

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Derry City and Strabane District Council (Open) held in the Guildhall, Derry on Thursday 26 April 2018 at 4.00 pm

Present:- ; Aldermen; Bresland, Devenney, M Hamilton, Hussey, Kerrigan, Thompson and Warke. **Councillors** McKnight, Gardiner, Kerrigan, Bresland, Devenney, M Hamilton, Hussey, Warke, Thompson, Campbell, Carlin, Carr, Cooper, Cusack, Dobbins, Donnelly, Duffy, Fleming, Gallagher, Hastings, C Kelly, P Kelly, Logue, McGinley, McGuire, R McHugh, McMahon, O'Reilly, Ramsey, Reilly, Robinson and Tierney.

C98/17 Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Mayor read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

C99/17 Member Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Alderman R Hamilton and Councillors Jackson and D Kelly.

C100/17 Webcasting Notice

The Mayor read the Webcast Announcement for the Meeting.

C101/17 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Chairperson's Business

C102/17 Congratulations

The Mayor extended congratulations to the Institute Football Team on their success on promotion to the higher division.

C103/17 Member Development Charter Plus Award

The Mayor informed Members that Derry City and Strabane District Council are the first council to be awarded the Member Development Charter Plus Award. He stated that this was a great credit to Council and extended his congratulations on the tremendous work by the Officers involved who ensured that Members could carry out their role more efficiently.

C104/17 Delegation to China

The Mayor stated that Officers representing Derry City and Strabane District Council will be travelling to Dalian, China as part of a delegation to foster and develop existing links with Dalian. He hoped that the visit would bring prosperity to the City and District in the near future.

C105/17 Best Wishes

Alderman Ramsey stated that the DUP wished to take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son. He also extended best wishes to Prince Harry and Meghan Markel on their forthcoming wedding.

C106/17 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Derry City and Strabane District Council held on Thursday 29 March 2018

The Minutes of the Open Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 29 March 2018 (C83/18-C119/18) were submitted. On a matter of accuracy, Alderman McClintock referred to C90/18, Flooding Incident Response. She stated that it was omitted from the Minutes that the DUP were delivering leaflets to people affected by the floods as did other parties.

It was agreed that the minutes would be amended accordingly.

Councillor Hastings Moved, Councillor Boyle Seconded and the Council.

Resolved that the above Minutes as amended be adopted as a true record of the Meeting

Matters Arising

C107/17 Flooding Incident Response (C90/18)

Alderman Graham Warke was nominated to sit on the Adverse Weather Working Group.

Alderman McClintock enquired if there had been any response regarding the meeting with the statutory agencies.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that Officers were liaising with the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the statutory agencies to agree on a suitable date.

C108/17 Displays Bearing the Council Logo (C94/18)

Councillor Gallagher stated that a decision had been made to deny Tony Taylor a new parole hearing and he has been incarcerated without trial for two years.

Councillor Gallagher Moved, Seconded by Councillor Donnelly

That This Council sends a delegation to the Secretary of State to demand the release of Tony Taylor

A vote was then taken with the result as follows:

For – 25; Against – 8; Abstentions – 0. The Proposal was therefore carried and the Council

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C109/17 CCTV Funding Update (C160/18)

Alderman McClintock stated that meetings had taken place with Officers and the PSNI regarding recent events at St Columb's Park. She stated that a swift response was required before any incidents could escalate as large numbers of young people had congregated in the park. She reported that a very positive meeting had taken place with the PSNI and Council Officers and looked forward to seeing the extra resources that have been provided to tackle this issue. She stated that Council needed to send out a clear message that it would not tolerate underage drinking in Council parks. She stated that the park was to be enjoyed by everyone and was also an alcohol free zone. She expressed concern that the Community Safety Wardens had to inform the PSNI when events unfolded. She enquired why the City Centre Initiative (CCI) did not take action as CCTV cameras were positioned in the area. Alderman Ramsey suggested that erecting 'Alcohol Free Zone' signs in the park should be enforced.

