

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on 19 February 2018 at 5.30 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor T Morrow

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

Councillors R T Beckett, B Bloomfield MBE, A P Ewing,
A Girvin, A Givan, J Gray MBE, B Hanvey, J McCarthy,
U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell

ATTENDANCE

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
IT Officer
Members Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

NI Water

Head of Investment Management,
Dr Stephen Blockwell
Head of Capital Programme Management,
Mr Mark Mitchell

Autism Initiatives NI

Ms Alison Lyttle, Community Engagement Manager

Air Ambulance Northern Ireland

Ms Kerry Anderson, Head of Funding
Ms Grace Williams – Area Fundraising Manager for Antrim
and Belfast

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, welcomed those present and asked that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent mode.

The Director of Leisure Services and Community Wellbeing then made some Health and Safety announcements.

(During the above Councillor A Ewing arrived at 5.32 pm, Councillor A Girvin arrived at 5.33 pm, Councillor B Mallon arrived at 5.32 pm, Alderman S P Porter arrived at 5.33 pm Alderman J Tinsley arrived at 5.32 pm and Alderman D Drysdale arrived at 5.42pm).

1. Purpose of Meeting

This special meeting of Council had been convened in order to receive presentations from the following organisations:

- NI Water
- Autism Initiatives NI
- Air Ambulance Northern Ireland

2. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the special meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of The Deputy Mayor Councillor H Legge, Alderman W Leathem, Alderman G Rice MBE, Alderman M Henderson MBE, Councillor M Tolerton, Councillor C Quinn, Councillor J Baird, Councillor J Palmer, Councillor O Gawith, Councillor A Grehan, Councillor S Skillen, Councillor J Craig, Councillor N Anderson, Councillor J Gallen, Councillor A Redpath, Councillor N Trimble, Councillor S Carson and the Chief Executive.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, 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.

There were no declarations of interest made.

It was agreed to receive the presentations in a different order than that scheduled.

4. Autism Initiatives NI

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, extended a welcome to the representative from Autism Initiatives NI, Ms Alison Lyttle, Head of Funding who was in attendance to make a presentation on the work of the organisation.

She thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and, with the aid of a power-point presentation, proceeded to provide information on:

- Mission
- Background
- Context
- Impact
- What Autism Initiatives do
- Early Intervention Support Service
- Comments from parents
- Project OAKS
- Supported Living – the AI way in practice
- Impact on quality of life
- Newcastle – autism friendly town

Following the presentation Ms Lyttle responded to a number of questions from members on the subject of the organisation's structure, training for employment, funding, early interventions, referrals, support for young adults, Statements of Special Educational Requirements, supported living, changes to welfare arrangements and anticipated use of the service in the future.

At the conclusion of the question session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, thanked Ms Lyttle for attending and she then left the meeting at 6.10 pm.

5. NI Water

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, extended a welcome to representatives of NI Water - Dr Stephen Blockwell, Head of Investment Management, and Mr Mark Mitchell, Head of Capital Programme Management, who were in attendance to provide an update briefing.

Dr Blockwell thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and, with the aid of a power-point presentation proceeded to provide information on:

- Water Services and Waste Water Services
- Capital Investment Spend
- Top Investments
- Capital Investments and Constraints
- Customer Improvements
- Customer Feedback
- Customer Communication
- Current Public Initiatives
- Water Theft
- Contact Information

Following their presentation, officials responded to a number of questions from members on the subject of road re-instatement after the Castor Bay Project works, re-instatement works in general, capacity of the New Holland Treatment Works (Hilden), issues in respect of a failed pumping station at Chestnutt Lodge Drumbeg, water theft, enforcement re car washes, the Report All scheme, Councillor's Survey, planned works at Antrim Street Lisburn, Bonds required from developers and a holding tank at Craigleith Drive Dundonald.

Mr Mitchell undertook to respond to members specifically on the following queries raised:

- Councillor T Beckett to be provided with information on who had attended a site meeting on the subject of re-instatement works following the Castor Bay Works.
- Councillor U Mackin to be provided with an update on potential issues regarding the use of a failed pumping station at Chestnutt Lodge.
- Alderman S P Porter to be updated regarding the possible installation of a meter at a property in Berkley Hall.

At the conclusion of the question session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, thanked Dr Blockwell and Mr Mitchell who then left the meeting at 6.50 pm.

(During the above discussion Councillor A Ewing left the meeting at 6.14 pm returning at 6.19 pm, Councillor B Hanvey left the meeting at 6.25pm returning at 6.29 pm, Councillor J McCarthy left the meeting at 6.32 pm).

(After the above discussion Councillor U Mackin and Alderman D Drysdale left the meeting at 6.50 pm. Councillor U Mackin returned at 7.00 pm and Councillor B Bloomfield left at 6.51 pm and returned at 7.00 pm).

6. NI Air Ambulance

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, extended a welcome to representatives of the NI Air Ambulance, Ms Kerry Anderson, Head of Funding and Ms Grace Williams, Area Fundraising Manager for Antrim and Belfast who were in attendance to present information on the organisation.

Ms Williams thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and, with the aid of a power-point presentation, proceeded to provide information on:

- The need for Air Ambulance NI
- The HEMS Service
- Partnership Model
- Challenges

Following their presentation, officials responded to a number of questions from members which explored logistical issues regarding the Balmoral Show, staffing, funding, deployment of Air Ambulance, other funding models used on the mainland, potential funding options and how the Council might be of assistance.

After which it was agreed that potential funding support be progressed through the Council's Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

At the conclusion of the question session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, thanked Ms Williams and Ms Anderson who then left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

(During the above discussions Councillor B Mallon left the meeting at 6.54pm returning at 6.55 pm, Alderman Drysdale returned at 6.53 and left at 6.55.

Councillor U Mackin left the meeting at 7.08 pm, Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting at 7.09 pm and Alderman Martin left the meeting at 7.10 pm).

There being no further business, the special meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.

Mayor/Chairman