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June 10th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend a

Special Council Meeting

to be held on **Friday, 11th June 2021 at 5:00 pm in Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena.**

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.

Closed Council - In accordance with Council policy, members of the press will not be in attendance for this section of the Meeting.

4 NOTIFICATION OF AUDIT BY EUROPEAN UNION COMMISSION AT LARNE PORT - Verbal report

5 LEGAL ADVICES on COUNCIL's FUNCTION at LARNE HARBOUR PORT - Report circulated (09.06.21)

legal advice on council's function at Larne Port - 11.06.2021.docx.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 1 -Letter from DAERA Permanent Secretary 4 June 2021.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 2 -Letter from DAERA Permanent Secretary 14.05.2021.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 3 -letter from FSA-12.05.21.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 4 -Annex letter.docx.pdf	<i>Not included</i>

Open Council

6 MOTIONS

6.1 Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr M Armstrong, seconded by Cllr T Gaston

"That this Council deplores the refusal of the Stormont authorities to permit a stone sculpture to mark the Northern Ireland centenary to be placed at the seat of government; instructs the Chief Executive to convey our dismay to the Speaker of the Assembly and call for reversal of the decision so that due respect can be shown to those who value our constitutional position as a part of the United Kingdom. As a lasting celebration of Northern Ireland's centenary and its importance to the citizens within our borough, this council will erect commemorative stones in the three towns of Ballymena, Larne and Carrick."

6.2 Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr T O'Lynn, seconded by Cllr L Gray (circulated 09.06.21)

“This Council opposes the harm caused to our LGBT+ community in the past through the denial of rights and equal treatment and further recognises that discrimination still occurs today.

This Council acknowledges and stands against the ongoing harm the practice of conversion therapy brings to LGBT+ people.

This Council calls on the Minister of Communities to continue to work with the Minister of Health and Minister of Justice to introduce an effective ban on conversion therapy within Northern Ireland, supported by a programme of work to help tackle these practices in all their forms.

Furthermore, this Council will highlight and promote the continued support, counselling and advocacy our local groups provide to members of the LGBT+ Community.”