

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on 30 October 2018 at 6.15 pm**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor U Mackin

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor A Grehan

Aldermen, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale, A G Ewart MBE,  
T Jeffers, W A Leathem, S Martin, S P Porter, G Rice and  
J Tinsley

Councillors, N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett, B  
Bloomfield MBE, S Carson, J Craig, A P Ewing, J Gallen,  
O Gawith, A Girvin, A Givan, B Hanvey, V Kamble, J  
McCarthy, A McIntyre, B Mallon, J Palmer A Redpath and  
S Skillen

**ATTENDANCE**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council  
Chief Executive (Interim)  
Members Services Officer  
Attendance Clerk

Department for Infrastructure  
Kevin Monaghan - Divisional Roads Manager  
David Williams – Acting Section Engineer  
Graeme Salmon – Traffic Management

**Commencement of the Meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, welcomed those present and thanked Members for their attendance, and also asked that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent mode for the duration of the meeting. The Chief Executive (Interim) outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

(Alderman G Rice entered the meeting at 6.20 pm)

1. **Purpose of Meeting**

The special meeting of Council had been convened in order to receive the Autumn Report 2018 from the Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance at the special meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor M Tolerton, Councillor H Legge, Councillor J Gray, Councillor T Morrow and Councillor M Cahill.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, invited Members to declare any interests 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.

- During the course of the meeting Councillor A Ewing declared an interest in a matter raised regarding Speed Detection devices as he was a member of the PCSP.

4. Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division) – Autumn Report 2018

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, extended a welcome to representatives of Roads (Eastern Division), Mr Kevin Monaghan, Divisional Roads Manager, Mr Graeme Salmon, Traffic Management, and Mr David Williams, Deputy Section Engineer (Network Maintenance) who were in attendance to present the Autumn Report 2018 a copy of which had been provided to Members in advance of the meeting.

Mr Monaghan thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and advised that there was a slight increase in the resource budget for this year. He drew attention to the contact information within the report and urged members to use this when raising issues with the Department. He said that was pleased to be able to advise that the A26 Ballinderry Road junction had won a national award for Road Safety Scheme of the year.

He then proceeded to work through the report as circulated to Members and then invited questions from members beginning with questions which were forwarded to him in advance of the meeting.

Some questions had been forwarded in advance of the meeting and were responded to at the meeting. The issues raised are summarised below and actions undertaken by Department for Infrastructure officials are noted :

- Ballymacbrennan junction works welcomed – (The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin and Councillor J Baird).
- Clarification on plans for Ballymacbrennan junction works and McCallums crossroads (Councillor J Baird)
- Plans to address parking issues at Station Road in Moira, possibility of street lighting in the area and plans for planting in place of removed trees in Moira at the M1 (Councillor O Gawith)
- Timescale for repairs to lighting at Ballymacward Primary School (Councillor A Redpath).
- How the amount and speed of traffic on the Saintfield Road can be addressed, reduction of speed limit on the Saintfield Road (Alderman G Rice)

*Mr Monaghan advised that in response to a request from Carryduff Regeneration Group he had recently agreed to consider a trial reduction in speed limit on the lower section of the Saintfield Road once all matters have been considered.*

Other Questions from Members – The issues raised are summarised below and actions undertaken by Department for Infrastructure officials are noted :

- Update on meeting held regarding the A49/Cargycreevy Road junction regarding traffic calming measures (The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin).
- Congratulations expressed for improvements to local roads. Request for timely action on plans on addressing the removal of ice and snow from pavements during the forthcoming winter so that there is not a detrimental effect on the retail economy in Lisburn (Alderman W Leathem).
- Update on meeting which took place on the Ballybog road regarding the play park as the agreed works had not yet taken place. (Councillor J Craig).
- Thanks expressed for lighting works carried out in the Castlereagh area. Issue with lighting at a community garden at Killynure was highlighted. Parking issues at Annavale were also highlighted and an issue at Ballymaconaghy Road, where a serious accident had occurred, was also highlighted and a meeting requested. A very large pot-hole at Breda Drive needed to be addressed (Councillor N Anderson).

*Mr Monaghan was unfamiliar with the issues at Killynure and Annavale and undertook to investigate. He confirmed that a meeting in respect of the Ballymaconaghy Road issue would be arranged. He outlined the system for reporting pot-holes but agreed to add this particular one to the system on behalf of the Member.*

- Thanks expressed for road upgrades. Issues at top half of Pond Park Road were highlighted and clarification was requested on the status of the pedestrian crossing at Linen Green and the current status of the North Feeder Road. Parking issues at Clonevin Park were highlighted (Councillor A Given).

