



**Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
and Senior Managers
Northern Ireland Branch**

BRANCH MINUTES

Venue **Newtownabbey Borough Council
Mossley Mill
Carnmoney Road North
Newtownabbey**

Date & Time **Friday 5 March 2010 at 10.00am**





POSITION	PRESENT	APOLOGY
<i>CHAIR</i>	<i>David McCammick</i>	
<i>SECRETARY</i>	<i>Liam Hannaway</i>	
<i>VICE CHAIR</i>		<i>Ashley Boreland</i>
<i>TREASURER</i>		<i>Valerie Watts</i>
<i>VICE SECRETARY</i>	<i>Liam Flanigan</i>	
<i>AUDITOR</i>		<i>John Briggs</i>
<i>PAST CHAIR</i>		<i>Trevor Polley</i>
	<i>Tom McCall</i>	<i>Mick McGuckin MBE</i>
	<i>John Dempsey</i>	<i>Michael Docherty</i>
	<i>Norman Dunn</i>	<i>Eddie Curtis</i>
	<i>Robert Gilmore OBE</i>	<i>Adrian Kerr MBE</i>
	<i>Heather Moorhead</i>	<i>John McGrillen</i>
	<i>Richard Lewis</i>	<i>Rodney Connor</i>
	<i>Alan Burke</i>	<i>Joan McCoy</i>
	<i>Geraldine McGahey</i>	
	<i>Geraldine Girvan</i>	<i>Eamon McCotter</i>
	<i>Danny McSorley</i>	
	<i>Nora Winder</i>	<i>Alan Cardwell</i>
	<i>John Quinn</i>	<i>Roger Wilson</i>
	<i>Philip Faithfull</i>	<i>Peter McNaney</i>
	<i>Ciaran Quigley</i>	

IN ATTENDANCE		
<i>DOE</i>	<i>Angela Fitzpatrick, John Price</i>	<i>Wesley Shannon</i>
	<i>Brian Moreland</i>	
<i>SOLACE Policy Officer</i>	<i>Christine Horner</i>	

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1** As above.
The Chairman noted the passing of Ashley Boreland 's Father and sent the sympathy of the Branch Members.

2 RPA

2.1 Update on Legislative Timetable

It was noted that the Boundries issue has not yet been resolved, there has been no change in the Ministers attitude since SLB and the presentation of a joint paper from local government has given the opportunity to provide further evidence of the efficiencies that are envisaged using other methods than a BSO.. The figure of £438 is accepted by the Minister as a guide, focus must be on the mechanisms on how efficiencies will be delivered. Members further discussed the need for political pressure on the Minister to progress matters. It was noted that the meeting on 12th March is the opportunity to get political buy in and it is the politicians who will sell the concepts in the report.

2.1.1 Update on LGRJF (Secretariat)

No update

SLB Update

Discussed above

2.1.2

RTCG Update – None

2.2 PDP A – No Update

PDP B – No Update

2.2.1 PDP C – No Update

2.2.2 Establishment of Voluntary RTMT

2.2.3 Heather Moorhead confirmed that NILGA have already had discussions on this subject and will share the paper with Solace. It was agreed that if Solace are content the matter can be put before the Transition Committee meeting on Friday 12 March. Heather agreed to work with Liam Hannaway on this.

2.2.4

HM and LH to work on Vol RTMT for presentation at meeting on 12 March

3. Presentations / Discussions

3.1 Forrest Service sent apologies due to personal commitments they are unable to make a presentation today.

Confirm with Forrest Service new date

3.2 NI building Control Rescheduled to a later date.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of branch meeting on Friday 5 February 2010

The minutes of the branch meeting on Friday 5 Feburary 2010 were proposed to be approved by Danny McSorley and seconded by Philip Faithfull.

4.2 Matters Arising – Action Sheet
No matters arising

4.3 Minutes of Executive Meeting on Friday 19 February 2010
The minutes of the Executive meeting on Friday 19 February 2010 were agreed as a true record by Liam Hannaway and seconded by David McCammick.

4.4 Matters Arising Action Sheet
No matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS

5.1 CMO programme of activities and reporting mechanisms.
Members discussed the mechanisms to ensure that the change management officers who are there to support the Transition Committees have direction and have clear views of their business priorities and that there is political cover for this. Heather Moorhead offered the assistance of NILGA on Administrative issues if necessary. It was agreed that Danny McSorley be nominated as the Chief Executive to chair the meetings of CMO’s. Danny will nominate a substitute if necessary. It was agreed that the CMO’s should be invited to the meeting on 12 March 2010.

HM and DMcS
take this forward
on 12 March

6. PRIORITY ISSUES

6.1 Meeting 12 March SOLACE / NILGA Transition Committees.

6.2
Members discussed the content of the proposed Agenda for the meeting on 12 March and agreed that the message to Transition Committees needs to be robust to ensure that they are in no doubt that the Minister needs to see efficiencies to which rationalisation will be central. It was also noted that the Political pressure needs to come from Transition Committees.

7. NILGA

7.1 Joint Solace / NILGA officers meeting on 12 February 2010.

The minutes of the meeting between office bearers were noted.

8. CORPORATE PARTNERS

8.1 E-Mail From PWC to invite members to an event and Dinner in May.

Members noted the invitation and accepted the date of 20 May 2010 as most suitable to them.

9. SOLACE CONFERENCES & EVENTS

9.1 Surviving and Thriving at the Top womens event 12 March



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Geraldine McGahey gave her apologies and confirmed that Linda McCullough will open and facilitate the morning in her place.

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

10.1 None

11. Correspondence for Action

11.1 **DCAL 2010 Open Weekend**
Noted

11.2 **Letter from The Committee for Social Development on Mandatory Landlord Registration Scheme seeking a SOLACE view by 18 March 2010.**
Paddy McIntyre NIHE is drafting the response which will be e-mailed to the Executive Committee for consideration.

CH to seek copy response and circulate to members

11.3 **Follow up from Torch Relay Workshop**
Noted

11.4 Letter from DCAL seeking Solace Nominee to Sport Matters Monitoring Group
Members nominated and agreed Philip Faithfull.

CH to confirm with DCAL

11.5 **Draft Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Bill**
It was noted that issues such as flyposting need to be resolved quickly. Members agreed that TAG should be contacted to provide a response to the next meeting and that Karen Smyth in NILGA is organising a workshop on the same issue on 26 March 2010.

CH to contact TAG for copy response

12. Communication Slot

No Business

13. AOB

13.1 The Date of the April meeting was agreed as Friday 9 April with a venue to be arranged. Members noted the offer of the new venue at Tollymore Newcastle and agreed to visit this in the summer months.

CH to agree venues

14. DATE OF NEXT BRANCH MEETING

Friday, 9 April 2010