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### Councils unwilling to defy same-sex “civil registrations”



Lisburn City Council offices

Some Protestant councillors in Northern Ireland have been showing a measure of chicanery when it comes to the matter of the sodomite agenda of same-sex civil partnership registrations. These “partnerships” are an abomination in the eyes of God. Anyone lending support to such arrangements is committing a sin as gross in the eyes of God as would be support for murder. God places a bar to heaven on such as engage in sodomy. That should be sufficient grounds to resist permitting the use of council property for the “celebrating” of such unions. “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God,” 1 Cor 6:9-10. A Christian should come right out and vote against such corruption. If the law requires councillors to give their approval and makes it an offence to refuse to vote in favour of such matters, then a Christian, who is not willing to stand up and bear the consequences of such a refusal, should get out of local government.

DUP councillors recently sought to have a private debate on the use of Newtownabbey council premises for same-sex civil partnership registrations, when the controversial subject came up at a monthly meeting of council. A DUP councillor said the proposal was aimed at ensuring the subject was dealt with in an “adult fashion”. Alliance deputy mayor Lynn Frazer, who chaired the policy and resources committee meeting said: “The opportunity to discuss it was at that meeting as it was open to all members. I thought we should have moved on from that. The legislation is coming in and the council doesn’t have a choice.”

Hitting back, the DUP councillor said that wanting to have a “healthy debate” in private didn’t amount to keeping the public in the dark about the party’s views. “It will be quite clear from the outcome. The minutes will be made public at the next full meeting,” he said. “People in the constituency have expressed their concerns about this legislation. Some believe it could be the thin edge of the wedge and once it is slipped in it will be quietly expanded upon with great ease.”

#### *Lisburn*

Meanwhile, Lisburn City Council, as expected, overturned its policy which it had decided upon back in July regarding sodomite unions. The council had banned the use of its wedding room for same-sex civil partnership registrations, prompting sodomite activists to threaten legal action. However, after consulting lawyers, a council committee decided the ban should be lifted. Their recommendation was duly considered by a full meeting of the council and agreed to.

Sadly, the pattern of loyalist voting in both Lisburn and Newtownabbey indicated that a deceitful contrivance



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whereby some voted against and some abstained was used so as to allow victory to wickedness while giving the appearance of opposition. Alliance party councillor, Seamus Close, a Roman Catholic, said the rules should not have been changed. "If you attack the nucleus of society namely the family and family values, what's left?" he said. "I am concerned that the Civil Partnership Act will be used as the lead instrument to bring about changes to other pieces of legislation like, for example, adoption law. "Where do we go from there, if we allow young people to believe or to think that having two mummies or two daddies is the norm in our society?"



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The law allowing same-sex couples to enter into a civil partnership comes into effect in December. The “Gay Rights Association” had said that it would go to court to have the Council’s July decision reversed. Patricia Lewsley from the SDLP agreed the motion amounted to discrimination, an accusation echoed by Sinn Fein’s Paul Butler. The Civil Partnership Act creates a new legal relationship, which two people of the same sex can form by signing a document. It provides same-sex couples with parity of treatment in a wide range of legal matters with those opposite-sex couples who enter into a civil marriage.

### **Scotland**

A reader of The Burning Bush sent in a news article from the “Largs & Millport Weekly News” featuring the opposition mounted by a councillor in the North Ayrshire Council to its decision to permit “same sex marriages”. Councillor Mrs. Elisabeth Marshall, who is described as a “devout Christian” recorded her dissent when the issue came before her Council. She told the local newspaper that she recorded her dissent “because I thought Scotland was a Christian country and we believe in the values of the Bible.” She went on to say that “the Bible gives us guidance on this.” She then went on to quote from Leviticus 18:22 and Romans 1:27. “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination,” Leviticus 18:22. “And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet,” Romans 1:27. Sodomites have reported her to Scotland’s Standards Commissioner.

***We are fast approaching a day when it will be deemed illegal to quote God’s Word against sin. Indeed, in some areas of public life that is already the case. This is the harvest of ecumenical apostasy!***