



MINUTES OF MEMBERS' MEETING, WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn

ATTENDEES

Aldermen (in person)

Ald Alan McDowell Ald Derek Hussey Ald Hazel Legge

Councillors (in person)

Cllr WJ Webb MBE Cllr Joe Boyle Cllr Fergal Donnelly
Cllr Andrew Ewing Cllr Terry Andrews

Aldermen & Councillors (via Teams)

Cllr Kurtis Dickson Cllr Gretta Thompson

APOLOGIES

Councillors

Cllr Sam Nelson Cllr Roy Crawford Cllr Errol Thompson
Cllr Victor Warrington Cllr Eugene McConnell Cllr Trevor Wilson

1. Welcome

Senior Vice-Chair, Ald Hazel Legge welcomed those members attending both in-person and remotely to the meeting in Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn.

2. Apologies and Update

Ald Legge noted that a number of apologies had been received in advance of the meeting and additional ones were also noted from the floor. Members were advised that the Chair, Cllr Eugene McConnell is attending his final meeting of ICBAN in Donegal as the outgoing Chair and sends his apologies. In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Joe Boyle was asked to update members on a house-keeping issue, which has now been resolved.

Cllr Boyle advised that the positions of Treasurer and Alliance Party representative on the Executive Committee had remained vacant since the AGM on 26 September 2025 as nominations had not been made to these posts at the time. He advised that following intensive discussions this situation had now been resolved and that he was now able to seek nominations for both positions.

Cllr Billy Webb was nominated to the position of Treasurer by Ald Alan McDowell and this was seconded by Cllr Terry Andrews. Cllr Boyle sought any further nominations but as none were made, Cllr Webb was elected with universal approval.

Cllr Boyle then sought nominations for the position of Alliance Party representative. Cllr Andrews suggested that a short recess may be in order to enable those members of the Alliance Party present to discuss and agree their appointment. All others left the Chamber and on their return were advised that Ald Alan McDowell would fill this position.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting held on 09 July 2025

The Chair took members through the minutes of the previous meeting and their approval was proposed by Cllr Terry Andrews and seconded by Ald Derek Hussey.

There were no matters arising

4. Chairman's Report

In the absence of the Chairman, there was no report

5. Treasurers Report

Cllr Billy Webb circulated and shared on screen the up-to-date accounts and outlined the income, expenditure and closing balance as at 30 October 2025

There being no questions, approval of the accounts was proposed by Cllr Terry Andrews and seconded by Cllr Andrew Ewing.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary began by updating Members on the conclusion of the Local Enterprise Champion Workshops. He also noted that the AGM had been a successful event when more than 30 Long-Service Certificates had been presented. He welcomed those who had been elected to positions on the day, including Cllr Eugene McConnell who was now NAC-NI Chair.

Cllr Boyle advised that a further meeting had been secured with Minister Gordon Lyons on the outworkings of the Review of Councillors Roles & Responsibilities. He noted that the Green Economy booklet was in the process of being reviewed and updated, and that issues concerning intimidation and threats to Councillors were also being dealt with.

The Secretary reported that NILGOSC had accepted an invitation to attend the next Member's Meeting on 21 January in Dungannon Council offices to make a presentation and answer questions from members with reference to their pension structures.

A further meeting is also being planned with SOLACE. Meeting dates and venues for Member's Meetings were also being scheduled and would be circulated in the New Year, as well as the AGM in Cookstown in September.

7. Update from National Vice-Chair

Ald Derek Hussey updated members on the situation in NAC-UK, advising that a range of outstanding issues, following the Local Government elections in England, have now been resolved.

He also advised that he had provided them with copies of the Green Economy booklet and they had reacted favourably to it. Complimentary comments were also made regarding how the NAC-NI Region was organised.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.30pm

The next meeting was noted as the Member's Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21 January 2026 in the Council Chamber at Mid Ulster District Council, Dungannon offices