Councillor Gardiner referred to a Motion passed at Council on 20 July 2017, *'That this Council seeks to address the rise in anti-social behaviour around the Council's parks and recreational facilities. That this is done, by collaborating with the PSNI and relevant government departments, to engage the additional skills and expertise of youth and community workers at these venues'*. She stated that rather than putting measures in place to deter anti-social behaviour, the way forward would be to collaborate with the relevant agencies, as contained within the Motion. She stated that St Columb's Park was a community space for everyone, including the young people and that on that particular evening, there were a lot of youths in the park due to the good weather. She further stated that it would be difficult to manage large crowds without prior warning as the weather was unpredictable. She suggested that an

outdoor games programme be implemented at the park to encourage young people to use the facilities. She expressed concern at the suggestion of prohibitive signage and patrols as the park should be seen as a vibrant and engaging place to visit.

Councillor O'Reilly concurred with Councillor Gardiner's remarks and stated that patrolling and policing the park would encourage the young people to move elsewhere. He stated that there had been best practice in the legacy Derry City Council where engagement had taken place with voluntary and statutory agencies regarding similar issues.

Alderman Ramsey concurred with Councillor Gardiner's comments. He stated that engagement had been taking place with 'Peace in the Park' on the matter. He reported that the Park had been really busy last weekend with a fun atmosphere for most of the day. He stated that the problems began when people arrived at the park with large amounts of alcohol and the PSNI had to be contacted and remove them from the area. He added that on the majority of occasions the park was well utilised by everyone including young people. However, unfortunately, alcohol was creating the issues such as anti-social behaviour.

Alderman Thompson reiterated Alderman Ramsey's comments, adding that it was the 'alcohol brigade' who were causing the serious issues. He stated that the incident should have been picked up by CCTV and CCI as that was their purpose so that when large groups of people congregate in the area, the authorities can be contacted to deter the possibility of anti-social behaviour. He stated that St Columb's Park was an alcohol free zone and that Council had a responsibility to enforce its bye laws.

C110/17 Adoption of the Open Minutes of the following Committees

a Monthly Governance and Strategic Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10 April 2018

The Minutes of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee held on 10 April 2018 (GSP54/18-GSP75/18) were submitted.

On a matter of accuracy, Councillor Boyle referred to GSP72/18 Language Working Group – Review of Options for Language Usage on Council Branding and Signage. He stated that he had said the request to defer was 'reasonable'.

Councillor McKnight stated that on a matter of accuracy, that Councillor C Kelly had been nominated to sit on the Adverse Weather Working Group.

It was agreed that the Minutes would be amended accordingly.

Alderman Thompson Moved and the Council

Resolved that the above minutes as amended, be adopted as a true record of the meeting

Matters Arising from the Minutes

C111/17 Condemnation- Attack on Councillor Campbell's Home (GSP58/18)

Alderman Devenney reiterated his condemnation of the attack on Councillor Campbell's car. However, he expressed concern at alleged events that had taken place after the attack. He stated that allegations had been made regarding an Elected Representative and a Council Officer and sought clarification on the matter from Sinn Fein. He added that all Elected Representatives and Council employees were expected to work by a code of conduct.

Councillor Donnelly expressed concern that the allegations made against the Elected Representative and Council Officer did not merit a mention from Council. He also expressed concern regarding allegations that members of Sinn Fein were recently involved in intimidation and making threats against an Independent Councillor in Donegal. He then expressed his criticism of recent statements by Sinn Fein TD Gerry Adams and Foyle MLA Raymond McCartney and that intimidation and threats were another burden on a community that was already under attack from the state.

C112/17 Nominees for NILGA Local Planning Programme for Elected Members (GSP69/18)

Councillor McGuire was nominated to undertake on the Local Planning Programme.

The Chief Executive stated that NILGA had now allocated a third place on the programme.

Councillor Robinson as the incoming Chair of the Planning Committee was nominated to undertake on the Local Planning Programme.

