

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee Meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL on Wednesday, 7 October 2015 at 7.00 pm**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Alderman A G Ewart

**PRESENT:** The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor R T Beckett

Alderman W J Dillon MBE and S Martin

Councillors B Bloomfield MBE, S Carson, A P Ewing,  
J Gallen, A Givan, U Mackin, T Mitchell, Jenny Palmer,  
S Skillen and M H Tolerton

**OTHER MEMBER:** Councillor B Hanvey

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Development & Planning  
Head of Economic Development  
Head of Building Control  
Tourism Development Manager  
Regeneration Manager  
Committee Secretary

Lanyon Communications and MARCOL

Ms Katie Dornan  
Gary McCollum  
Nicky McCollum  
Kirsty McCandless

**Commencement of Meeting**

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, welcomed everyone to the October Meeting of the Development Committee.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors J Baird and Hazel Legge.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman invited Members to declare any Conflicts of Interest they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard, which had been provided at the meeting.

A Declaration of Interest form was received from Councillor S Carson in respect of item 5.2.6 Dromara Destroyer Tourism Project in view of a family member being a member of this group.

3. Minutes

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 2 September 2015, as adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 27 September 2015, be confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Councillor M H Tolerton indicated that she had submitted an apology for the September Meeting and wished to have her name included in the list of apologies for the September Meeting.

Councillor S Skillen also wished to have her name included in the list of apologies for the September Meeting as she had been on honeymoon at that time.

4. Presentation on the Future of Lisburn Square – “In Committee”

As outlined in the Confidential Report by the Director of Development and Planning (item 1 refers), previously circulated, representatives of Lanyon Communications and Marcol, the new owners of Lisburn Square, were in attendance at the Meeting in order to present their plans for the renewal and development of the Square.

“In Committee”

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, stated that the presentation on the subject of Lisburn Square was required to be considered “in Committee” due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisations concerned (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor Jenny Palmer, and agreed that the presentation on the future of Lisburn Square be considered “in Committee” in the absence of press or members of the public.

Prior to receiving the deputation to the Meeting the Head of Economic Development and the Director of Development and Planning provided Members

4. Presentation on the Future of Lisburn Square – “In Committee” (Cont’d)

with an overview of the background to Lisburn Square and also the Market that had operated out of the Square, in particular the recent developments concerning the Market.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, on behalf of the Committee, extended a welcome to Ms Katie Doran, Mr Gary McCollum, Mr Nicky McCollum and Ms Kirsty McCandless from Lanyon Communications.

Ms Doran commenced the presentation with an overview of Marcol, the new owners of Lisburn Square, which was a leading UK property company.

Ms Doran proceeded to discuss the vision and ambition for Lisburn Square during which she discussed the following:

- Investment opportunities for the Square
- the strategy in relation to investment and branding of the Square
- a number of key opportunities for Lisburn City Centre, the population of Lisburn, and the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council as a result of a redefined Lisburn Square
- a programme for a number of key event initiatives to coincide with and support the various events in the City area
- working to ensure the new strategy is communicated to all stakeholders.

Ms Doran concluded the presentation by highlighting the main challenges going forward, namely; (a) attracting tenants and (b) the concept of ‘the Market’ in Lisburn Square.

Following the presentation the representatives responded to questions and concerns from the Committee in relation to a number of issues arising out of the presentation, including:

- the manner in which the Market traders had been informed of the relocation of the Market
- steps to fill vacant units
- timescale for full occupancy in the Square
- the importance of supporting the residential tenants especially in relation to antisocial behaviour
- the need to promote Lisburn Square in order that new visitors were aware of the shops and facilities in the Square

4. Presentation on the Future of Lisburn Square – “In Committee” (Cont’d)

- the need for quality low cost office space to attract businesses into the Square
- the longer term vision for the Market in Lisburn.

The Chairman thanked the deputation for their attendance and their presentation following which they left the Meeting (7.42 pm).

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor S Skillen, and agreed to come out of Committee, and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

On the resumption of normal business it was noted that the following recommendations had been made:

- the presentation by Lanyon Communications and Marcol be noted,
- Council Officers continue to engage with the Marcol and Lanyon Communications in the development of Lisburn Square, and
- further updates be provided to the Committee in due course.