*Mr Monaghan undertook to look at the Pond Park Road surface as he was unaware of the issues highlighted.*

- Thanks expressed for double yellow lines at Ballyregan Road. Clarification on current status of changes to speed limit at Millars Forge on the Comber road. Issues highlighted in respect of drivers cutting in front of other drivers when going into new bus lanes at Dundonald to make a turn were highlighted (Alderman T Jeffers).

*Mr Monaghan undertook to bring the issue re the bus lanes to the attention of the appropriate enforcement unit.*

- Issues at Coopers Mill junction, request for pedestrian crossing at Asda and request for filter light at Grahamsbridge Road/Eastlink Road junction (Councillor S Skillen).

*Mr Monaghan agreed to research and respond in respect of the Coopers Mill junction issues and undertook to arrange a meeting in respect of the pedestrian crossing at Asda and to look at the issues highlighted at the Grahamsbridge Road junction.*

- Congratulations expressed on the award winning junction. Issues at Chapel Hill and its history were highlighted and re-instatement problems outlined. Clarification was sought on what could be done (Councillor T Beckett).
- Debris left on roads after accidents had been cleared away, overgrown hedges and issues with the PIPs system (Councillor J Baird).
- Clarification on potential trial speed reduction on Saintfield Road, suggested box junction at Hillsborough Road / Ballynahinch Road junction and clarification on drainage works at Thorndale / Hillsborough Road (Councillor B Hanvey).
- Speed issues on Blaris Road, Trench Road in Hillsborough and on the Altnatrisk Road and Moira Road in Hillsborough and an issue where high trees were covering lights in Culcavy. It was also highlighted that Grove Park was being used as a rat-run (Councillor J Palmer).

*Mr Monaghan undertook to research the above to see if any actions could be taken.*

- Clarification on timescale for completion of Laurelhill Road associated works, issues with installation of speed indicator signs purchased by PCSP, request for a bus cage at Clonevin, follow-up with NIE in relation to utilities at Linengreen (Councillor S Carson).

*Mr Salmon updated that discussions were ongoing with the PCSP Manager in an effort to resolve the issues with the Speed Indicator Signs.*

- Traffic light sequencing issues in Dundonald Village, request for a traffic survey at the Grahamsbridge Road/ Eastlink Road junction, issues with the traffic light pole at the bottom of the Dunlady Road, traffic calming measures requested at Ballybeen Park and speed limit on the Old Dundonald Road / Kings Road (Alderman D Drysdale).

*Mr Monaghan undertook to look at the issues at the Grahamsbridge Road / Comber Road and to pass the Dunlady Road traffic light pole issue to the contractor. He also undertook to liaise with the Member after the meeting in respect of the issues raised regarding Ballybeen Park and to look at the speed limit issues on the Old Dundonald Road / Kings Road.*

In response to a further question from Alderman D Drysdale, Mr G Salmon advised that enforcement statistics were published on the Departments website.

- Grit box criteria and preparation for repairs to pot-holes given the approach of winter (Councillor A Ewing).

- Shrubbery at Pantridge Link and installation of kerbs in Hillsborough (Councillor A McIntyre).
- Thanks expressed for works at Drumbeg corner, clarification on collision remedial works and carriage refurbishment (Councillor B Bloomfield).

(During the question and answer session Alderman J Tinsley and Councillor A Redpath left the meeting at 6.50 pm, Alderman W Leathem left at 6.55 pm, Councillor B Mallon left at 7.00 pm, Alderman S P Porter left at 7.25 pm, Councillor V Kamble, Alderman G Rice and Alderman A Ewart left at 7.27 pm, Councillor S Carson left the meeting at 7.30 pm returning at 7.34 pm, Councillor T Beckett left at 7.37 pm, Alderman S Martin left at 7.40 pm, Councillor O Gawith left at 7.45 pm, Councillor S Carson left at 7.46, Councillor A Girvin and Alderman D Drysdale left at 7.55 pm).

At the conclusion of the question and answer session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin thanked representatives of the Department for Infrastructure for their contribution and they then left the meeting at 7.57 pm.

5. Verbal Item – Request for delegated authority for the Corporate Services Committee to consider a request from the NSPCC that Lagan Valley Island be lit up in yellow to mark anti-bullying week

The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor U Mackin advised that Alderman S Martin had been approached by the NSPCC with a request that Lagan Valley Island be lit up in yellow to mark Anti-bullying Week which was planned for the week beginning 12 November 2018.

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor J Baird and agreed that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Services Committee to consider this request at their forthcoming November 2018 meeting.

6. Verbal Item - PCSP Speed Signs

Councillor B Haney wished to confirm that discussions were ongoing with the Department for Infrastructure in respect of the Speed Signs referred to during the meeting and that he was currently waiting on a date for a meeting to discuss how best to take this forward.

The above information was noted.

There being no further business for consideration the Special Meeting of Council was terminated at 8.02 pm.

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Mayor/Chairman