C113/17 Data Protection Policy (GSP66/18)

Councillor P Kelly referred to the reimbursement of data protection fees to Members. He stated that the matter had been raised a recent meeting of the National Association of Councillors (NAC). He stated that other Councils within Northern Ireland were reimbursing fees to Members and that Derry City and Strabane District Council were awaiting legal advice on the matter and asked if an update could be provided.

In response, the Chief Executive stated that guidance was also being sought from the Department regarding the matter and that Members would receive and update at a future meeting of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee.

C114/17 Establishing an Adverse Weather Working Group (GSP65/18)

Councillor Donnelly was nominated to sit on the Adverse Weather Working Group.

Councillor Donnelly enquired if a date had been set for the group to meet.

In response, the Chief Executive advised that the Lead Assurance Officer would contact the nominated Members with a meeting date.

C115/17 Language Working Group - Review of Options for Language Usage on Council Branding And Signage (GSP72/18)

Councillor Donnelly stated that a previous Motion had been passed at a previous meeting of Council to establish a Language Working Group. He stated that Members had entered into a very thorough process during which three options had been agreed upon. He further stated a fourth option, which had never been discussed had now emerged, to have further consultations with outside groups. He stated, that in his opinion that people were pandering to the 'curry my yoghurt' element within unionism. He felt that it was also a precursor to a deal with the DUP and Sinn Fein which would see the Irish language sacrificed for the sake of politics. He stated that Ulster Scots was more of a heritage and oral based tradition rather than a written one and that it would be useful to channel resources into heritage type projects rather than signage. He added that it spoke volumes that Derry City and Strabane District Council was the sole Council that had a tri-lingual policy which promoted the Irish Language and the Ulster Scots Tradition.

Councillor Donnelly Proposed, Seconded by Councillor Gallagher

That this Council approves Option 3 within the Language Policy that 'Council adopts the bilingual policy for all language and signage; Corporate brand is revised from trilingual to bilingual and that all text on signage is bilingual'

Alderman Thompson stated that Members had agreed to defer the recommendation; *'that any decision to change the current Language Policy be deferred and in the meantime Council put in place a process whereby it could become more fully informed about the heritage and*

culture of the various groups that contributed to the development of this area and the linguistic elements which they brought to the area, much of which was used on a daily basis’; at a previous meeting. He stated that, in his opinion, Councillor Donnelly was opposed to any move on the matter that was mindful of bringing the communities together and developed a process which engaged everyone throughout the City and District.

Alderman Devenney suggested that Councillor Donnelly was using the Irish language as a political football. He stated that Derry City and Strabane District Council were the only Council with trilingual signage due to the good work of Members from all political parties. He expressed concern that the removal of Ulster Scots from Council signage would erode the Protestant, Unionist and Loyalist (PUL) identity. He added that further discussion was needed regarding this sensitive issue.

Alderman Hussey expressed his surprise that anyone could state the current situation as bigoted or sectarian. He stated that there was nothing anti-Irish in having a trilingual policy and asked if it was rather the case of it being anti-Ulster Scots. He added that a decision to defer had been agreed so that consideration could be given to community groups on the issue.

Alderman Ramsey stated that having a trilingual language policy was a positive step forward which should be celebrated. He stated that Council should be seen as an organisation which practiced and enhanced the culture and traditions of everyone.

Councillor Gallagher stated that the Language Working Group had been recommended three options to be considered for the Language Policy, however option four had never been discussed at any meetings held by the group. He stated that he considered the matter as a ‘fudge’. He added that although he did not speak Irish, he fully supported the progression of the language.

Councillor Fleming pointed out that it had been agreed at the recent meeting of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee, to involve all sections of the community on the matter. He stated that if the proposal to accept Option 3 was passed, it would not give people in the wider community the opportunity to have their say.

Councillor Boyle stated that the SDLP had already indicated that they did not see it as an unreasonable request to have further consultation

and discussion with the wider community and their view was still the same as the recommendation passed by the Committee.

