

February 10th, 2026

To Each Member of Council

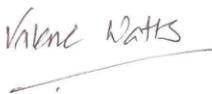
NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

to be held on Monday, 16th February 2026 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 Monday 12 January 2026 - Circulated

[01-26 Full Council Mins Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

1.4.2 Reconvened Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14 January 2026 - Circulated

[01-26 Reconvened Full Council Mins Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

1.4.3 Special Council Meeting (Rates) held on Monday 9 February 2026 - To follow

1.5 Mayor's Announcements

2 QUESTIONS

2.1 Members

2.2 Public

None.

3 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Planning Committee held on Thursday 15 January 2026 - Circulated

[01.26 Planning Mins Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

3.2 Corporate Resources, Policy and Governance Committee held

on Monday 19 January 2026 - Circulated

[01.26 CRPG Mins Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

3.3 Neighbourhoods and Communities Committee held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 - Circulated

[01-26 NC Mins Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

3.4 Environment and Economy Committee held on Monday 26 January 2026 - To follow

3.5 Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 - Circulated

[01-26 Audit Scrutiny Draft.pdf](#)

Not included

4 POLICY FRAMEWORK AND BUDGET

5 STRATEGIC ISSUES

6 ITEMS FOR DECISION - OPEN COUNCIL

6.1 Services to mark the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in France - To follow

6.2 Inclusion & Equality Sub Committee Update - Circulated

[Inclusion & Equality Sub-Committee Update.pdf](#)

Not included

[Appendix 1 - Notes and actions from Inclusion & Equality Sub-Committee 2 February 2026.pdf](#)

Not included

7 MOTIONS

7.1 Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor R Beggs, Seconded by Alderman A Wilson

"Mid & East Antrim Borough Council expresses concern at the additional costs to be added to all non-EU parcels arriving in NI that has been announced by the EU as being applicable from 1 July 2026: namely a €3 customs levy on all small parcel imports valued under €150, alongside an additional €2 handling fee to fund the new EU Customs Authority.

This will add costs to both businesses and to consumers. We request that the Chief Executive pass on concerns to HM Government and to seek clarity as to whether these rules will apply under the Protocol and the Windsor Framework; whether the millions of parcels from the rest of the UK will be routed via 'green' or 'red' lanes; and clarify what additional costs and delays we might expect regarding parcels received

from the rest of the UK or elsewhere."

7.2 Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor M Collins, Seconded by Councillor B Hadden

"That this Council sends our congratulations to Carrick Rangers Football Club on their success in winning the County Antrim Shield, the club's first senior trophy in 33 years, and hosts a reception to mark the occasion."

8 SEALING

(i) Mid & East Antrim Borough Council -and- Oxford Innovation Limited (Appointment of an Operator for the i4C Innovation and Cleantech Centre for the Pre-Operations Phase)

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

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION - CLOSED

10.1 Bonfire Consultation Outcome & Bonfire Management 2026 - Circulated

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| 📄 <i>Bonfire Consultation Outcome & Bonfire Management 2026.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 1 Proposal from ACT Initiative_Redacted.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 2 ACT Initiative MEA Final Report.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

10.2 Tullygarley Playing Fields – Return of Expression of Interest - Circulated

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| 📄 <i>Tullygarley Playing Fields - Return of Expression of Interest.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 1 - Location plan.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 2 - Brochure - Lands at Tullygarley Community Centre Ballymena.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 3 - Summary of Tullygarley Survey responses.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

10.3 Lease of Antiville Playing Fields - Circulated

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| 📄 <i>Full Council-Antiville Playing Fields Lease.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 1 - Antiville Brochure.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

 *Appendix 2 Larne Community Football Limited Lease Boundary.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 3 Antiville Changing Room Schedule of Condition.pdf* *Not included*

10.4 Proposed Sale of Derelict Barn at Tobergel Lane, Larne - Circulated

 *Proposed Sale of Derelict Barn at Tobergel Lane Larne.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 1 - Brochure Tobergel Lane Larne.pdf* *Not included*

10.5 UK Town of Culture - Circulated

[Link to UK Town of Culture Expression of Interest details](#)

 *UK Town of Culture.pdf* *Not included*

 *Appendix 1 UK Town of Culture Expression of Interest Form.pdf* *Not included*

10.6 Household Recycling Centres: Restricted Access for Commercial Vehicles - To follow

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