The Regeneration Manager left the Meeting (7.42 pm).

5. Report by the Director of Development and Planning

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Director of Development and Planning be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below.

For Decision

5.1 Draft Departmental Business Plan

It was agreed to recommend that the Draft Departmental Business Plan, as circulated, be agreed.

5.2 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The Director reminded the Committee that Councils were required under Section 4 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a report by the Planning Manager in relation to the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), seeking Members comments on the Statement, as circulated, prior to the public consultation being initiated in respect of the Draft SCI.

## 5.2 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (Cont'd)

It was noted that a copy of a PowerPoint presentation outlining the key elements of the Statement of Community Involvement, which had been delivered to the Planning Committee at its Meeting held on 5 October 2015, had been circulated for Members' information.

It was agreed to recommend that any comments by Members on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement be taken into consideration and included in the Council's SCI, where appropriate.

Councillor S Skillen enquired if Ballybeen Women's Centre and the Food Bank in Dundonald could be included in the list of Community/Voluntary Groups within the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.

## 5.3 RICS Planning and Development Conference , Belfast Tuesday 3 November 2015

The Committee had been furnished with details of the above Planning and Development conference, the estimated cost of a Member's attendance being £126.80.

It was agreed that the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of the Committee be nominated to attend the RICS Planning and Development Conference on Tuesday 3 November 2015.

## 5.4 Report of Head of Building Control

It was proposed by Councillor M H Tolerton, seconded by Councillor S Skillen, and agreed that the Report by the Head of Building Control be adopted subject to any decisions recorded below:

### For Noting

#### 5.4.1 Building Control Applications – Full Plan Applications and Regularisation Certificates

The Committee noted the undernoted information in regard to the Full Plan Applications and Regularisation Certificate:

- for the period 20 August 2015 to 19 September 2015, 107 Full Plan Applications had been "approved" and that 34 Regularisation Certificates had been issued in accordance with the powers delegated.

#### 5.4.2 Department of Finance and Personnel – Completion Notice Ready Report to Land and Property Services

The Committee noted the undernoted information in regard to Completion Notice Ready Reports:

5.4.2 Department of Finance and Personnel – Completion Notice Ready Report to Land and Property Services (Cont'd)

- the Completion Notice Ready Report for the period 20 August 2015 to 19 September 2015 returned to the Department of Finance and Personnel (DFPNI), Land and Property Services had indicated that a total of 66 properties had been identified as having reached occupiable status.

5.4.3 Department for Social Development – Affordable Warmth Project

The Committee noted the undernoted information in regard to visits by Home Assessment Officers within the Council's Building Control Service:

- in the month of August 2015 had visited 353 dwellings for the Affordable Warmth Scheme and made 95 referrals for home improvements to the NIHE.

The Head of Building Control left the Meeting at 7.47 pm.

5.4 Report by Head of Economic Development

Item for Decision

5.4.1 Hillsborough Tourism Masterplan – Presentation

The Head of Economic Development reminded Members of the presentation to the Committee at the September Meeting by Tourism & Transport Consult International and reported that the Council's Tourism Development Manager was in attendance at the Meeting in order to present further details on the Masterplan, with a particular focus on the proposed Project Action Plan.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, on behalf of the Committee, extended a welcome to the Tourism Development Manager.

With the aid of PowerPoint the Tourism Development Manager elaborated on the 10-year Masterplan vision which was "to make Hillsborough a must visit destination for visitors to Ireland".

The Tourism Development Manager discussed the short term plans for the Masterplan including:

- development opportunities, with a focus on the funding application to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in 2016 (as part of the Council's Rural Development Programme. Options were the regeneration of Hillsborough Park and/or the modernisation of the Visitor Information Centre in Hillsborough.
- traditional marketing & communication of the masterplan initiatives,
- digital tourism marketing, and communications,

#### 5.4.1 Hillsborough Tourism Masterplan – Presentation (Cont'd)

- community involvement, training and destination development.

Medium/long term plans at this stage included:

- development of additional B&B establishments, and
- upgrading of the Hillsborough Forest Car Park to include overnight touring services.

The Tourism Development Manager concluded the presentation by outlining a number of “next steps” in progressing the Hillsborough Tourism Masterplan following the Committee’s approval of the Draft Action Plan, namely:

- a drop-in session for the community on 21 October 2015
- a final masterplan produced and to be presented to a future Meeting of the Committee
- future project concepts to be brought back to the Development Committee, for approval, and
- DARD applications progressed from 1 March 2016.

