



Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held on 2nd November 2017

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held on 2nd November 2017 is submitted herewith.

- 1) Lord Mayor's Receptions and Engagements of the Deputy Lord Mayor
Order: Noted and Recommend to Council

- 2) Conferences:

Cllr. Dermot Lacey: LAMA Autumn Training Seminar. "Waste Management & Better Energy". Hotel Manila, Clonmel, County Tipperary. 29th-30th September 2017.

Cllrs. Dermot Lacey, Christy Burke & Paddy Burke: AILG Autumn Training Seminar. "Brexit, National Road Safety & Local Government". Sligo Park Hotel, County Sligo. 12th – 13th October 2017.

Order: Agreed and Recommend to Council

- 3) Motion in the Name of Councillor John Lyons:

"In solidarity with our twin city of Barcelona this Council condemns the Spanish government's repression and violence perpetrated on citizens exercising their democratic right to vote and as such, in an act of solidarity and in recognition of this universal right to democracy and self determination as established by international covenants, we agree to fly the Catalan flag over City Hall for one month."

Cllr Lyon's informed Members that he was proposing the motion on behalf of Cllr. Tina MacVeigh. The motion was seconded by the Árdmhéara Mícheál MacDonncha. The Members were supportive of the first element of the motion which condemned the violent actions of the Spanish government in reaction to the Catalan Independence Referendum. However, some Members were not in favour of flying the Catalan Flag as they believed it would politicise City Hall and would give the impression that the City Council was taking sides in the constitutional dispute.

Chairperson Cllr. Heney proposed that the motion be deferred as to such a time when the Protocol Committee had an agreed Flags Policy in place. This was put to a vote and was defeated.

Order: The motion as proposed was put to a vote and was agreed. Recommend to Council.

4) Managers Report:

- The Manager reported that the Members Room in the Civic Offices was now available. It is located in **Block 1, Floor 2**, opposite the Housing Welfare section. It is for Councillors use only - meetings with officials and constituents are not permitted.
Order: Details of the room's location and terms of use will be circulated to all Councillors.
- The Manager reported that a new Council Phone Directory was now available on the Modern Gov website and iPad App. This would replace the existing Annual Pocket Diary. The Manager explained that due to external constraints with the production and publication of the pocket diary it was no longer feasible to continue with it. The Members welcomed the new electronic directory but were unhappy that the Pocket Diary was to be discontinued. It is a resource that is provided to Councillors and they should have been consulted before a decision regarding its future was taken.
Order: The Members requested that the Manager revisit the decision to discontinue the Dublin City Council Pocket Diary.

5) A.O.B

Cllr. Flynn, with the support of the other Members suggested to the Árdmhéara that Dublin City Council should honour Katie Taylor considering her recent achievements on the world's sporting stage.

Order: The Árdmhéara informed Members that he would happily consider hosting a Civic Reception to honour Ms. Taylor

- 6) Proposed date for next meeting - Thursday 30th November 2017 at 8am in the Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall.

Order: Agreed

Councillor Deirdre Heney
Chairperson
Thursday 2 November 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Deirdre Heney
(Chairperson)
Aine Clancy
Dermot Lacey

Ray McHugh
Ciaran O'Moore

Members:

Mannix Flynn
John Lyons

Naoise O'Muire
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Teresa Keegan
Arđmhéara Micheal Mac Donnch
a
Damian O'Farrell

Officers

Michael Gallagher

Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Apologies:

Patrick Costello

Anne Feeney