



MINUTES OF MEMBERS' MEETING, WEDNESDAY 20 November 2024
Causeway Coast & Glens Council, Coleraine

ATTENDEES

Aldermen

Ald Alan McDowell
Ald Hazel Legge

Ald Derek Hussey
Ald Stephen Moutray

Ald Beth Adger MBE
Ald Mark Fielding

Councillors (in person)

Cllr Alison Bennington
Cllr Billy Webb MBE

Cllr Joe Boyle
Cllr Thomas Beckett

Cllr Fergal Donnelly
Cllr Terry Andrews

Councillors (via Teams)

Cllr Trevor Wilson
Cllr Keith Kerrigan

Cllr Victor Warrington
Cllr Alan Barr

Cllr Julie Gilmour

APOLOGIES

Councillors

Cllr Ben Mallon
Cllr Tommy Maguire
Cllr Stephen McCann

Cllr Errol Thompson
Cllr Christine McFlynn
Cllr John Gallen

Cllr Sam Nelson
Cllr Adam Gannon
Cllr Gretta Thompson

1. Welcome

Ald Alan McDowell welcomed Members to the meeting in CCG Council Offices

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting and additional ones were also noted from the floor.

3. Minutes of last Meeting held on 17 July 2024

The Chair took members through the minutes of the previous meeting and their approval was proposed by Cllr Alison Bennington and seconded by Cllr Terry Andrews.

4. Treasurers Report

Cllr Billy Webb circulated a copy of the most up to date accounts to those present and outlined the income and expenditure items since the previous meeting, noting that there were no changes since the Executive Committee meeting at the beginning of November.

The Treasurer advised that he was still awaiting a resolution regarding the Bank of Ireland account but he was hopeful that this would be sorted in the next few weeks. He also advised that he was not anticipating any significant expenditure or income in the coming months.

There being no questions from the floor, the Treasurer's report was agreed unanimously

5. **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary advised that he had written to Mr Anthony Carleton, a Senior DfC Official who had been instructed by then Minister Deirdre Hargey to begin this process. Members were concerned about the length of time taken to make an announcement and noted that many councils were 'on alert' regarding any financial implications on rates or reserves in the current rate-setting process. He also referred to the impact of the recent increase in Employers National Insurance contributions.

Cllr Boyle highlighted disappointing attendance figures for NAC meetings and advised that steps were being taken to address this. He advised that the Executive Committee were planning to meet with SOLACE to provide the CEO's with up to date information on the work of NAC and how the role of Councillors and the NAC has changed over the years to help them promote the organisation especially amongst new councillors who may not be aware of the scope or volume of the work of the NAC.

He also reported on correspondence received from NILGA regarding the Local Government Awards being held in March 2025 and encouraged members to promote the event.

Cllr Boyle concluded his report by paying tribute to Ald Beth Adger whose tenure as National President would come to an end on Saturday 23 November 2024. He congratulated Beth on a very successful 2 years in post and thanked her for always promoting NAC-NI in a positive light. He advised that Ald Derek Hussey had been nominated to assume the role of National Vice-Chair and conveyed best wishes to him.

A number of other members congratulated Ald Adger and Ald Hussey

Following an extensive discussion, the Secretary's report was adopted.

UPDATE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ald Adger thanked members for their kind comments and presented her final report outlining some of the highlights of her term as National President.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Boyle advised that the National Secretary and Training Officer had agreed to meet with the members of the Executive Committee to discuss potential training opportunities

Closing remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending and contributing to a successful event. In closing, he wished members a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm