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March 1st, 2021

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 Monday, 1st March 2021 at 6:30 pm in Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena and 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 are invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including gifts and hospitality, they may have in respect of items on this Agenda.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 February 2021 - Circulated

[Full Council - 01 Feb 2021.pdf](#)

Not included

4.2 Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee held on 8 February 2021 - Circulated

[PR February 21 .pdf](#)

Not included

4.3 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 9 February 2021 - Circulated

[Special Council - 09 Feb 2021.pdf](#)

Not included

4.4 Minutes of Direct Services Committee held on 9 February 2021 - Circulated

[DS Committee Minutes 02.21.pdf](#)

Not included

4.5 Minutes of Borough Growth Committee held on 15 February 2021 - Circulated

[Borough Growth Mins 02-21.pdf](#)

Not included

4.6 Minutes of Audit & Scrutiny Committee held on 16 February 2021 - Circulated

[AS Cttee \(Audit Scrutiny\) - 16 February 2021.pdf](#)

Not included

- 4.7 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 22 February 2021 - Circulated (26.02.21)**
📎 *Special Council - 22 Feb 2021.pdf* *Not included*
- 4.8 Minutes of Special Policy & Resources Committee held on 22 February 2021 - Circulated (26.02.21)**
📎 *Special PR (Rates) 22 February 21.pdf* *Not included*
- 5 MINISTERIAL VISITS/DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS/DEPUTATIONS**
- 6 STRATEGIC ISSUES**
- 6.1 Draft Programme for Government - Report circulated (25.02.21)**
📎 *PfG Consultation Report to FC March 2021.pdf* *Not included*

📎 *Appendix 1 PfG Consultation response.pdf* *Not included*
- 6.2 Update on Legislation for Holding Remote Meetings - Report circulated (25.02.21)**
📎 *local authority meetings- Final.pdf* *Not included*
- 6.3 North Channel Partnership - Report circulated**
📎 *North Channel Partnership - FC March 21 - Final.pdf* *Not included*

📎 *Appendix 1 - NCP Agenda 10 Feb 2021.pdf* *Not included*

📎 *Appendix 2 - NCP Combined Action Plan 10 Feb 2021.pdf* *Not included*

📎 *Appendix 3 - Trader Support Service Webinar 1 23 .02. 21 Final.pdf* *Not included*

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

7 DECISIONS CLOSED

- 7.1 Approval of Draft Plan Strategy Public Consultation Report - Report circulated**
📎 *FC LDP Consultation Report Final.pdf* *Not included*

 *App 1 dPS Public Consultation Report.pdf*

Not included

7.2 iESE Public Sector Transformation Awards 2021 - Report circulated

 *Iese - Public Sector Transformation Awards 2021.pdf*

Not included

7.3 Group Party Leader's Meeting - Report circulated (Additional Item 01.03.2021)

 *Group Party Leader's Meeting.pdf*

Not included

8 UPDATES CLOSED

8.1 Tribe Tech - Report circulated

 *Tribe Tech Report Final.pdf*

Not included

8.2 NI Protocol - Report circulated (25.02.21)

 *Implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol - Final.pdf*

Not included

8.3 Recovery Update Position - Report circulated

 *Recovery Update Position - March 2021.pdf*

Not included

8.4 Northern Ireland 100th Anniversary (NI100) - Report circulated

 *NI 100 Update March FC.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 1 - Mid and East Antrim Borough Council NI Centenary Logo.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 2 - Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Centenary Coins.pdf*

Not included

9 LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

9.1 Closing off Legacy Issue: The Cliff - Verbal report

9.2 Land at Ballee - Report circulated (26.02.21)

 *Marketing of remaining lands at Ballee Road West - Final.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 1 - Map of remaining land.pdf*

Not included

9.3 Purchase of Land at 6 Ballystrudder Road, Islandmagee - Report circulated

 *Proposed purchase of land at 6 Ballystrudder Road Islandmagee - 01.03.2021.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 1 - Map showing land at 6 Ballystrudder Road, Islandmagee.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 2 - Reference Photographs.pdf* *Not included*

9.4 Marketing of Lands at Lisnafillan - Report circulated (26.02.21)

 *Marketing of lands at Lisnafillan Ballymena - Final.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 1 - Map of Lands at Lisnafillan, Ballymena.pdf* *Not included*

9.5 Update on Strategic Waste - Report circulated

 *Update on Strategic Waste.pdf* *Not included*


 *Appendix 1 - Letter from Antrim and Newtownabbey Council to arc21 dated 17 Dec 2020.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 2 - Response from arc21 to Antrim and Newtownabbey Council dated 20 January 2021.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 3 - Letter from Antrim and Newtownabbey Council to arc21 dated 1 Feb 2021.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 4 - Response from arc21 to Antrim and Newtownabbey Council dated 8 Feb 2021.pdf* *Not included*

9.6 Sale of Former Primary School, Glenarm - Report circulated (Additional item 01.03.2021)

 *Report - Sale of Former Primary School, Glenarm- 01.03.2021.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 1 - Map of site at Former Glenarm Primary School.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 2 - Glenarm Castle proposed scheme..pdf* *Not included*

