



Members' Newsletter December 2019

The NAC NI Region Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 4th October in the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown and following the elections in May, we were pleased to welcome back all of the NAC delegates that had retained their seats and to welcome, for the first time, all newly elected NAC delegates. We were also delighted to have invited guests from NAC UK, NILGA, AILG and LAMA in attendance, unfortunately SOLACE were unable to send a representative.

Before the business of the AGM commenced a representative from each visiting organisation addressed the audience in turn, providing an overview of their activities and future plans. Apologies were noted for invited guests that were unable to attend due to illness and best wishes for recovery were extended to: the NAC UK Chair Cllr Marie Garrity, NILGA CE Mr Derek McCallan and the LAMA Secretary Cllr Bobby O'Connell. A presentation on the Regeneration of Towns and Villages was then provided by our guest speaker, Andrea Winders of Disruptive. Following this the AGM Agenda commenced with the NAC Chair Ald Michael Henderson, Secretary Cllr Joe Boyle and Treasurer Ald Angus Carson delivering their reports and remarks. The Executive Committee was then stood down and the election of the incoming Officers and Executive Committee members was presided over by the General Secretary of NAC UK, Cllr Brian Nelson.

We are pleased to announce that Ald Tommy Sandford is the new NAC Chair, Cllr Terry Andrews is now Senior Vice Chair and Ald Alan McDowell is Junior Vice Chair, the Secretary, Cllr Joe Boyle and Treasurer, Ald Angus Carson have retained their positions.

Full details of the Executive Committee can be viewed on the NAC website.

The Social Enterprise NI Awards Event took place on Friday 19 October at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Belfast and the NAC NI Region were delighted to provide sponsorship for this very worthwhile cause. The NAC was represented at this event by the Chair Ald Tommy Sandford and Cllr Robert Burgess. A presentation on the work that Social Enterprise do within Northern Ireland was provided at our recent Members' Meeting in Newry and further details will be circulated to our members' when available.

The NAC UK Annual General Meeting and Conference took place on 22-24 November 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Chester with a number of our local elected members in attendance. During the AGM, Cllr Charlie Casey from the Northern Ireland Region was elected to the position of National Vice Chair which he will hold for a period of two years.



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2020 Local Government Awards Submissions for the NAC award category of Best Initiative by a Councillor/Councillor Group have been judged and we are looking forward to the awards event which is taking place on Friday 20 February 2020.

Current Campaigns Officers from NAC have participated at the following meetings:
23/10/2019 - Elected Member Development Steering Group Meeting in relation to the LGTG review, the next meeting will take place on 22/01/2020.

14/11/2019 - Meeting with the NIPSO Deputy Ombudsman in relation to the Code of Conduct.

19/11/2019 - Meeting with DfC Officials in relation to the Code of Conduct review.

Members will be kept informed of the meeting outcomes and progress made.

The next NAC NI Region Members' Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 11:00am. The host council will be Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and the venue is to be confirmed. Details will be circulated and published on the [Meetings Page](#) of our website where you can see the dates for all the NAC Regional and NAC National Meetings and Conferences for 2020.

As another year comes to a close, the NAC Officers, Executive Committee and staff would like to thank all our Members' for their continued support and we wish you a



and a very Happy New Year