Following the presentation the Tourism Development Manager responded to comments and questions from the Committee in relation to the draft Action Plan.

Councillor U Mackin and Alderman W J Dillon welcomed the fact that Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) had taken over the operation of Hillsborough Castle and welcomed involvement by HRP in the Council’s Tourism Masterplan for Hillsborough.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, expressed disappointment in relation to a recent statement by the Chief Executive of Tourism NI when he had omitted Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council from the list of Councils that Tourism NI had been working with to promote tourism across the Province.

It was proposed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon, and agreed to recommend that the Council writes to the Chief Executive of Tourism NI, Mr John McGrillen, conveying this Council’s disappointment on this occasion and highlighting the important tourism developments that were being progressed across the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.

#### **Councillors B Hanvey and U Mackin left the Meeting (8.17 pm).**

Councillor Jenny Palmer indicated her support to the above proposal and discussed a number of potential ideas for the building of former Council Headquarters in Hillsborough, in view of its location at the top of the Village.

#### 5.4.1 Hillsborough Tourism Masterplan – Presentation (Cont'd)

A number of Members commended the Tourism Development Manager for manner in which he had made his presentation.

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Tourism Development Manager for his informative presentation.

It was agreed to recommend that the draft Hillsborough Tourism Masterplan be agreed and that further reports on the Masterplan be brought back to the Committee in due course.

The Tourism Development Manager left the Meeting at 8.30 pm.

#### 5.4.2 Laganbank Quarter

##### 5.4.2.1 Update on the Development Scheme and Proposed Next Phase

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that the Laganbank Quarter Development Scheme had been put out to public consultation in early 2015, jointly with the Department of Social Development (DSD) with only one formal objection having been received from a local business. The Council and DSD were working together to resolve the matter.

The Head of Economic Development reported that a further development appraisal had been completed by property specialists, Colliers, which still confirmed negative development values for the totality of the proposals within the site boundary. It appeared that the scale, but not the mix, of the proposed developments required revision if the development was to be made viable, and DSD had confirmed a financial contribution of £35,000 to assist the Council in this next phase of work.

The Committee noted that in the next phase it was proposed that the Council appoints a multi-disciplinary team to deliver a number of required strategies and reports in taking forward the Laganbank Quarter Development Scheme.

A copy of a report highlighting further definition on the nature of this work had been circulated to the Committee.

The Head of Economic Development reported that the indicative budget had been estimated to be £60,000 (£35,000 from DSD and £25,000 from the Council), and that the fee for the initial appraisal updates completed by Colliers was £4,500 + VAT which was included in the overall budget estimate.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee agrees to the proposals in relation to the development of the Laganbank Quarter Development Scheme, as outlined, and that £4,500 + VAT be now paid to Colliers for completion of the initial appraisal updates.

#### 5.4.2.1 Updated on the Development Scheme and Proposed Next Phrase (Cont'd)

Alderman S Martin put on record his concern in regard to the length of time taken to complete the Laganbank Quarter Development Scheme, which he stated was an important part of the overall City Centre Masterplan.

The Head of Economic Development responded to concerns raised by Alderman S Martin in relation to an issue with the tendering process to appoint an interdisciplinary team to progress the work of the Laganbank Quarter Development Scheme. At the request of Alderman S Martin the Head of Economic Development agreed to provide clarification to Alderman Martin on the relevant section of the procurement legislation.

#### 5.4.2.2 DSD Letter of Support

It was agreed to recommend that the Council writes a letter to confirm its intention to continue with the Development Scheme and that the Council recognised that the scheme was not viable without government intervention.

#### 5.4.3 Transfer of NIRDP 2007-2013 Decision Making Authority to the Council

The Head of Economic Development reported since April 2015 a Legacy Joint Council Committee representing Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Belfast City Council had been in place to act as the main point of contact with the Managing Agent, the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD). The Legacy Committee also had responsibility for dealing with application issues and related DARD audit queries now that the delivery of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2007-2013 had ceased on 30 September 2015.

