



## Borough of Douglas

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Town Hall,

Douglas,

9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 3.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of MAY, 2012, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

**MR. COUNCILLOR DAVID JOHN ASHFORD, J.P.**

Councillor

Mrs. S.D.A. Hackman

Mr. C.C.Thomas

Mr. S.R. Pitts

Mrs. R. Chatel

Mr. J. Joughin

Mr. D.W. Christian, J.P.

Mr. E.A. Joyce

Mrs. C.E. Malarkey

Mr. C.L.H. Cain

Mr. G.J. Faragher

Mrs. D.A.M. Jallow

Mr. W.M. Malarkey

Mr. R.H. McNicholl, J.P.

Mr. J.E. Skinner

Mr. S.C. Cain

Mr. A.V. Quirk

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Borough Treasurer and Borough Engineer and Surveyor were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. D.M. Kinrade.

1. **Chair of Meeting**

The retiring Mayor, Mr. Councillor R.H. McNicholl took the chair at the commencement of the meeting.

Goodwill greetings to the outgoing and incoming Mayors from Councillor Ian Stevenson, Mayor of Ballymoney were read out.

2. **Election of Mayor**

Resolved unanimously, on the motion of Councillor Mrs. C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr. Councillor D.W. Christian, "That Mr. Councillor D.J. Ashford be elected Mayor of the Borough of Douglas for the forthcoming municipal year."

3. **Investiture of Mayor**

Councillor Mrs. C.E. Malarkey and Mr. Councillor D.W. Christian communicated the decision of the Council in the matter of the election of Mayor to the Mayor-Elect in the Mayor's Parlour and escorted him into the Council Chamber where the Mayor invested him with the Mayor's Chain of Office.

4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor, Mr. Councillor D.J. Ashford, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed under Section 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1986, as follows:

*"I, David John Ashford, of 19, Berrywoods Avenue, Douglas, having been elected Mayor of the Borough of Douglas, for the year commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgement and ability."*

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive countersigned the declaration as having been made before her.

5. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor appointed Councillor Mrs. S.D.A. Hackman to act as Deputy Mayor and signified the appointment to the Council in the following terms:

*"In pursuance of Schedule 2 of the Local Elections Act 1986, as substituted by the Douglas Corporation Act 1988, I hereby appoint Councillor Mrs. S.D.A. Hackman to act as Deputy Mayor during my illness or absence"*.

Resolved unanimously, "That the appointment as Deputy Mayor of Councillor Mrs. S.D.A. Hackman be recorded on the minutes."

6. **Appointment of Chaplain; Civic Church Service**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council of the appointment of the Reverend Leslie Lawrinson as Mayor's Chaplain during his term of Office, and invited Members and Officers of the Council and other public bodies, together with ratepayers and friends, to accompany him to divine service at St. George's Church on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

7. **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor – Mr. Councillor R.H. McNicholl**

Resolved unanimously, "That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to the retiring Mayor, Mr. Councillor R.H. McNicholl, for his exemplary services as Mayor of the Borough."

Mr. Councillor R.H. McNicholl suitably replied.

8. **Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Minutes of monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 were approved and signed.

9. **Minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012**

Minutes of special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2012 were approved and signed.

10. **Suspension of Business**

The Worshipful the Mayor suspended the business of the meeting while he presented Mrs Sylvia Ashford as Mayoress and Councillor Mrs. C.E. Malarkey as Deputy Mayoress with their respective badges of office.

The Council rose at 3.35pm.