



COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2018

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No	Item	Summary of key Adoptions
2	Apologies	<i>Councillors Blair, Deighan, Douglas, Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus and McKillop MA</i>
3	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
4	To Consider Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Aldermen Hillis, King and McKeown, Councillors Baird, Holmes, McCandless and Wilson <i>‘That this Council awards Freedom of the Borough to Mrs Joan Christie OBE, CBO Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim and to Mr Denis Desmond CBE, KCBO, Lord Lieutenant of County Londonderry, in recognition of their dedicated and outstanding service during their tenure of Lieutenancy, which has brought clear pride and satisfaction to the citizens of this Borough’.</i>	<i>Carried</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor - Councillor Baird

Members Present : Aldermen - Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, McKillop S,
McKeown and Robinson

Councillors - Beattie, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Duddy,
Fitzpatrick, Holmes, Hunter, McCorkell, McKillop MA,
McLean, Quigley, Stevenson, Watton and Wilson

Officers Present : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
E McCaul, Committee and Member Services

In attendance Press (0 no.)
Public (0 no.)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Blair, Deighan, Douglas, Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus and McKillop M A.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**2. TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR
HUNTER AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN HILLIS, KING AND McKEOWN,
COUNCILLORS BAIRD, HOLMES, McCANDLESS AND WILSON**

Before discussing the Notice of Motion, Councillor Hunter requested that the Notice of Motion be amended to reflect awards made in the New Year's Honours list. That is Mrs Joan Christie OBE, had been awarded CVO and Mr Dennis Desmond, CBE had been awarded KCVO.

AGREED – that the Notice of Motion would be amended to reflect the New Year's Honours awards.

AGREED – that congratulations be conveyed to all those who received awards. The following Notice of Motion was discussed:

'That this Council awards Freedom of the Borough to Mrs Joan Christie, OBE, CVO Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim and to Mr Denis Desmond CBE, KCVO, Lord Lieutenant of County Londonderry, in recognition of their dedicated and outstanding service during their tenure of Lieutenancy, which has brought clear pride and satisfaction to the citizens of this Borough'.

Councillor Hunter read a prepared statement of support as follows:

'The Ballymoney Times reported, Ballybogey resident Joan Christie had become Her Majesty's representative for County Antrim on 1st September 2008. The formal announcement stated:

"Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint Mrs Christie, OBE, DL, CVO as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Antrim upon the retirement of The Right Honourable the Lord O'Neill TD JP."

Stating further, "Mrs Christie has been active in many public and voluntary bodies. She is a former civil servant and was Assistant Private Secretary to successive Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland until 1979 and was the Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Antrim from 2005."

Mr Denis Desmond, CBE, KVCO was appointed by Her Majesty the Queen as Lord Lieutenant for County Londonderry in May 2000.

Mr Desmond's working life was in the family clothing manufacturing business, Desmond & Sons Ltd. of Londonderry where he was Chairman 1970 until 2005. He served as a Non-Executive Director of Ulster Bank Limited between 1990 and 1997. He was Chairman of Altnagelvin Hospitals Health & Social Services Trust from 1996 to 2004. He became a Director of the Ulster Orchestra Society and member of The Prince's Trust Council for Northern Ireland in 2008 and Deputy Lieutenant of the County from 1992 to 2000.

After giving a lifetime of service to their communities both, Joan and Denis, were asked to give more. In the service of Her Majesty. Both have represented Her Majesty with loyalty, dignity and commitment ever since. In doing so, they have represented us, as citizens, at the highest level. Such commitment and dedication to the people of this Borough is deserving of our highest recognition, they are outstanding individuals within the Causeway Coast and Glens area, and to show our appreciation, they are worthy of the accolade, Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

Alderman Hillis seconded Councillor Hunter's proposal.

Several Members spoke in favour and endorsed the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Beattie stated that Council had agreed to confer the Freedom of the Borough on 6 individuals in a relatively short time and that she would not like to see the honour diluted by over use.

Councillor Quigley agreed with the points made and suggested that maybe those nominated for Freedom of Borough be added to a list for consideration.

In response to a Members query, the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that costs for conferring the Freedom of the Borough were approximately £5,000.

The Mayor put the motion to the meeting, 19 voted for, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no other business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7:30 pm.

Mayor