



Minutes of the APSE Northern Ireland AGM
1 July 2016, held at Ballymena 12:30pm

Attendance: Please see appendix 1

1. Welcome from the Chair, Cllr. Martin Reilly, Derry City and Strabane District Council

The Regional Chair Cllr Martin Reilly welcomed members to the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

3. Minutes of AGM held on 3 July 2015 (enclosed) to be agreed

The minute from the previous AGM was agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. **Chair's Report**

Cllr Reilly reported that clearly the move to the new councils has taken up a lot of councils' time and resources over the period and APSE has helped in a number of ways throughout this time.

Cllr Reilly reported that APSE Northern Ireland have held a number of events which have focussed both on operational issues and strategic ones. In particular this year looking at economic development and job creation, sustainable development as well as income generation, trading and investment.

Although the context for councillors and officers has changed dramatically, some things remain the same – we can still all benefit from the experience and support of others in local government who have been through similar changes and this is where APSE can help most.

Cllr Reilly reported that members will be under pressure to ensure efficient use of financial resources in the years to come and using the expertise of others is vital if we are to deliver top quality and value for money services. The APSE meetings, briefing notes, research publications and other support can help us do this and move forward as a sector – not just within Northern Ireland but as the whole sector in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England.

APSE is progressing with the new responsibilities including performance improvement and planning and there are further areas we can get great benefit from interacting with APSE. A number of performance improvement forums to assist with this including ones on environmental services, corporate services, leisure and culture and environmental health have been held. Cllr Reilly reported that his own council of Derry City and Strabane District have joined the Performance Networks performance management model and that he encouraged others to do the same.

Cllr Reilly concluded that he has learned a lot more about APSE during his time as chair and it is certainly the case that the more involved members become the more benefit they can get out of membership. The aftermath of re-organisation will keep APSE members busy for a few years to come and APSE is a source of great support and expertise. Cllr Reilly encouraged all to use APSE as much as possible.

6. Elections

Election for Proposed Advisory Group and Strategic Forum Chairs.

Nominations were received from Cllr Thomas Kerrigan (Derry City and Strabane District Council) and Cllr Terry Andrews (Newry, Mourne and Down District Council). Floor agreed.

7. Finance Report – Debbie Johns

£11,734.61 - Balance at the end of 2014 – 15

£6,542.34 – Balance at the end of 2015-16

Debbie Johns noted that the balance of the regional account reduced due to the reduction in the number of councils from 26 to 11 and 9 of the 11 councils have subscribed to APSE, as well as the number of free events which have been subsidised. Members discussed methods of increasing income such as charging for events and increasing regional fees. It was agreed for the Chair and Secretary to work with APSE staff to develop and circulate a paper to members with different options and for members to then agree on what changes to make following on from this.

8. Annual Report of the Association

Debbie Johns, gave a short report of the Association for 2015-16 highlighting the increased research carried out as well and how the business plan objectives for 2014-17 were being met. Slides are available detailing the Annual Report of the Association (contact Debbie Johns)

9. Annual Report of the Association in Northern Ireland

Debbie Johns gave a short report of the regional Association for 2015-16 highlighting current members of APSE and current members of performance networks.

10. APSE Northern Ireland – Proposed Constitutional amendments (if received)

There were no amendments to the regional constitution proposed.

12. Any other business

There was no other business.

13. Closing Remarks

For the Chair and Secretary to agree a programme of activity and events for Northern Ireland and to circulate this.

Eileen Connors
N. Martin Lully



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APSE Northern Ireland Seminar
Balancing the books: Local council income generation, trading and investment
Friday 11 March 2016
The Mount Conference Centre, Belfast
Delegate Signing In Sheet

Title	First Name	Surname	Authority	Signature
	Brona	Slevin	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Martin	Towe	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Graham	Coulter	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Jonathan	Hayes	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Brendan	Toland	Belfast City Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cllr	Howard	Thornton	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Joan	McCaffrey	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Kevin	O'Gara	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Brendan	Courtney	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cllr	Vasundhara	Kamble	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cllr	Tim	Mitchell	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Roy	Lowther	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Sandra	Cole	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Donna	Carey	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Roland	Moore	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Eddy	Curtis	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Johnny	McBride	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	<i>[Signature]</i>
	<i>Audrey</i>	<i>Thompson</i>	<i>Mid + East Antrim</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>