsay

#### **10.9 L/LEI/11 EAST ANTRIM HOCKEY CLUB**

It was reported that East Antrim Hockey Club had been associated with Lillian Bland Park (formerly Glengormley Park) for over 100 years, originally owning the site and selling it to the Council in 1960. Due to dwindling numbers the Club ceased to play in 2009 but following a recent reunion the desire for a legacy to be created has arisen.

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Club requesting approval for a wall plaque to be put in place at Glengormley Pavilion to acknowledge the long history of the club and association with the Park. The club had indicated that the plaque would be similar in size to the Blue Plaques which were used to mark the birthplace of famous people, but would be green metal.

The Club would like the plaque to read as undernoted (the motto translated means "not for oneself but for all").

"East Antrim Hockey Club played here  
1902- 2009  
Non sibi cunctus"

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and

**RESOLVED - that permission be granted.**

ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan

**10.10 EL/G/11 USE OF THE VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE FOR THE ASSEMBLY ELECTION COUNT ON 4 TO 6 MAY 2015**

Members were advised that the Valley Leisure Centre would be used for the election count for the Assembly Elections from the 04 May to 06 May 2016.

The Centre would be affected as follows:

- (a) the main sports hall and ancillary halls to be closed from 9.00am on Wednesday 4 May 2016 to allow the building to be secured.
- (b) total closure of the centre from 5 May 2016 from 6.30am.

The Centre will re-open on Saturday 7 May 2016.

It was reported that the Zest soccer and pitch use could remain open, being independently operated from the pavilion and Zest Fitness members would be informed of the alternate facilities at Sixmile and Ballyearl.

Moved by Councillor McClelland  
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

**RESOLVED - that the Valley Leisure Centre be closed, as outlined in the report, to facilitate the Assembly Election Count.**

ACTION BY: Geraldine Girvan

**10.11 RETHINK WASTE GRANT: UPDATE**

Members were reminded that funding had been secured through the Rethink Waste fund for the introduction of a further phase of triple stack units and 180l bins in the Newtownabbey area.

The routes that are proposed for the next phase are:

- Woodford/ Christine/ Knockview
- Lenamore/Glenkeen/ Lynda
- Farmley/ Harmin/ Mountainvale
- Swanston/ Sandyknowes/ HydePark
- Ballynure/Castlebrook

It was reported that these routes had been chosen as they were adjacent to areas in which the triple stack units were in place extending provision with the exception of Ballynure/Castlebrook which had been introduced in this phase to provide additional provision in a rural area – allowing analysis of participation by residents.

It is anticipated that the triple stack units, 180 litre black bins and associated education /awareness will be introduced in early Spring 2016. Progress updates will be brought to Council in due course.

Members were advised that a further report on waste and recycling collection would be brought to the Council in due course.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Ross and

**RESOLVED - that the above routes be approved.**

ACTION BY: Lisa Mayne

#### **10.12 AC/GEN/32 BBC DOCUMENTARY - VOICES 16 - THOMAS MCKINNEY**

It was reported that correspondence has been received from BBC Northern Ireland about a project called Voices 16. Through television, online and via twitter this project will address events across the year 1916 including the Battle of the Somme. The producers plan to use accounts and testimonies of people who were there at the time to tell the stories of the events and have asked to feature Thomas 'Tom' McKinney of Sentry Hill, the Council's Historic House and Visitor Centre.

They plan to use a collection of letters from Tom McKinney sent whilst at the Somme along with family photographs. A significant part of the Sentry Hill exhibition is this collection of letters sent by Tom from the Somme along with family photographs and other personal belongings of his from the battle. Tom was wounded in the very early days of the battle on 5<sup>th</sup> July and sadly lost his life from his injuries on 19 July 1916 aged 23 years. The online project goes live on 01 January 2016.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED- that the report be noted.**

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay

#### **10.13 CE/STC/SC/107 COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2015**

Members were advised that a number of stakeholder workshops were held in October and November as part of the community planning process.

- **Thriving communities (economic well-being)**  
This workshop covered themes relating to skills, education, employment, local economic development, tourism, job creation and social enterprise and was attended by 16 people including training providers, Invest NI,

Northern Regional College, local employers and business start-up programmes.

- **Vibrant communities (environmental well-being)**  
This workshop covered themes relating to town centre, the environment, planning and green and open spaces. It was attended by 22 people including representatives of environmental interest groups, translink and the housing executive.
- **Resilient communities (social well-being)**  
This workshop which covered themes relating to isolation, inclusion, vulnerability, health, mental health, well-being, access to services and community safety was attended by 43 people. Attendees included representatives of sports clubs, health professionals, Christians Against Poverty and St Vincent de Paul.

Feedback from the events was very positive and the engagement has provided useful information for consideration in development of the community plan.

