

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 23 April, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Gowan

Deputy Mayor
Councillor G McCleave

Aldermen A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg,
A Grehan, M Guy, H Legge and S P Porter

Councillors D Bassett, R T Beckett, P Burke, R Carlin,
P Catney, D J Craig, K Dickson, N Eaton, A P Ewing,
J Gallen, A Givan, B Higginson, G Hynds, C Kemp,
P Kennedy, J Lavery BEM, S Lowry, U Mackin, A Martin,
C McCready, A McIntyre, M McKeever, R McLernon,
T Mitchell, G Thompson and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Acting Director of Environmental Services
Member Services Officers (BS, EW)
Technician
IT Officer

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, welcomed those present to the April meeting of Council which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. He pointed out that, should the meeting go into committee to consider confidential business, any members of the press and the public in attendance would be required to leave the Council Chamber for the duration of those matters.

The Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor requested that all mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and pointed out that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, whilst the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted.

Alderman M Guy entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.

Commencement of the Meeting (Cont'd)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised of the undernoted bereavements since the last meeting of Council:

- Dr Harold Rice, father of Robert Rice, Portfolio, IT and Commercialisation Unit
- Mr Isaac Banks, father of Paula Silcock, HR Officer, HR&OD Unit
- Mr James Baxter, father of Jim Baxter, Parks & Amenities Unit.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended warmest congratulations to Alderman S Skillen and family on the birth of their new baby daughter in recent days.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed his Chaplain, Mr D Roberts, to the meeting. Mr Roberts gave an address and said a prayer during which he also referred to the above bereavements and offered his sympathy to the families. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Mr Roberts for his attendance and he left the meeting.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, since the last meeting of Council.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen J Baird, S Skillen and J Tinsley, and Councillors S Burns and N Parker.

3. Declarations of Interest

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor P Catney submitted a completed Declaration of Interest form in respect of item 14.1 Moira Park and Ride Planning Application in view of him, as a member of the Planning Committee, having spoken in support of this application at meetings of the Planning Committee.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Meeting of Council – 26 March 2024

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 March 2024 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman H Legge, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Irish Waste Services. 94-96 Hillsborough Road, Carryduff BT8 8HT – Contract for Collection, transportation, recycling and/or recovery of waste paints and aerosols from Council Household Recycling Centres – T22/23-072
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R Heatrick Ltd t/a Skipway, 341 Tandragee Road, Portadown BT62 3RB – Contract for Collection, transportation and recycling of plasterboard from Council Household Recycling Centres – T22/23-073
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R Heatrick Ltd t/a Skipway, 341 Tandragee Road, Portadown BT62 3RB – Contract for Collection, transportation and recycling of rubble from Council Household Recycling Centres – T23/24-008

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Regeneration and Growth Committee

4 April, 2024

Proposed by Councillor J Laverty
Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

Communities and Wellbeing Committee

9 April, 2024

Proposed by Councillor J Gallen
Seconded by Alderman S P Porter

Corporate Services Committee

11 April, 2024

Proposed by Alderman O Gawith
Seconded by Councillor A P Ewing

Planning Committee

4 March, 2024

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 4 March, 2024 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 15 April, 2024. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There were no reports for consideration.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

There were no reports on decisions subject to the reconsideration procedure.

12. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for consideration.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Planning Application for Moira Park & Ride Facility
Alderman A G Ewart

Alderman A G Ewart requested an update on the planning application for the Moira Park & Ride facility as he was aware that the Department for Infrastructure had issued a notification in regard to this application.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth confirmed that the Council had received notification from the Department for Infrastructure under the relevant articles of the Planning legislation restricting the grant of planning permission to allow the Department to consider further issues arising from the proposal. He was hopeful that the Council would receive further notification soon from the Department.

Councillor P Catney stated that he had questioned the Director regarding the above notification from the Department at the previous meeting of the Planning Committee. He also stated that the Planning Committee had debated this planning application extensively and reminded the Council that a Park & Ride facility in Moira had been campaigned about for a considerable length of time.

13.2 Development of Hilden Mill Site
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds reported that he had the opportunity recently to speak with the developers of the Hilden Mill site recently when he had encouraged them to bring forward their proposals as soon as possible and in particular to consider the historic industrial heritage of this site. He also had encouraged the developer to consider the community aspect of this site and the need to seek community input. He hoped that the Council would continue to promote the importance of this historic building and seek to attract the most appropriate community facility.

Councillors P Catney and D J Craig, and Alderman S P Porter welcomed the matter of Hilden Mill redevelopment being raised that evening and supported the comments raised by Councillor Hynds.

Councillor Craig also raised the issue of the importance of the Council having a contact telephone number in regard to the Hilden Mill site in order to have access in cases of emergencies.

13.3 Overgrown Verges
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter, having advised that he had received a text message earlier that day in connection with the state of the verges across the City area, stated that now that Departmental Ministers were in post it was an appropriate time to write to the Minister for Infrastructure in connection with the need for more frequent grass cutting and to reiterate the Council's request that the Department for Infrastructure Roads Division works closely with the Council on these important matters.

It was agreed at the request of Alderman S P Porter that the Council writes to the Minister for Infrastructure emphasising that two cuts per year were inadequate and to highlight the importance of the Department working closely with the Council with the aim to have more frequent grass cutting taking place throughout the summer months.

13.4 Production Company in LCCC Area
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney welcomed the work of the production company that was filming across the Council area currently which he stated was a good news story from a tourism point of view. He stated that this piece of work demonstrated the beauty of where we live. Councillor Catney was hopeful that when this piece of filming was released it would attract more visitors to the Council area

14. Confidential Business

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the undernoted Confidential items were confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

In Committee

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor J Lavery, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public. The livestream was paused at this stage in proceedings (7.29 pm).

- 14.1 Requirement to endorse a deed of variation for a Section 76 Planning Agreement dated 3rd September 2020 made between (1) Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and (2) Comber Road LLP relating to lands at Comber Road to take account of a change in the form of employment use proposed and the phasing of the delivery of the mixed-use development.

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

- 14.2 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 Planning Agreement for Planning Application LA05/2022/0861/F

It was proposed by Councillor S Lowry, seconded by Alderman H Legge, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 7.32 pm.

Mayor