It was noted that DARD had confirmed that any decision relating to the NIRDP 2007-2013 post 30 September 2015 could be taken by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council as part of the Council's role as Lead Administrative Council for the fund. DARD had also confirmed that the Legacy Joint Council Committee could cease to operate after 30 September 2015.

It was agreed to recommend that any decisions relating to the NIRDP 2007-2013 post 30 September 2015 be taken by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and that the Legacy Joint Council Committee ceases to operate after 30 September 2015.

#### 5.4.4 European Funding & Networking Proposals 2015-2017

##### 5.4.4.1 EU Funding Proposals 2015-2017

The Head of Economic Development reported that the Economic Development Unit had identified a number of relevant new European Funding opportunities which would meet key local economic objectives in relation to SME Development, Rural Development and identifying best practice in terms of the provision of local

#### 5.4.4.1 EU Funding Proposals 2015-2017 (Cont'd)

enterprise support. Match funding secured would maximise the impact of Council funding as well as match funding Council posts in the programme management of these initiatives.

The Head of Economic Development reported that the initiatives which would be opening for calls for new proposals over the coming months were:

- a) Erasmus+ and
- b) Interreg Northern Atlantic Periphery Programme,

It was envisaged that the Council would submit two funding proposals to Erasmus+ and one bid to Interreg worth in the region of £2.6 million.

It was agreed to recommend that in order to maximise these two key funding streams the Council engages with an appropriate organisation to provide specialist input into the design and preparation of two funding bids to Erasmus+ and one funding bid to Interreg EU at a total cost of £15,000 which would include capacity development support to the Economic Development staff in the preparation and submission of future EU funding initiatives.

#### 5.4.4.2 EUROCITIES Network

The Committee noted detail in regard to EUROCITIES which was a networking platform for major European cities and which networked local governments of over 130 of Europe's largest cities, and 40 partner cities that between them govern some 130 million citizens across 35 countries.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of a report outlining the EUROCITIES network activities, current members and details of six knowledge forums.

The Head of Economic Development reported that with a population of 138,000, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council would be eligible to become an associated partner of EUROCITIES, which would mean the Council could participate in the Forums, chair working groups and/or vice chair the forum, have access to the key online resources for members only, including funding briefs and partner search tools, and receive electronic newsletters and communications.

It was agreed to recommend that the Council fund membership of the EUROCITIES network, and in particular the Economic Development Forum, for one year at a total cost of €4,420, to be reviewed at the end of this year.

#### 5.4.5 Trade Development Initiative to Israel 2015-2018

The Head of Economic Development reported that the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee had been approached by UK Israel Business to explore

#### 5.4.5 Trade Development Initiative to Israel 2015-2018 (Cont'd)

potential opportunities for developing new trade links between local businesses and Israel. UK Israel Business was a not for profit Chamber of Commerce with the sole remit to increase the level of trade between UKK businesses and Israel.

It was noted that initial discussions with UK Business Israel had identified opportunities in key sectors including Life Sciences, ICT and advanced manufacturing, for local companies with the proposed entry strategy into this market through developing partnerships on the ground with local companies.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee hosts a business information seminar for local companies in November 2015 on exploring new business opportunities in Israel and that depending on the success of this seminar the Council develops, publicly procures and delivers a trade development programme to Israel in 2016 for six local companies at a maximum cost of £30,000. It was noted that all Members of the Committee would be invited to attend the above-mentioned business information seminar.

It was also agreed to recommend that a civic delegation accompany the trade delegation comprising of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Development Committee and two Council Officers, at an estimated total cost of £5,000.

#### 5.4.6 Dromara Destroyers Tourism Project

The Head of Economic Development reported that the Council had been approached by the Dromara Destroyers, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts, to seek support and match funding for a commemorative capital project in Dromara village. It was noted that plans included bronze sculptures and appropriate signage at a central location within the village.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the Dromara Destroyers had raised their own funds in anticipation of match funding a Rural Development Programme application and the group was now requesting Council support to further enhance the application.

Members noted that planning permission had already been obtained by the group, the estimated cost for the project being a maximum of £200,000. 75% of the project cost would be potentially Rural Development funded, with £50,000 to be made up from Dromara Destroyers and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council (£25,000 each).

It was agreed to recommend that match funding up to £25,000 be made available to the Dromara Destroyers for the commemorative capital project in Dromara Village, should the application be successful from the Rural Development programme.

