

# **Council**

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

Held in the City Hall on Wednesday, 1st July, 2026  
at the hour of 10.45 o'clock a.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Lord Mayor, Councillor R.M. Donnelly (Chairperson);  
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abernethy);  
The High Sheriff (Alderman McCoubrey);  
Aldermen Copeland, Lawlor, McCullough  
and Rodgers; and  
Councillors Bower, Bradley, Brennan, R. Brooks,  
T. Brooks, Carson, Cobain, Doran, D. Douglas,  
S. Douglas, Duffy, Ferguson, Garrett, Groogan,  
Kelly, Long, Lyons, Maghie, McAteer, McCabe,  
McCallin, McCann, McDowell, McKay,  
I. McLaughlin, R. McLaughlin, Murphy,  
Ó Néill and Verner.

### **Summons**

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Flynn, Murray, McCormick and Smyth.

### **Battle of the Somme Anniversary**

Moved by the Lord Mayor (Councillor R.M. Donnelly),  
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abernethy) and

Resolved – That we, the Lord Mayor and Citizens of the City of Belfast, on the 110th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, desire again to record our feelings of gratitude to the brave men of the 36th (Ulster) Division, the 16th (Irish) Division and other forces who, by their glorious conduct in that battle, made an imperishable name for themselves and their people and whose heroism will never be forgotten.

The Council stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to all of those who had lost their lives in the Battle of the Somme.

Lord Mayor  
Chairperson