Two further conferences will be held on 27 and 28 January 2016 to widen the engagement, to discuss the findings from research and engagement to date and to draft the vision and priorities for the Community Plan. The events will be held at the Old Courthouse in Antrim and Mossley Mill respectively, from 4.00 – 7.00pm. An invite will be issued to Members in due course.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED- that the report be noted.**

*ACTION BY: Alison Keenan*

#### **10.14 ST/T/176 ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT - CHARTER ASSESSMENT AWARD**

Members were reminded that the Council had been working towards the Elected Member Development Charter. The Assessors for the Charter looked for evidence of systems and procedures in place for effective and robust Member Development.

The Charter Assessment took place on Thursday 10 December 2015. The Council were successful in achieving the accreditation and will hold the Charter for 3 years.

A feedback report will follow and will be reported to Members in due course.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED- that the report be noted.**

ACTION BY: Helen Hall

**11 A MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MICHAEL GOODMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANNEMARIE LOGUE.**

*"That this Council forms a working group, consisting of members, Council officers and representatives of interested local groups to establish an Easter Rising Commemorative programme and fund in order to support local communities in seeking to mark the 100th anniversary of this important event in our shared history. The terms of reference for the group will be to commemorate in a dignified and inclusive manner the 100th Anniversary of the Rising through the organisation of events across the Borough, and that a budget be decided by the Council after the initial meeting of the working group to discuss possible events and initiatives."*

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Kells

*"That this Council notes the forthcoming anniversary of the Easter Rising, notes funding is currently available for local groups to explore our shared history and culture from the council, recognises that the Irish Government has made funding available for groups in Northern Ireland to explore the events of Easter 1916 and reaffirms our total opposition to the use of violence."*

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 15 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 20 Members viz</b>
Aldermen – W Ball, Barr, DeCourcy, M Girvan and Smyth Councillors – A Ball, Beatty, Brett, Clarke, T Girvan, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill and Ross,	Aldermen – Agnew, Burns, Campbell, Cosgrove, Councillors – Arthurs, Bingham, Blair, Cushinan, Duffin, Goodman, Kelly, Kelso, Logue, Lynch, Maguire, McClelland, McWilliam, Montgomery, Rea and Ritchie

The Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Duffin

"That this Council forms a working group consisting of members, selected using the D'hondt method, and officers to establish a proportionate Easter Rising Commemorative Programme. A budget will be decided by the Council after the initial meeting of the working group to discuss its proposals".

On the Amendment being put to the meeting and a recorded vote having been requested members voted as follows:

<b>In favour of the Amendment 20 Members viz</b>	<b>Against the Amendment 15 Members viz</b>
Aldermen – Agnew, Burns, Campbell, Cosgrove, Councillors – Arthurs, Bingham, Blair, Cushinan, Duffin, Goodman, Kelly, Kelso, Logue, Lynch, Maguire, McClelland, McWilliam, Montgomery, Rea and Ritchie	Aldermen – W Ball, Barr, DeCourcy, M Girvan and Smyth Councillors – A Ball, Beatty, Brett, Clarke, T Girvan, Hamill, Hogg, Kells, Magill and Ross

The Amendment was accordingly declared carried.

(Councillor Rea left the meeting temporarily).

On the Amendment being put to the meeting as the substantive motion 19 members voted in favour and 15 voted against.

**The amendment was accordingly declared carried as the substantive motion.**

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Moved by Councillor McWilliam  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.**

#### **ITEMS IN COMMITTEE**

##### **10.15 L/LEI/VLC/1 VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE – MAIN CAR PARK RESURFACING**

It was reported that a number of capital projects had been completed at the Valley Leisure Centre to improve the visual impact of the facility. These



projects included the New V36 development, a remodelling of the entrance gates and walkway to the main building and a refurbishment of the main reception toilets. Due to its age and usage the main car park surface is in need of attention. The tarmac surface of the car park is in poor condition and has been patched on several previous occasions.

The scheme proposed will enable a complete renewal of the car park surface in order to enhance the appearance of the facility. Additionally, the scheme will include a number of safety measures including a significant change to the coach/bus drop off point and installation of speed ramps as a traffic calming measure for the pedestrian crossing leading from the Church Road through to the new park entrance.

Moved by Councillor Brett  
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and

**RESOLVED - that approval is given to proceed to resurface the main car park at the Valley Leisure Centre, as outlined, through the appointment of consultants and contractors. Estimated total costs to be met through capital budget.**

ACTION BY: Stephen Bartley

#### **10.16 CE/STC/88 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE**

Members were reminded that an Organisation Department Structure had been approved at the January 2015 Council meeting.

At the November 2015 Council meeting a proposed Leisure structure was approved in principle, subject to consultation with staff and trade unions.

Following consultation it is recommended that the final structure for Leisure be approved

Moved by Alderman Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Brett and

**RESOLVED – that the final Leisure structure be approved.**

ACTION BY: Andrea McCooke

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'**

Moved by Alderman Girvan  
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

**RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct any remaining business 'In Public'.**

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everybody a peaceful and prosperous new year.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

MAYOR

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