#### 5.4.7 Lisburn Public Realm – Festival of Light

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee of its decision in June 2015 that a Strategic Revitalisation Project application be made to the Department of Social Development (DSD) to deliver a series of strategic revitalisation projects across Lisburn City Centre, Dundonald and Carryduff. The Head of Economic Development reported that funding of £200,000 had since been secured to deliver the projects outlined and agreed previously.

Members noted detail in regard to one of the initiatives, a Festival of Light, which was scheduled to run from Thursday 19 November 2015 until Sunday 20 December 2015 and which had been designed to make use of the new Public Realm space using light installations to highlight the new features and incorporate them into scheduled events. The event management company, ND Events, had been appointed to manage the event at a cost of £6,660 + VAT, and would co-ordinate the delivery of all elements of the festival within the agreed budget of £60,000 + VAT.

It was agreed to recommend that the Committee accepts the funding offer from DSD of £200,000 for the Strategic Revitalisation project and agrees to the delivery of the Festival of Light by ND Events at a total cost of £66,660 + VAT.

#### 5.4.8 Electric Vehicle Charter

The Head of Economic Development reported that the Council had been contacted by the Department of the Environment to request the Council to sign up, in principle, to an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charter. The Committee had been circulated with a copy of the 'Go Ultra Low Bid – Charter for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council' which set out ways in which the Council could commit support to the Northern Ireland bid to OLEV (Office for Low Emission Vehicles) for funding to significantly increase the uptake of electric vehicles across the Province.

The DOE was asking all eleven Councils to sign up to the Charter to demonstrate clearly to OLEV that the Northern Ireland bid had Local Government commitment and backing.

It was agreed to recommend that the 'Go Ultra Low Bid – Charter for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council' be submitted to the DOE to be incorporated into the project bid documentation to OLEV for a funding proposal in increase the uptake of electric vehicles in Northern Ireland.

#### 5.4.9 Nominations to External Organisations

It was proposed by Councillor S Skillen, seconded by Councillor S Carson, and agreed to recommend that Councillor M H Tolerton be nominated to represent the Council on Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the duration of the Council term.

5.4.10 Lisburn Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner  
5 November 2015 Larchfield Estate

It was agreed to recommend that in order to facilitate networking with local companies and to raise awareness of Council funded business support initiatives with Chamber Members the Chairman of the Development Committee host a table at the Lisburn Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at a total cost of £650 + VAT.

Items for Noting

5.4.11 Evaluation of Lagan Rural Partnership Delivery of NIRDP 2007 - 2013  
in Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Belfast City Council

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of an executive summary of an evaluation of the delivery of the NI Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2007-2013 by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council on behalf of the Joint Council Committee of the Lagan Rural Partnership.

The Head of Economic Development reported that the NIRDP had funded 151 projects, helped to create 28 new rural businesses, supported the development and expansion of 45 existing rural businesses, and created and/or sustained 117 rural based jobs.

It was agreed that the executive summary of the evaluation of the NIRDP 2007-2013 be noted.

5.4.12 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Business Solutions Roadshows

The Head of Economic Development reported that the Economic Development Unit was planning to host a number of Business Information Roadshows across the new Council area in November 2015 as part of a wider business engagement programme to profile the services which the Council and other key stakeholders could offer local businesses.

The Committee had been furnished with a copy of the logo that had been developed in conjunction with the Council's Marketing & Communications Unit and which closely reflected the new Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council branding.

It was noted that proposed dates and venues for the above roadshows would be notified to Members in due course, and to which all Members of Council would be invited to attend.

It was agreed that the information on the Council's Business Solutions roadshows be noted.

5.4.13 Speciality Food Fair - Evaluation

The Committee had been furnished with and noted the content of a full evaluation of the Speciality Food Fair that had been staged in Moira Demesne on 15 August 2015

#### 5.4.13 Speciality Food Fair – Evaluation (Cont'd)

and which had been organised by Babel Event Management with funding from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Councillor M H Tolerton stated that she had attended this even and commended the standard to which the Speciality Food Fair event had been organised.

Councillor J Gallen commended the detail in the above-mentioned evaluation report.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Council support a similar initiative in 2016 at a maximum cost of £15,000 from the Tourism Development budget.

