

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on 27 November 2017 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor T Morrow

Deputy Mayor
Councillor H Legge

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

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett, B
Bloomfield, S Carson, J Craig, A P Ewing, O Gawith, A
Girvin, A Givan, J Gray, A Grehan, B Hanvey, V Kamble, J
McCarthy, U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell, J Palmer, L
Poots, C Quinn, N Trimble

ATTENDANCE

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Environmental Services
Director of Service Transformation
Lead Head of Planning
Assistant IT Manager (x2)
Members Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

NI Housing Executive

Clark Baillie – Chief Executive
Aengus Hannaway – Principal Officer
Jennifer Hawthorne – Regional Manager Belfast
Robin Hawe – Senior Principal Officer
Paul Isherwood – Director of Asset Management
Ian Adamson – Fire Safety Manager

Transport NI

Philip Robinson
Eamonn McMahon

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 Environmental Services made some Health and Safety announcements.

Alderman A Ewart entered the meeting at 6.02 pm.

1. Purpose of Meeting

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

- Transport NI
- NI Housing Executive

2. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the special meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor M Tolerton, Councillor J Gallan, Alderman D Drysdale and Councillor A McIntyre, Councillor McCarthy had advised that he would be late.

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.

The following declarations were made:

- During the course of the meeting the Deputy Mayor, Councillor H Legge declared an interest in item 3.2 as she was a member of the Board of the NI Housing Executive.

(Alderman S P Porter, Councillor L Poots, Councillor S Carson and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor H Legge entered the meeting at 6.05 pm).

4. Transport NI (TNI)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, extended a welcome to representatives of Transport NI, Mr Philip Robinson, Network Traffic Manager and Mr Eamonn McMahon, Section Engineer who were in attendance to present the Autumn Report a copy of which had been provided to Members in advance of the meeting.

Mr Robinson thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and proceeded to outline the salient points of the presentation.

Following their presentation, officials responded to a number of questions from members. Some questions had been raised in advance at a pre-meeting with TNI as they had been submitted in advance. Issues raised at the meeting can be summarised as follows:

- Alderman W Leathem requested an update on LD1 and Article 40 road improvements on the Knockmore Road/Ballinderry Road, the Brokerstown Road/Knockmore Road and Knockmore / Prince William Road. He asked what meetings had taken place within Transport NI in the last 12 months and what progress has been made. He asked what the timescale was for a resolution to this long overdue process to ensure completion of road improvements before any more deaths occurred. TNI representatives undertook to investigate and respond.

During the above discussion Councillor B Mallon left at 6.17pm and returned at 6.19pm and Councillor N Anderson left at 6.20pm and returned at 6.21 pm.

- Issues at the 'go around again lane' on Union Bridge round-about. It was agreed to progress this by arranging a site meeting to include elected representatives of the area.
- Road marking issues at the Queen's roundabout. TNI representatives advised that Mr Graeme Salmon would be taking this forward.
- Street lighting issues and pot-holes in Moira. TNI representatives confirmed that repairs were ongoing.
- Bus Shelter requirements and road calming measures in Moneyreagh. It was agreed to progress this by arranging a site meeting to include elected representatives of the area.
- Glebe Road improvements.
- Alleged inaccuracy of traffic impact assessments in Carryduff, update on site meeting held with Mr K Monaghan and parking issues at schools – TNI officials to respond to Alderman Rice.
- Failed re-instatement works – response to be provided to Councillor R T Beckett.
- Update on meeting held in Annahilt, drainage issues in the wake of Phoenix Gas works
- Update on meeting held 6 months ago with Mr Peter May which was held to address issues in the Castlereagh area. Councillor B Mallon asked that this be addressed as a matter of urgency. TNI officials were asked to urgently provide an update on this.
- Traffic light requirement at the Old Mill Development junction in Dundonald.
- Parking issues on the Ballyregan Road.
- Re-instatement following utility works
- Derriaghy Road junction.
- Double and Single yellow lines at Wallace and Friends schools.
- Use of Advice NI for making contact.
- Comber/Ballynahinch Road traffic issues.

At the conclusion of the question session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow thanked Mr Robinson and Mr McMahon and wished to express condolences, on behalf of the Council, to Mr Kevin Monaghan following the death of his mother.

TNI representatives then left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

During the above discussions Councillor U Mackin left the meeting at 6.25 pm returning at 6.29 pm, Councillor L Poots left at 6.28pm returning at 6.30 pm, Councillor N Anderson left at 6.33 pm returning at 6.48 pm. Councillor L Poots left again at 6.44 pm returning at 6.55 pm, Councillor B Hanvey left at 7.02 pm returning at 7.03 pm, Councillor N Trimble left at 7.05 pm, Councillor A Given left at 7.09 pm and returned at 7.15 pm and the Lead Head of Planning left at 7.05 pm; Alderman A Ewart left at 7.10 pm; Councillor U Mackin left at 7.22 pm; Alderman J Tinsley left at 7.24 pm; Councillor V Kamble left at 7.26 pm; Councillor J Baird left at 7.27 pm; Alderman G Rice left at 7.28 pm; Alderman W Dillon left at 7.28; Alderman W Leathem left at 7.29pm, Councillor B Hanvey left at 7.30pm; Councillor Poots left at 7.31 pm and Councillor B Mallon left at 7.35 pm.

5. NI Housing Executive (NIHE)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow, extended a welcome to representatives of the N I Housing Executive, Mr C Baillie, Mr A Hannaway, Ms J Hawthorne, Mr R Hawe, Mr I Adamson and Mr P Isherwood who were in attendance to present the Housing Investment Plan and Annual Update copies of which had been provided to Members in advance of the meeting.

Mr Baillie, thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and proceeded to outline the salient points within the Plan.

He then referred to the recent fire at Coolmoyne House and advised that the alarm system had worked as it had been intended to. He circulated copies of a Fire Safety Leaflet which was to be distributed to provide assurance to residents.

The Director of Environmental Services provided an update on the response and recovery plan which the Council had activated on the night.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor T Morrow expressed thanks to all who had attended on the night in question.

Discussion continued on the Coolmoyne incident including:

- Queries concerning insurance and liability for repairs
- Reinstatement works and the programme to complete these
- Support for those impacted by the fire, including the good work of the community group and local businesses.

The following other matters were raised and discussed:

- Social housing provision
- Extinguishment of public rights of way
- Rent Charge comparisons between NIHE and Housing Associations
- Implications of changes to the benefit system
- Freezing of rent charges

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During the course of the above discussion Councillor R T Beckett left the meeting at 8.01 pm, Councillor T Mitchell left at 8.07 pm, Councillor C Quinn left at 8.09 pm, Alderman T Jeffers left at 8.12 pm, Councillor A Girvin left at 8.15 pm, Councillor N Anderson left at 8.17pm, Councillor J Palmer left at 8.23 pm, Councillor S Carson left at 8.24 pm and Councillor A Ewing left at 8.27pm.

At the conclusion of the question session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor T Morrow thanked representatives from the NI Housing Executive for attending and they left the meeting.

There being no further business, the special meeting concluded at 8.33 pm.

Mayor/Chairman