Councillor Donnelly Proposed, Seconded by Councillor Gallagher

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After voting by a show of hands, the result was as follows:

For – 4; Against – 29; Abstentions – 0.

The Proposal therefore fell.

a Monthly Planning Committee held on Wednesday 11 April 2018

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 April 2018 (P63/18-P75/18) were submitted.

Councillor Hastings Moved, Seconded by Alderman McClintock and the Council

Resolved that the above minutes be adopted as a true record of the Meeting

b Monthly Assurance, Audit and Risk Committee held on Thursday 12 April 2018

The Minutes of the Assurance, Audit and Risk Committee held on 12 April 2018 (AAR36/18- AAR49/18) were submitted.

Councillor McKeever Moved, Seconded by Alderman McClintock and the Council

Resolved that the above minutes be adopted as a true record of the Meeting

c Monthly Business and Culture Committee held on Tuesday 17 April 2018

The Minutes of the Business and Culture Committee held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 (BC75/18 – BC87/18) were submitted.

Alderman Warke, Seconded by Councillor McGuire and the Council

Resolved that the above minutes be adopted as a true record of the Meeting

Matters Arising

C116/17 Culture Venues Funds 2016/17- Impact Report (BC85/18)

Councillor Robinson stated that he had recently visited Studio 2 in the Skeoge area of the City to discuss their current funding difficulties. He reported that the facility provided a wide range of programmes for up to 1400 young people in the Skeoge area and beyond. He added that the organisation needed urgent help with their funding shortfall, which, if not met, would have a detrimental impact on the young people from the Shantallow, Galliagh and wider district council area.

Councillor Robinson Proposed, Seconded by Councillor O'Reilly

That Council sends a delegation of Elected Representatives and Council Officers to meet with Studio 2 in order to look at their plight and find a solution with utmost urgency.

Councillor Duffy stated that Sinn Fein with Karen Mullan MLA had met with the director of Studio 2 and were organising a meeting with the Arts Council regarding the matter.

Councillor Carr entered the Chamber at this point in the meeting.

Brian Tierney indicated that the SDLP were also hoping to meet with the Department for Communities (DfC). He stated that a meeting had been also arranged between the DfC and the Director of Business and Culture regarding the funding issues faced by Studio 2. He asked for an update on this meeting as it was important to provide support to Studio 2. He stated that if Studio 2 were unsuccessful in securing the funding it would be more costly to the City and District, than the shortfall required for their funding. He added that the help that Council provided to Studio 2 would, in turn, support the young people throughout the City and District.

Councillor Logue reported that a recent meeting had taken place which had been attended by Elected Members, representatives from the Arts Council and Arts organisations to discuss the overall decreases in Arts Council funding. She informed Members that a decision had been made for a delegation from the Arts groups across the City and District to make a presentation to the Business and Culture Committee. She stated that all groups affected by the decrease in funding had to be

considered and that Members must have a collective view on how to assist those groups.

Alderman Hussey concurred with Councillor Logue's comments. He stated that there were a considerable amount of arts and culture groups throughout the City and District who were currently in dire straits. He remarked on the differential in funding between 'big hitter's' such as the Ulster Orchestra in Belfast and the culture groups from the rural areas and the impact that the cuts were having on these smaller groups. He stated that arts groups had been invited to make a deputation to the next Business and Culture Committee meeting and that subsequent to the deputation, Members would be better informed on how to take the matter forward.

Alderman Ramsey stated that he had attended a meeting with local arts groups where it was evident that there were major issues within the entire funding process. He stated that legacy funding from 2013 had been readily available to these groups, however the current structure was not working for the arts sector. He stated if this local group was subject to the £40,000 decrease in funding, it would have an impact on employment and other issues. He added that it was important that Members have a collective view on the matter.

Alderman McClintock commented on the work carried out at Studio 2. She stated that she fully supported their need for funding, however it was important not to have a 'knee jerk' reaction towards one particular group. She stated that it was important to consider all groups affected by the funding cuts and to wait until a decision was made at the Business and Culture Committee meeting.

