



Meetings Update - December 2021

In 2021 the NAC in NI completed their series of six scheduled Members' Meetings. Due to the strict Covid-19 restrictions at the start of the year, the first three meetings in January, March and May were held by Zoom and in keeping with the NAC members preferences the following two in meetings in July and September were held in-person at hospitality venues in the Mid Ulster region being a central location for all. At these meetings it was noted that a hybrid format would allow members that are unable to travel to participate and subsequently the NAC's final meeting for 2021 was held in the Armagh City Hotel with the functionality for members to join-in by Zoom.

As we move forward into 2022, the NAC are unsure what the future will bring in terms of the pandemic, but dates have been set for the next series of meetings with a view to holding these in hybrid format.

NAC NI Annual General Meeting - October 2021

This event took place on Friday 15 October 2021 at the Glenavon Hotel in Cookstown with invited guests from NAC UK, NILGA, AILG and LAMA in attendance.



An on-line message from the Communities Minister, Ms Dierdre Hargey, MLA was played to attendees and whilst Senator Mark Daly was unable to join us, he provided an interesting overview of his background and work at the Senate of Ireland.

The new Executive Committee (EC) was formed with a change of Chair to Cllr Terry Andrews, Senior Vice Chair is now Ald Alan McDowell, Junior Vice Chair is now Cllr Valerie Harte, Women's Representative is Cllr Hazel Legge, and Ald Michael Henderson has subsequently been retained as a Co-opted Committee Member, all other EC members remain unchanged.

Full details of the NAC Executive Committee are available on the About Us page of the NAC NI website.

During the event Long Service Awards were presented to six councillors that have each served for over 32 years.

Photographs taken on the day can be viewed on the [Gallery Page](#) of the NAC website.

Click here for [Minister Hargey's address](#)



NAC UK Conferences Update - October 2021

The NAC UK’s first conference since February 2020 took place at the beginning of October 2021 in Carlisle.

The NAC General Secretary, Cllr Brian Nelson welcomed the NAC NI Chair, Ald Tommy Sandford and the NAC National Vice Chair, Cllr Charlie Casey along with Cllr Terry Andrews and Cllr Robert Burgess of the NAC NI Executive Committee to the event, which examined the governments ‘levelling up’ agenda and the many challenges that will be faced when providing services in the post-covid era.



The next conference and the National AGM will take place on 26 to 28 November 2021 in Lytham Saint Annes. The dates for the planned series of conferences are below and for all conference enquiries and bookings please contact the NAC UK General Secretary directly:

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NAC UK Conference Dates

DATES	DETAILS	LOCATION
26 TH -28 TH NOV 2021	NAC UK AGM	LYTHAM SAINT ANNES
14 TH -16 TH JAN 2022	CONFERENCE	TBC
25 TH -27 TH FEB 2022	CONFERENCE	TBC
8 TH -10 TH APRIL 2022	CONFERENCE	SCARBOROUGH

NILGOSC Presentation – September 2021



The NAC Chair, Alderman Tommy Sandford and the NAC Secretary, Councillor Joe Boyle welcomed Ruth Benson from the organisation that manages the Northern Ireland Local Government Pension Scheme (NILGOSC) to the NAC Members’ Meeting on 15 September 2021.

Ruth delivered a very information presentation and answered questions put forward by the NAC Members. The presentation can be viewed and downloaded from the Information Page of the NAC NI Website.



NAC NI Annual General Meeting - October 2020



The Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Councillors took place on Friday 2 October 2020 at the Glenavon House Hotel in Cookstown.

In line with the Covid-19 restrictions in place this year, the NAC Executive Committee decided not to invite guests from outside of the region, which included our colleagues from the NAC UK and representatives from our ROI counterpart organisations, the AILG (Association of Irish Local Government) and LAMA (Local Authority Members Association). However, we have continued to keep in touch with officers from all these organisations over recent months and we will carry on with building upon the strong relationships that we have formed.

There were guests in attendance from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) and this included the NILGA Chief Executive, Mr Derek McCallan; Cllr Frances Burton, Office Bearer and Elected Member Development Chair and Ms Fiona Douglas, Regional Development Manager.

COVID-19 – February 2020

ALL NAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MEMBERS' MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON COVID-19.

However, the NAC, Northern Ireland region is here as always to help our members in whatever way we can, particularly during these difficult times. Therefore our internal business is continuing as normal and if you require advice or guidance on any matter relating to your work as a councillor please contact us by email at NAOC@BTconnect.com or you can call the Regional Secretary, Cllr Joe Boyle on 07711 932943.

The work of a councillor is always wide ranging, and our members are playing a remarkably important role within their communities during these strange times. From providing advice to the public, supporting and encouraging key workers within their councils or leading through example when dealing with the effects of the lockdown and we commend them for their efforts.

Like many organisations, the meetings scheduled by the NAC for March and April have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus and we are uncertain of when these will be resumed but we are looking forward to that time and we will keep you informed of when this is possible.





NAC NI Annual General Meeting – October 2019

The National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region, Annual General Meeting 2019 took place on Friday 4 October 2019 at the Glenavon House Hotel in Cookstown.

Following the elections in May the NAC Officers were delighted to welcome back the NAC Delegates that have retained their seats and also to welcome, for the first time, all newly elected NAC Delegates.

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Invited guests were also in attendance from:

- *National Association of Councillors UK*
- *Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA)*
- *Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)*
- *Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA)*

Highly acclaimed guest speaker, ANDREA WINDERS of DISRUPTIEVE provided a dynamic presentation on the Regeneration of Towns and Villages. As an Urban Disruptor, Andrea shared her unique method for approaching failing areas, applying disruption, whether physical, digital or other, and she gave details of a live project in the UK.

Andrea is available for discussions or meetings with councils and she can be contacted by email at andrea.winders@disruptieve.com



L to R – Cllr Micheál Anglim LAMA, Cllr Brian Nelson NAC UK, Andrea Winders Disruptieve, Cllr Mick Cahill AILG, Ald Michael Henderson NAC NI, Cllr Frances Burton NILGA, Cllr Terry Shannon LAMA, Cllr Joe Boyle NAC NI