

April 1st, 2025

To Each Member of Council

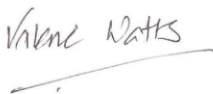
NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

to be held on Thursday, 3rd April 2025 at 6:30 pm in Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena and via remote access.

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts
Interim Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Agenda

1 FORMALITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Notice of Meeting

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Declarations of Interest

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

1.4 Minutes of Council Meeting

1.4.1 Council Meeting held on 17 February 2025 - circulated

📎 *02-25 Full Council Mins (17.2.25) final.pdf*

Not included

1.4.2 Special Meeting of Council held on 18 March 2025 - circulated (27.03.25)

📎 *03-25 Sp Council (Insurance) Mins.pdf*

Not included

1.5 Mayor's Announcements

2 QUESTIONS

2.1 Members

2.1.1 Tabled Question in the Name of Cllr D Clarke

"Funding for a wide range of Organisations and Community Groups throughout our Borough are very important and I am very supportive of this taking place. However, to ensure good governance, what procedures and safeguards are in place to ensure that only organisations and Community Groups within Mid and East Antrim Borough Council area benefit from grants and ratepayer money?"

Answer:

"The Community Grants Scheme has operated since the inception of Mid & East Antrim Borough Council in April 2015 and through this scheme, Council has successfully managed over 4,000 applications to community groups and sports clubs undertaking various voluntary activities throughout the Borough.

The scheme operates on a basis of openness and transparency with appropriate audit tested governance to provide assurance that Council funding is managed fairly, within M&EABC remit and with the aim of benefitting all citizens of Mid & East Antrim.

Each of the 400+ annual applications undergo various levels of assessment, approval and monitoring in line with long established Council procedures and awards are made on the merit of the individual application.

To help ensure that the benefits of Council funding remain within the Borough, only groups who demonstrate they are based within the Borough are eligible to apply. The exception to this however is for groups based outside the Borough that are hosting events within Mid & East Antrim and can provide a clear and direct benefit to MEA citizens.

Through on-going feedback from the community, Elected Members, Senior Management and other stakeholders as well as to ensure the scheme continues to align with M&EABC strategic objectives the criteria, documentation and procedures are continually reviewed throughout the financial year and a full review is undertaken annually with enhancements/amendments implemented as required.”

2.2 Public

3 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Planning Committee held on 20 February 2025 - circulated

 *02-25 Planning Minutes.pdf*

Not included

3.2 Corporate Resources, Policy and Governance Committee held on 24 February 2025 - circulated

 *02-25 Draft Mins CRPG.pdf*

Not included

3.3 Neighbourhoods and Communities Committee held on 25 February 2025 - circulated

 *02-25 NC Mins.pdf*

Not included

3.4 Environment and Economy Committee held on 3 March 2025 - circulated

 *03-25 Mins - Environment Economy.pdf*

Not included

3.5 Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 March 2025 - circulated

 *03.25 Audit Scrutiny Committee Minutes.pdf*

Not included

4 POLICY FRAMEWORK AND BUDGET

5 STRATEGIC ISSUES

6 ITEMS FOR DECISION - OPEN COUNCIL

6.1 Memorial Sub-Committee Action Notes - circulated

📎 *23 01 25 - Memorial Sub-Committee Action Notes.pdf*

Not included

6.2 Services to Mark 109th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in France - circulated

📎 *Services to Mark 109th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in France.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Appendix 1 - Somme Travel Options.pdf*

Not included

6.3 Grant of Full Amusement Permit to Twilight, Bryan Street, Ballymena - circulated

📎 *Grant of Full Amusement Permit to Twilight, Bryan Street, Ballymena.pdf*

Not included

7 MOTIONS

7.1 ****WITHDRAWN** Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr M Donnelly, seconded by Cllr M Armstrong**

“This council supports the spirit of Caleb’s Cause NI, a grass roots movement started by Caleb’s mother, Alma White, whose son is autistic and has learning disabilities. At its core, Caleb’s Cause aims to close the disparity in opportunities for young adults with disabilities accessing further education opportunities and to develop as individuals.

Caleb’s Cause calls for the introduction of legislation to bring in post-19 Education Health (EHC) and Care Plans for these young people.

As a show of support this council will:

1. Pass this motion showing its support for Caleb's cause demonstrating the Council's commitment to improving post-19 provision for individuals with Special Educational Needs.
2. Write to the Minister for Economy, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education urging them to consider introducing legislation to introduce post-19 Education Health and Care Plans and furthermore asks them to prioritise cross-departmental collaboration on planning and implementing any changes given the cross-cutting nature of this request.”

7.2 **Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr I Friary, seconded by Cllr A Rae**

“This Council recognises the vital role of family farms in supporting rural jobs, safeguarding food security, and promoting environmental stewardship, as well as their integral contribution to the all-island economy.

We acknowledge the significant challenges facing the farming community, including the £1 million inheritance tax threshold, which threatens generational farming, and the absence of a dedicated agricultural budget. Furthermore, the uncertainty and funding losses caused by Brexit has exacerbated these pressures on the sector.

This Council calls on the British Government to reverse the changes to the inheritance tax threshold and urges the DAERA Minister to work with the Executive to establish a ring-fenced agricultural budget to secure the long-term future of farming in the north of Ireland.”









8 SEALING

(i) Belfast City Council – and – Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Contract for Funding re i4C City Deal project

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

9 STRATEGIC ISSUES - CLOSED

9.1 Waste Harmonisation - circulated

 <i>Waste Harmonisation Report- CLOSED.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 1 - Waste Harmonisation Sub Committee Action Notes - 24 Feb 2025 (Draft).pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 2 - Waste Harmonisation Presentation 24 Feb 2025.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 3 - Dry Recycling Harmonisation - Equality Screening.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 4 - Dry Recycling Harmonisation- RNIA Screening.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 5 - Dry Recycling Harmonisation - Sustainable Development Assessment.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 7 - Estimated Waste Harmonisation Project Timeline.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 6 - Dry Recycling Harmonisation - DPIA Screening Form.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION - CLOSED

10.1 Business Case for purchase of 3 x 16T RCVs - circulated (27.03.25)

 <i>Business Case - Purchase 3no 16T Refuse Collection Vehicles (002).pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 1 BC for Replacement of 3no 16Tonne RCV.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>

10.2 Business Case for Replacement of 2no 26Tonne RCV - circulated

 <i>Business Case - Purchase 2no 26T Refuse Collection Vehicles.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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10.3 Post Tender Report - ICT Services for Stabilisation and Repair Works of Carrickfergus Piers - circulated

ICT Services for Stabilisation And Repair Works Of Carrickfergus Piers.pdf

Not included

Appendix 1 T675 Post Tender Report Carrick Harbour.pdf

Not included

10.4 Purchase of Lands at former Ballymacvea landfill site - circulated

Purchase of lands at former Ballymacvea landfill site, Ballymena.pdf

Not included

Appendix 1 - Location plan former Ballymacvea Landfill site.pdf

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Appendix 2 - Site plan Ballymacvea landfill site.pdf

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