Councillor Boyle agreed stated the anxieties faced by the arts and culture groups within the City and District were understandable. He stated that he had attended the original meeting attended by representatives from the Arts Council and the Arts and Culture sector. He outlined that they had explained the difficulties they were faced with regarding the funding cuts. He advised that it would not be appropriate to address this issue in a singular fashion but to focus on the difficulty and needs faced by the arts groups collectively and to come to a conclusion that would be of benefit to everyone.

Councillor Cooper advised Members that a meeting was scheduled to take place on Friday 27 April regarding the new strategy for the Arts and Culture Council. He stated that Sinn Fein had responded to the original draft which included suggestions on the current funding models. He stated that it was his belief that the strategy should be considered going forward and he hoped that it would contain a very

robust funding model to give groups the confidence to have as much sustainability as possible. He invited Members to attend the meeting as he felt that the focus should be on the Arts Council and the Department for Communities to secure extra support for those organisations affected by the funding cuts.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the allocation of funding by the Arts Council and stated that the Ulster Orchestra had been allocated £2m whilst funding had been cut in Derry and Strabane. He stated that £40,000 could make a difference to 1400 young people who were users of Studio 2. He emphasised the importance of meeting with Studio 2 to ascertain how closure of the organisation could be prevented. He stated that previously, there had been a rural group faced with a similar situation. However, there had been a cross-party meetings and discussions and the matter was resolved successfully. He suggested having such discussions on this issue was the way forward.

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The Proposal was therefore carried and Council

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C117/17

Northern Ireland Women in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021 (BC83/18)

Alderman Hussey enquired if an update was available regarding his request that the funding contribution between the eleven Councils be challenged to ensure that each Council area received an equal amount of funding to participate in the initiative.

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a Monthly Environment and Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 18 April 2018

The Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on 18 April 2018 (ER70/18 – ER84/18) were submitted.

Councillor Dobbins Moved, Seconded by Alderman Bresland and the Council

Resolved that the above minutes be adopted as a true record of the Meeting

b Monthly Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 19 April 2018

The Minutes of the Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 19 April 2018 (HC67/18-HC85/18) were submitted.

Councillor Hastings Moved, Seconded by Councillor Tierney and the Council

Resolved that the above minutes be adopted as a true record of the Meeting.

C120/17 Good Relations Grant Aid 2018/19 (HC76/18)/ Community Support Fund 2018/19 (HC77/18)

Alderman Thompson stated that he sought clarity regarding the surplus of funding within Council DEA's. He outlined that some of the DEA's may have only submitted a small number of applications for funding which would result in a substantial surplus for that particular area. He sought assurance that funding could be allocated to other groups within that area.

The Director of Health and Community outlined that there were a number of ways that initiatives could be targeted such as working with other groups within that particular area or officer led direct programmes, open to individuals or groups. She added that Officers would tailor the approach to suit, depending on the needs of the area.

In response to Alderman Thompson's query regarding the Community Support fund, the Director of Health and Community stated a similar approach would be used to allocate funding. She stated that if an over demand for schemes existed, Offices would work to obtain additional resources from existing programmes or funders where possible.

Alderman Thompson Proposed, Seconded by Alderman McClintock

That this Council reviews our funding with a view to seeing if all requirements are met in all DEA's and see if we can increase funding available.

An Amendment was Moved by Alderman Hussey, Seconded by Councillor Gallagher

That this Council reviews our funding with a view to seeing if all requirements are met in all DEA's and to investigate community capacity within each of these DEA's.

After voting by a show of hands the result was unanimous. Subsequently the Amendment became the Substantive Motion and Council

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C121/17 Expulsion of the Israeli Ambassador

Councillor Cooper Moved, Seconded by Councillor Campbell

That given the recent massacre of civilians at the Palestinian border by Israeli State forces, this Council calls for the immediate expulsion by the Irish government of the Israeli ambassador.