#### 6. Confidential Report by the Director of Development and Planning

##### “In Committee”

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, stated that the Director’s Confidential Report was required to be considered “in Committee” due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisations concerned (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Councillor M H Tolerton, seconded by Alderman S Martin, and agreed that the Director’s Confidential Report be considered “in Committee” in the absence of press or members of the public.

##### 6.1 Presentation by the New Owners of Lisburn Square

It noted that the above presentation had been received under item 4 above.

##### 6.2 Benson Street Public Car Park – Approach from a Housing Association

The Director updated the Committee in regard to the Council having received an approach from a housing association in regard to the future use of the land at Benson Street car park site.

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor J Gallen, and agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

##### Resumption of Normal Business

On the resumption of normal business it was noted that the Committee had agreed that the Council considers developing a car parking strategy for the surface car parks that transferred to the Council from the Department of Regional Development as part of local government reform, and that such a strategy tie in with a planned review of the City Centre Masterplan in 2016.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Lisburn City Centre Public Realm Scheme  
Councillor T Mitchell

The Head of Economic Development and the Director of Development & Planning responded to comments and questions from Councillor T Mitchell in relation to the on-going delay in the completion of the City Centre Public Realm Scheme and a new completion date.

During discussion the following concerns were highlighted by Members, some of which had significant risk and liability implications;

- the hoardings in the City Centre had not been taken down despite numerous assurances
- the light floor whilst operational was not yet at certification standard
- the attempts to resolve the problem with the water feature in the lower terrace
- damage to certain areas of the public realm works by skateboarders
- the cancellation of planned events to mark the completion of the Scheme in September 2016
- the likelihood that the planned Festival of Light event by the Council would require to be cancelled also
- slip hazard with the new manhole covers when wet, and
- an apparent design fault with the new bins in the City Centre, in particular the mechanism for the cigarette butt dispenser.

The Head of Economic Development responded to further questions from the Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, and The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R T Beckett, on an appropriate way forward with the Contractors and the Consultants, in terms of penalties.

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Council consults its solicitors with regard to potential legal action against the Council's Public Realm Consultants and the Contractor in view of the continued delay in completion of the Scheme and also the seriousness of the issues raised.

7.2 Jordans Mill Car Park  
Councillor A P Ewing

In response to comments from Councillor A P Ewing regarding information on social media indicating that Jordans Mill Car Park was closing on 13 October 2015 the Director of Development and Planning provided an overview to the Committee

7.2 Jordans Mill Car Park  
Councillor A P Ewing (Cont'd)

on the planning issues in respect of the above car park site, it being noted that a planning appeal by the owners had been unsuccessful at the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC).

7.3 Hunday (Harry Ferguson Vintage Tractor) Collection  
Alderman W J Dillon

"In Committee"

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, stated that the matter of the Hunday (Harry Ferguson Vintage Tractor) Collection was required to be considered "In Committee" due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisation concerned (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Alderman W J Dillon, seconded by Councillor M H Tolerton, and agreed that the above matter be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public.

In response to an enquiry from Alderman W J Dillon in connection with the above matter, the Head of Economic Development updated the Committee in regard to the current position in relation to the Council's decision to purchase certain items of the Hunday Vintage Tractor Collection.

The Head of Economic Development reminded the Committee that the Council at its Special Meeting held on 9 September 2015 granted delegated authority to the Development Committee to proceed with this matter.

It was proposed by Councillor S Skillen, seconded by Councillor M H Tolerton, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

On the resumption of normal business it was noted that the following had been Agreed:

- the catalogue of items to be auctioned in respect of the Hunday (Harry Ferguson Vintage Tractor) Collection to be made available to the Committee, at the earliest opportunity, and
- a Special Meeting of the Development Committee be convened, if necessary, to receive an update on this matter and to take any further decisions in order to progress the purchase of items from the Collection.

7.4 Gregg Street Car Park  
The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart

The Chairman, Alderman A G Ewart, highlighted an issue with the non-availability of the Gregg Street Car Park for Council staff on Tuesday 6 October as it had been reserved for delegates attending the Ulster Bank Fraud Conference at Lagan Valley Island. Despite conference delegates having not availed of the parking facilities at this location, Council staff had been inconvenienced on this occasion. The Director undertook to have this matter investigated.

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and there being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.30 pm.

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Chairman