10 STAFFING

10.1 Staffing Update on Terms and Conditions and Voluntary Redundancy Applications - Report circulated

 *Staffing Update on VR and TCs - FINAL with amendments.pdf* *Not included*

11 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11.1 Approval of Financial Expenditure

Ald P Reid, Chair of Audit & Scrutiny Committee, to present

11.2 Request for Delegation of Executive Powers to a Special Policy & Resources Committee Meeting to be held in March 2021 - Verbal Report

Council is requested to delegate Executive Powers to a Special Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee for the approval of Business Cases

11.3 Proposed Schedule of Meetings April and May 2021 - Circulated

[Schedule of MEA Meetings April - May 2021.pdf](#)

Not included

11.4 March Schedule of Meetings and Workshops - Circulated (updated 01.03.21)

[March Calendar v2.pdf](#)

Not included

11.5 Sealing

12 ITEMS FOR DECISION

12.1 Performance Improvement Plan Consultation Draft - Report circulated

[Performance Improvement Plan 202122 Consultation.pdf](#)

Not included

[Appendix 1 - Performance Improvement Objectives 202122 Consultation Document.pdf](#)

Not included

[Appendix 2 Performance Improvement Plan Timetable.pdf](#)

Not included

12.2 Sullatober Household Recycling Centre Development - Report circulated

[Sullatober HRC Development.pdf](#)

Not included

12.3 North Irish Horse Regimental Association Commemoration of the Battle of the Adolf Hitler Line to be held on Saturday 22

May 2021 - Letter circulated

📎 *MEAResquestforHitler Line2021.pdf*

Not included

13 UPDATES FOR MEMBERS

14 MOTIONS

14.1 Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr G McKeen, seconded by Cllr M Armstrong

"This Council affirms its opposition to the Northern Ireland Protocol and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the DAERA Minister and the Chief Executive of the FSA to set out the difficulties facing this Council implementing its obligations under the Northern Ireland Protocol which a) represents a breach under Article 6(2) of the Northern Ireland Protocol and the requirement of the European Union and United Kingdom to use their best endeavours to facilitate the trade between Northern Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom, in accordance with applicable legislation and taking into account their respective regulatory regimes as well as the implementation thereof; and b) which infringes the statutory assurance under Section 46 of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 of the free flow of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which is further guaranteed in Article 6 of The Act of Union 1800.

The correspondence should include the issues facing our Communities around Union Connectivity, the upcoming end of the grace period, staffing, facility inadequacy, governance arrangements, charging/tariffs and long-term funding and this Council's refusal to be used as a tool to impede the free flow of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland."

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Ballymena Business Improvement District - Letter circulated

📎 *Ballymena BID Letter.pdf*

Not included

📎 *Ballymena BID2 Business Plan.pdf*

Not included

15.2 Correspondence from Dumfries & Galloway Council re 68th Anniversary of the Loss of MV Princess Victoria - Circulated

Link to Mid and East Antrim virtual commemoration as follows: <https://youtu.be/3iOewNkhdKY>

📎 *03 02 21 Ltr A Donaghy CE MEA Council Response 68th Anniv MV Princess Victoria_Redacted.pdf*

Not included

15.3 Correspondence from Mr Danny Kinahan, Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner - Circulated

📎 *Letter to Veterans' community - 29 Jan 2021 (F).pdf*

Not included

15.4 Correspondence from A77 Action Group Co-ordinator re A77/A75 Sister Roads Taskforce - Circulated

 20210128 Taskforce Group.pdf

Not included

 Information Pack 12.pdf

Not included

15.5 Request for a Plaque to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Formation of the Royal British Legion - Circulated

 RBL.pdf

Not included

16 INVITATIONS

17 ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING - See Appendix

 Appendix.pdf

Not included

 Planning Minutes 14.01.21.pdf

Not included

 NILGA Press Release Councils Make It Happen.pdf

Not included

 NILGA Bulletin February 2021.pdf

Not included

 20210114 SECTRT Housing Council Minutes.pdf

Not included

 Members Bulletin - February 2021.pdf

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18 TABLED QUESTIONS

18.1 Tabled question in the name of Cllr T Gaston

"To ask the Chief Executive to place on the next meeting agenda of Council, a report which considers the alleged leaking of confidential information to the press over recent weeks, the obvious tensions this created and the reputational damage inflicted on our borough as a result and any necessary referrals to the Ombudsman."

Response

"A review will take place on any confidential information placed into the public domain."

18.2 Tabled question in the name of Ald N Williams - Additional item 24.02.21)

"Is it true that a new Party Grouping has been formed on MEA Council called the Unionist Leaders Group, or similar, and its first meeting, consisting of leaders of the DUP, TUV

and UUP Party Groups on MEA, was held on Tuesday 16 February 2021? Moreover, how was the Group formed, who called the meeting, what is its purpose and what was on the agenda? Furthermore, is it functional at the time and date of this question submission?"

Response:

"No party Grouping has been formed called the Unionist Leaders Group, or similar."