The following amendment to the Motion was moved by Councillor Reilly, Seconded by Councillor Boyle

That given the recent massacre of civilians at the Palestinian border by Israeli State forces, this Council calls through Ambassador Michael Gaffey in the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, for the UN, to immediately intervene and ask for international cooperation to bring about a peaceful solution in the area.

Councillor Cooper stated that it was a completely separate Motion rather than an amendment. He added that the Motion called specifically to make a stand regarding the Israeli Armed Forces.

The Mayor concurred that Councillor Reilly's amendment was a separate Motion and therefore could not be accepted.

In response to Councillor Reilly's query, the Mayor stated that he had made the decision on the validity of the Motion. He added that although the amendment was on a similar issue, it was an entirely different motion.

Further to the amendment proposed Councillor Gallagher proposed a subsequent amendment.

The Mayor advised as Councillor Reilly's amendment was different to the motion, it would not be accepted.

A further amendment was moved by Councillor Donnelly, Seconded by Councillor Gallagher

That given the recent massacre of civilians at the Palestinian border by Israeli State forces, this Council calls for the immediate expulsion by the Irish government of the Israeli ambassador. It furthermore calls on all political parties and representatives to refuse to meet or have any dealings with Likud, whose government ordered the massacre.

After voting by a show of hands the result was as follows:

For – 5; Against – 12; Abstentions – 14.

The Amendment therefore fell.

A vote was then taken on the original Motion, the result as follows:

For – 18; Against – 2; Abstentions – 14.

Subsequently Councillor Cooper Moved, Seconded by Councillor Campbell and the Council

Resolved **That given the recent massacre of civilians at the Palestinian border by Israeli State forces, this Council calls for the immediate expulsion by the Irish government of the Israeli ambassador.**

Councillor McMahon left the meeting at this point.

C122/17 Notice of Motion- A2 Buncrana Road

Councillor McKnight Moved, Councillor Logue Seconded and the Council unanimously

Resolved **That Derry City and Strabane District Council impress on the Department of Infrastructure the importance of the A2 Buncrana Road as an economic driver for the entire North West Region. And to engage at the highest level with the Department to impress on it that all funding avenues be exhausted to ensure the development of the A2 Buncrana Road is completed.**

C123/17 Responses to Motions

The Chief Executive presented the above report, a copy of which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to advise Members of correspondence received in relation to Motions passed by Council.

Members noted the content of the report.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the response received from the Minister for Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht regarding the European City of Culture 2023 bid. He stated that Council had to stop sending cupcakes to Belfast at a cost to ratepayers.

Councillor Gallagher Moved, Seconded by Councillor Donnelly

That this Council ceases financial output on all actions concerning pursuing the European Capital of Culture Bid 2023.

The Mayor stated that the proposal was a rescinding motion and therefore, could not be accepted.

C124/17

Seal

Councillor Tierney Moved, Councillor Hastings Seconded and the Council

Resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the following documents

Documents Sealed 9 April 2018

Deed of Dedication in triplicate:- Derry City and Strabane District Council ~and~ The Executive Office relating to Invest In Play Project, Land at Kilfennan, Derry.

Documents Sealed 13 April 2018

Deed of Dedication in triplicate:- Derry city and Strabane District Council ~and~ The Executive Office relating to Invest In Play Project, Land at Ballymagroarty, Derry.

Documents Sealed 26 April 2018

Grants of Right of Burial in Ballyoan Cemetery

Mr Jim McMasters, 5 Caw Park, Derry, BT47 6LZ.

Dympna Cassidy, 2 Jeffery Avenue, Brigade, Waterside, Derry.

Mrs Frances Borland, 54 Woodburn Park, Waterside, Derry.

Grants of Right of Burial in City Cemetery

Mrs Mary Jo McEvoy, 6 Beechwood Avenue, Derry, BT48 9LP.

