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February 3rd, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend a

Special Council Meeting

to be held on **Tuesday, 9th February 2021 at 10:00 am** in **Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena with remote access.**

Yours sincerely



Anne Donaghy OBE,
Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Agenda

1 NOTICE OF MEETING

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including gifts and hospitality, they may have in respect of items on this Agenda.

4 OUTSTANDING NOTICES OF MOTION

4.1 Proposed by Ald B Ashe MBE, seconded by Cllr C Johnston

“Mid and East Antrim Borough Council commends the contribution made by men and women from Northern Ireland who have served in the United Kingdom forces in many theatres of conflict across the globe, and in Northern Ireland itself. We consider it essential to repay the debt to those who have served and to that end this council prepares without delay an Action Plan for addressing Armed forces veterans' needs.”

4.2 Proposed by Ald B Ashe MBE, seconded by Cllr M Collins

“Mid and East Antrim Borough Council express their concern at the increase of violent attacks on our older and vulnerable people and call on the Justice Minister to increase the maximum period of imprisonment for offences involving violence or neglect directed against older or vulnerable people.”

4.3 Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Smyth, seconded by Cllr C Johnston

“As a council we believe that it is absolutely right and fundamentally important that we begin to raise awareness of both the devastating impact of baby loss and the support that bereaved parents need through the grieving process to help them adjust to their loss. We do not believe that anyone can fully heal or get over the loss of a much loved and much wanted child, but we can do everything within our remit to ensure they are aware of the care and support available to them and provide them with a place to reflect and remember.”

4.4 Proposed by Cllr C Johnston, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Frew

"That this Council commits to being a deaf friendly Council, undertakes to ensure all council services are accessible to those with hearing difficulties, commits to providing signing on social media videos to highlight important events and announcements within the Council area, promotes the introduction of Sign Courses for staff, appoints a “Deaf

Champion” within the Council and commits to working with neighbouring Councils and deaf organisations to promote deaf awareness.”

4.5 Proposed by Ald T Nicholl, seconded by Ald J Carson

“This council want to congratulate the Chief Executive, her senior management team and their staff for the excellent way in which they have gone above and beyond to keep front line services, during the pandemic, moving forward.”

4.6 Proposed by Ald B Ashe MBE, seconded by Cllr B Adger MBE

“Following my notice of motion dated 3 September 2019 that was unanimously supported by Council on summer hunger for children, and the sterling work by Manchester United Football star Marcus Rashford, I noticed that other regions within the UK have moved on this issue. I believe this council should write to the Education Minister, and invite other councils to write in support of implementing free school meals during summer holidays for those entitled to ensure no child goes hungry and is giving the best start on life and help raise our young people and make happy teenagers.”

4.7 Proposed by Cllr G McKeen, seconded by Cllr W McCaughey

“This Council considers introducing rate free town centre schemes to help and encourage small business recover from the pandemic and those eager to bring business to the area.”

4.8 Proposed by Cllr M Collins, seconded by Ald T Nicholl MBE

“This Council recognises the importance of football to our local society and community. We praise the approach taken by Ballymena United, Larne and Carrick Rangers through the Mid and East Antrim United initiative. We call on the minister for communities to release the stadia funding and move forward with this important investment.”

4.9 Proposed by Cllr G McKeen, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Smyth

“This Council sees to maximise the opportunities presented by the Freeports initiative and calls for Mid and East Antrim to lead the into Northern Ireland Freeport opportunity, which will be used as an innovative drive for economic growth.”

4.10 Proposed by Ald Mrs A Wales MBE, seconded by Ald B Ashe MBE

“This council recognises our international links across the world and would like to focus on celebrating and reaffirming our connections and showcasing the best of Mid and East Antrim, to promote economic, cultural and tourism links.”

4.11 Proposed by Ald Ms G Mulvenna, seconded by Cllr T O'Lynn

"This Council notes with concern the Alzheimer's Society's "Worst Hit" Report detailing the devastating impact of coronavirus on those living with dementia as this disease is the most common pre-existing condition of those dying with the virus.

This Council welcomes the Minister for Health's stated commitment to reforming Adult Social Care and urges his Department to establish the 'Care Partner' model to ensure those living with dementia are better protected now and into the future, specifically catering for loved ones of care home residents to have safe visiting arrangements.

This Council recognises the value of Dementia Friendly training opportunities and encourages anyone who hasn't yet availed of such training to do so to help tackle stigma, establish best practice and reduce barriers for our ageing population within our Council area."