

COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : The Deputy Mayor - Councillor J McCorkell

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

Councillors - Baird, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Deighan, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Fitzpatrick, Harding, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus, McCandless, McCaul, McGlinchey, McKillop MA, McLaughlin, McLean, McShane C, Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson, Watton and Wilson

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
E McCaul, Committee and Member Services

In attendance Press (3 no.)
Public (1 no.)

1. OPENING REMARKS

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor extended sympathy and prayers to the Mayor on her recent family bereavement.

It was noted that the seating arrangements within the Chamber had been adjusted to accommodate Councillor Callan's change of political party.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Mayor, Alderman Hickey, Councillors Holmes and Mulholland

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McLean – Agenda item 4, Ballymoney Social Centre.

4. TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR McCANDLESS, WILSON AND HOLMES REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

The following Notice of Motion was discussed at the 27 September 2016 Monthly meeting:

“Our Olympic oarsmen Alan Campbell, Richard Chambers and Peter Chambers all former pupils of CAI and Bann Rowing Club members have honoured this Borough and particularly the town of Coleraine, and I feel it is only fitting that we honour them with the Freedom of the Borough.

Alan Campbell is the first sportsperson from NI to have competed at four Olympic Games, Richard Chambers has competed in three and Peter has competed in two. Alan was G.B.’s first single scull rower to win an Olympic medal for 84 years when he lifted the bronze in 2012.

Richard and Peter lifted the silver in 2012 as part of the lightweight men’s four.

We can be justifiably proud of these young men, they are people of distinction and great ambassadors for the Borough. They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the 2016 Rio Olympics and I have great pleasure in nominating them for the Freedom of the Borough.”

Councillor McCandless read a prepared statement of support as follows:

“Deputy Mayor, Alderman and Councillors, any people have discussed this Notice of Motion with me and are fully support of it and we should be finally recognising the achievements of these young men. Our young Olympians should have been honoured in 2012, it was an oversight and we do have the opportunity to address this now.

The Notice of Motion I have brought forward is to recognise the efforts these young men had put in and their years of dedication and practice since their early teens. Hard physical work, application, devotion and passion to their chosen sport and also to recognise what had to be deprived and denied themselves off. If they had taken a different direction at University, they could have followed a much more lucrative career.

The reward of Freedom of Borough should not just be awarded because someone reached a particular level, it should be awarded because someone has gone the extra mile and stood head and shoulders above others. These former pupils of CII and members of Bann Rowing Club have promoted Coleraine and North Coast whenever they have competed and have helped put our area on map internationally.

They have promoted rowing within the Borough and have been role models for young people to emulate. Their adnominal spirit has inspired many and they have been excellent ambassadors for Borough.

Deputy Mayor, I stress this honour is not given lightly and it is for men and woman from this Borough to assist the Mayoral Office and in this case, the Olympic oarsmen have been ambassadors for sport in our area and wish them to be recognised for their achievements and contributions they already have made to promoting benefits of sport in our schools and communities through Borough. To continue to be role models for this sport and encourage benefits of healthy lifestyles.

I do appreciate that some members might say that this is not procedurally correct, that we have no format in place in the new Council as yet.

We have been in existence for 18 months and we have discovered other things that should have been in place and maybe sometimes we have to urge these things along. If you thing is right to proceed and award these young men this honour, then I would appeal to you to vote this through this evening. The niceties and selection of committee can be sorted out later.

Fellow Councillors, I appeal to you, this is not about politics, parties or about which group brought this motion forward. Remember the left and right wing belong to the same bird. We are one body and this is about doing the right thing.”

Alderman Hillis seconded Councillor McCandless proposal.

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

The Chief Executive advised that in accordance with Council’s Standing Orders the motion could be passed by a simple majority vote.

Following discussion and the points raised by Members, the Chief Executive summarised the discussion and advised that a report would be brought back to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee following a meeting of the Standing Orders Working Group to detail Ceremonial Protocol for requests to bestow the Freedom of Borough.

The Deputy Mayor put the motion to the meeting. On there being no objection, the Deputy Mayor declared the motion carried.

5. BALLYMONEY SOCIAL CENTRE – 8 NOVEMBER 2016 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Leisure and Development advised that at the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2016, the Committee was presented with a report to consider whether it wished to extend the current operating arrangements for Ballymoney Social Centre until 31 March 2017 in order to allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.

At the 8 November 2016 meeting, **IT WAS AGREED: to recommend to extend the current operating arrangements until 31 March 2017 in order to allow**

time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.

The Leisure and Development Committee further agreed that the Director seek the consent of the Mayor to bring the Committee's recommendation to the Special Council Meeting in order to ratify the decision in a timely manner.

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED – as recommended that Council approves the Leisure & Development Committee recommendation to extend the current operating arrangements until 31 March 2017 in order to allow time for the legal consideration to be received and reported back to Council.

There being no other business, the Deputy Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7:23 pm.

Mayor