Ms Majella McLaughlin, 128 Templegrove, Derry.
 Mr Edward Curran, 19 Broadway, Derry, BT48 9LY.
 Mrs Angela Doherty, 33 Shandon Park, Derry, BT48 8AW.
 Mr Andrew Bonner, c/o The House In The Wells, 130 St Columb's Wells, Derry.
 Mr Jim Taylor, 19 Glenview Avenue, Derry.
 Mr Andrew Doherty, 19 Castlevue Park, Derry.
 Mr Damien Harkin, 32 Hawthorn Grove, Derry, BT48 0GD.
 Mr John O'Connor, 89 Ardnamoyle Park, Derry.
 Ms Chloe McDaid, 191 Carnhill, Derry, BT48 8BQ.
 Mr Andrew McGarvey, 15 Cashel Hill Park, Galliagh, Derry, BT48 8LS.
 Mrs Helen McEnroe, 57 Beechwood Crescent, Derry.
 Ms Erin McLaughlin, 10 Mary Street, Derry.
 Mrs Maria Morris, Sappagh, Muff, County Donegal.
 Mrs Mary Logan, 18 Moyola Drive, Derry, BT48 8EQ.
 Mrs Dymrna Ferry, 10 Drumleck Drive, Derry, BT48 8EP.
 Mr Terence Doherty, 39 Cashelmore Park, Derry, BT48 0RU.
 Ms Paula Quigley, 21 Ferndale Road, Derry.
 Mrs Terry Kennedy, 230 Hatmore Park, Derry, BT48 0AF.
 Mrs Mary Morrison, 7 Elmwood Terrace, Derry, BT48 9JQ.
 Mrs Bebe O'Kane, 25 Abbotts Walk, Derry, BT48 9EX.
 Mrs Harriett Hipsley, 10 Jacqueline Way, Derry, BT48 9PQ.
 Mrs Dolores McDonald, 63 Cromore Gardens, Derry, BT48 8TF.
 Mr Robert Callan, 151 Cornshell Fields, Derry, BT48 7UT.
 Mrs Majella O'Donnell, 26 Brookdale Crescent, Galliagh, BT48 8HG.
 Mr Daniel Wray, 59 Drumleck Drive, Derry, BT48 8ETJ.
 Mrs Susan McCafferty, Osborne House, Shore Front, Bunrana.
 Mr Jonathan Caldwell, 32 Cable Street, Derry.
 Mr Raymond Ryan, 3 Harty Court, Derry.
 Mrs Moira McMenamin, 9 Cashelhill Park, Galliagh, Derry.
 Mr Alex Gallagher, 9 Oak Country Park, Derry, BT47 6HQ.

Grants of Right of Burial in Strabane Burial Ground

Evette Ballantyne, 31 Claremore Road, Castlederg, Co Tyrone, BT81 7RF
 Michael Coyle, 7 Dernalebe Road, Douglas Bridge, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 8PF

Grants of Right of Burial in Ardstraw Burial Ground

Emma Lyttle, 274 Melmount Road, Victoria Bridge, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 9JG
 Bill Macey, 18 Liscurry Gardens, Artigarvan, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 0JH

Business

Councillor McKeever Moved, Councillor McKnight
Seconded and the Council

- Resolved** that in accordance with Section 42, Sub Sections (2) or (4) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, the press and members of the public be asked to withdraw whilst the Council discuss the following matters:
- (a) Adoption of the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 29 March 2018;**
 - (b) Adoption of the Confidential Minutes of the following Committees**
 - (i) Monthly Governance and Strategic Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10 April 2018.**
 - (ii) Monthly Planning Committee held on Wednesday 11 April 2018.**
 - (iii) Monthly Assurance, Audit and Risk Committee held on Thursday 12 April 2018.**
 - (iv) Monthly Business and Culture Committee held on Tuesday 17 April 2018.**
 - (v) Monthly Environment and regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 18 April 2018.**
 - (vi) Monthly Health and community Committee held on Thursday 19 April 2018.**

The Meeting went into Confidential Business

Signed:_____
(Chairperson)

Date:_____