

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Leisure & Community Development Committee and the Development Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Thursday, 19th August, 2019 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

Alderman J Tinsley (Chairman of Leisure & Community Development)

Councillor A G Ewart (Chairman of Development Committee)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan

Aldermen A Grehan

Councillors R T Beckett, S Carson, D J Craig, A Gowan, D Honeyford, H Legge, G McCleave, U Mackin, T Mitchell, Jenny Palmer

OTHER MEMBERS:

S Lee, A Swan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive

Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

Director of Services Transformation

Museum Services Manager

Head of Sports Services

Regeneration and Infrastructure Manager

Member Services Officer (PS)

Member Services Officer (CR)

Purpose of Meeting

The Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing advised that the purpose of the Special Joint meeting of the Leisure & Community Development Committee and the Development Committee was to consider reports in connection with the Irish Linen Centre / Lisburn Museum and associated retail space including the facility's future role in the cultural and economic life of the city centre.

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, extended a welcome to this Special Joint Meeting of the Leisure & Community Development Committee and the Development Committee.

Members were advised of the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency and also that should any Member require to leave the meeting they should notify the Member Services Officer in order that their departure could be recorded accurately in the minutes.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of The Deputy Mayor Councillor J McCarthy, Councillor J Gallen, Councillor N Trimble, Councillor R McLernon, The Deputy Mayor Councillor J McCarthy, Alderman D Drysdale, Councillor R Carlin, Alderman T Morrow.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, 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 their places.

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

3. Confidential Report from the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

3.1 Irish Linen Centre / Lisburn Museum

The Chairman advised that the reasons for confidentiality were as set out in the agenda i.e. Confidential for reason Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person [including the Council holding that information.

“In Committee”

It was proposed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor J Craig and agreed that the confidential reports of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing be considered “In Committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

3.1 Irish Linen Centre / Lisburn Museum

After consideration of a comprehensive report from the Director of Leisure & Community Services it was proposed by Councillor S Carson, seconded by Councillor Jenny Palmer and agreed to recommend that the following actions be approved for progression:

- Offer the former shop area for commercial use as outlined within the Director’s Report and adopting Option 3 of the Consulting Engineers Beattie Flanagan’s Report, subject to affordability.
- Proceed with the necessary redesign of external and internal doors to allow the leased premises to open independently of the ILC/Museum and have access to the ground floor toilets when the Museum is not open.

- Progress wider essential works to the building including the lift and the Assembly Room air conditioning
- Proceed to search for premises for an artefact store to allow relocation from the basement area, thereby freeing additional space for temporary exhibitions
- Proceed to refresh the Flax to Fabric Exhibition (including audio visual upgrade) and that officers explore grant assistance opportunities that might be available to support this.
- Proceed to relocate both the Visitor Information Centre and Lisburn City Centre Management to the Irish Linen Centre/Lisburn Museum with detailed arrangements to be finalised between the Director of Leisure and Community Development and the Director of Transformation.

At the request of Councillor Jenny Palmer, it was also agreed that the Regeneration and Infrastructure Manager provide members with information on footfall statistics for the Visitor Information Centre.

(During the above discussion Councillor T Mitchell arrived at 6.15 pm, Alderman A Grehan arrived at 6.20 pm, Alderman A G Ewart left at 6.36 pm and the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan left at 6.43 pm).

“Resumption of Normal Business”

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig, seconded by Councillor H Legge and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

4. Any Other Business

There being no further business for consideration the Special Joint meeting concluded at 6.50 pm.

Mayor/Chairman