

January 10th, 2025

To Each Member of Council

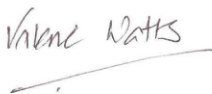
NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

to be held on Thursday, 16th January 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 25 November 2024 - Circulated

 [11-24 Full Council Mins.pdf](#)

Not included

1.5 Mayor's Announcements

2 QUESTIONS

2.1 Members

2.1.1 Tabled Question in the name of Cllr P Johnston

“Article 66 of the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 is legislation that deals with dilapidated or ruinous buildings and structures that are considered a serious detriment to the local community. Can council officers advise what recent assessment has been made of Prospect House with regards to Councils powers under this order and what action has been taken since the recent damage which has now left the building and roof in a very dangerous condition for the local residents and general public.”

Answer

“Council were made aware of a potentially dangerous structure at Prospect House on Sunday evening the 22 December 2024. The matter was referred to the Council's Building Control Team who attended site on Monday 23 December 2024 and liaised with the Council Facilities Team to have the area cordoned off. Contact with the owner was made via a local estate agent who confirmed that the owner was arranging for the site to be made safe.

In relation to an Article 66 notice served under the Pollution Control and Local Government (NI) Order 1978 if threshold for action is met, then an Article 66 notice requires the owner of the property to repair or restore or demolish the building.

Prospect House is a listed building and previous enquiries with the Historic Environment Division of Department of Communities advised that the owner would be committing an offence by demolishing a

listed building and this is the considered policy across the province.

Previous legal opinion stated that an Article 66 notice must give the option of demolition and therefore it is not appropriate for cases involving listed buildings.”

2.1.2 Tabled Question in the name of Cllr A Barr

"Does this Council intend to commemorate the following anniversaries: 80th anniversary to mark VE and VJ Days; and 75th anniversary to mark the start of the Korean War? If so, how can these momentous anniversaries be commemorated?"

Answer:

“The Council is developing a programme of activities to commemorate VE and VJ Days and other wartime anniversaries which proposes events in Ballymena, Larne and Carrickfergus and will include the marking of the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the 85th anniversary of Dunkirk, the 80th anniversary of the departure of the Belgian army from Northern Ireland, the 60th anniversary of the death of Winston Churchill as well as the 75th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

It is proposed to re-prioritise the proposed annual Civic Event budget for next year to be able to fund these activities.

An update on this will be brought to the Events Sub-Committee in Jan 2025.”

2.2 Public

A period of up to 15 minutes will be available to allow questions that have been submitted by members of the public who live, work or study in the Borough. Any questions not answered within the timescale will be provided with a written response.

3 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Planning Committee held on 28 November 2024 - Circulated

[11-24 Planning Minutes.pdf](#)

Not included

3.2 Corporate Resources, Policy and Governance Committee held on 2 December 2024 - Circulated

[12-24 CRPG Mins.pdf](#)

Not included

3.3 Neighbourhoods and Communities Committee held on 3 December 2024 - Circulated

[12-24 NC Mins.pdf](#)

Not included

3.4 Environment and Economy Committee held on 9 December 2024 - Circulated

[12-24 Mins - Environment Economy .pdf](#)

Not included

3.5 Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 December 2024 - Circulated

[12.24 Audit Scrutiny Committee Minutes.pdf](#)

Not included

4 POLICY FRAMEWORK AND BUDGET

4.1 Corporate Plan Update April - September 2024 - Report circulated

[Corporate Plan Update April-September 2024 - Full Council.pdf](#)

Not included

[Appendix 1 Corporate Plan Update April-September 2024 compressed.pdf](#)

Not included

4.2 Performance Improvement Plan 2025/26 Consultation - Report circulated

[Performance Improvement Plan 2025-26 Consultation - FC.pdf](#)

Not included

[Appendix 1 Performance Improvement Plan 2025-2026 Consultation document.pdf](#)

Not included

5 STRATEGIC ISSUES

6 ITEMS FOR DECISION - OPEN COUNCIL

7 MOTIONS

7.1 **WITHDRAWN** (09.01.25) Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr L Gray, seconded by Cllr A Skinner****

"Mid and East Antrim Borough Council recognises the additional difficulties faced by parents and guardians of young children when trying to park in standard sized parking spaces.

Council recognises the benefits that 'Parent and Toddler' parking spaces can have in helping to facilitate easier access at high footfall locations and notes the implementation of such spaces at a number of private car parks locally.

I therefore propose that Council reviews the existing Car Parking Strategy for the borough and considers implementing an appropriate number of 'Parent and Toddler' parking spaces at all Council maintained car parks."

8 SEALING

(i) Mid and East Antrim Borough Council - and - Hood McGowan Kirk LLP: Professional Services Contract Invitation to Tender, Tender for Appointment of a Project Manager Led ICT for BRCD - The Gobbins (Phase 2) - Form of Deed

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

7 MOTIONS - CLOSED COUNCIL

7.2 ****WITHDRAWN** Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr M Armstrong, seconded by Cllr L Philpott - Circulated (Deferred to next Full Council)**

[Notice of Motion Cllr Armstong & Cllr Philpott.pdf](#) *Not included*

9 STRATEGIC ISSUES - CLOSED

9.1 **Capital Plan for 2025/26 - Report circulated**

[Capital Plan - Financial Year 20252026.pdf](#) *Not included*

[Capital Plan FY 2025-2026 \(PT 19.12.24\).pdf](#) *Not included*

10 ITEMS FOR DECISION - CLOSED

10.1 **Capital Contract Award – Pre Approval for Gracehill UNESCO Project - Report circulated**

[Capital Procurement Contract Pre-Approval for the Gracehill UNESCO Report_.pdf](#) *Not included*

10.2 **Contract Awards Facilities and Maintenance - Report circulated**

[Contract Award - Facilities and Maintenance.pdf](#) *Not included*

10.3 **Response to Notice of Motion re DFI Depot at Kilwaughter - Report Circulated**

[Report - Notice of Motion - Kilwaughter Roads Depot.pdf](#) *Not included*

[Appendix 1 - Letter to Dfl minister re Kilwaughter Road Depot 28 June 2024.pdf](#) *Not included*

[Appendix 2 - Response from Dfl Minister 08 July 2024.pdf](#) *Not included*

OPEN COUNCIL