

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Friday, 24 May 2019 at 12:00 Noon

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor U Mackin

Deputy Mayor
Councillor A Grehan

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett, R Carlin,
S Carson, D J Craig, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale,
S Eastwood, A G Ewart MBE, A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith,
A Givan, A Gowan, M Gregg, M Henderson MBE,
D Honeyford, S Hughes, S Lee, H Legge, J McCarthy,
G McCleave, C McCready, A McIntyre, R McLernon,
S Martin, T Mitchell, T Morrow, Jenny Palmer, John Palmer,
S P Porter, J Tinsley and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Service Transformation
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Head of Marketing and Communications (Ms A Goddard)
Member Services Manager
Senior IT Officer
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) welcomed those present to the meeting, in particular those Members newly elected to the Council. The Right Worshipful the Mayor also extended a welcome to the guests and members of the public seated in the public gallery. Councillor U Mackin also stated that it was appropriate to remember those former Members of Council who were not in the Chamber today for various reasons and thanked them for their work and commitment during the previous Council term.

Councillor R Carlin entered the meeting at 12.03 pm.

Councillor Mackin requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

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

At this point Councillor U Mackin advised that the Council's photographer was in attendance at the meeting and, for the purpose of the Council's Performance Improvement Plan, would be taking a number of photographs of the Council Chamber when the new Mayor had been elected and taken his seat in the Chamber.

Condolences

Councillor U Mackin remembered the following bereavements since the last meeting of Council:

- Mr Seamus Close OBE, former Mayor and Freeman of the City of Lisburn, who passed away on 7 May 2019. In line with Council protocol, a minute's silent was observed.
- Ms Cathy Sloan, sister of Ms Sue Logan, Human Resources, who passed away earlier in the month

Prayers

Councillor U Mackin, welcomed to the meeting the Youth & Pastoral Worker from Lisburn Congregational Church, Mr P Geary, Hillsborough, to the meeting. Mr Geary addressed the Council and said a prayer, during which he too remembered the bereaved families referred to by the Mayor.

Councillor U Mackin thanked Mr Geary for his attendance and Mr Geary left the meeting.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) outlined the engagements he had attended during the month. Councillor Mackin mentioned in particular the official opening of the Council's Garden of Reflection the previous day.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors M Guy, J Laverty, S Skillen and A Swan.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Annual Meeting Minutes

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8 June, 2018 which had been adopted and signed at the meeting of Council held on 26 June, 2018.

Address by Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) and Councillor A Grehan (Outgoing Deputy Mayor)

Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) thanked Councillor A Grehan (Outgoing Deputy Mayor) for her support during the year and invited her to address the Council.

Councillor A Grehan (Outgoing Deputy Mayor) stated that it had been her great honour and privilege to serve the Council and residents of the City in her role as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Grehan thanked a number of people who had supported her during her term of office including her party colleagues and the staff in the Mayor's Office.

Councillors O Gawith, M Henderson and J McCarthy, on behalf of their respective parties, paid tribute to the Outgoing Mayor and Outgoing Deputy Mayor for the way in which they had conducted their duties during their term of office.

Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) also expressed thanks to a number of people for their support throughout the year. He also thanked all Elected Members who had supported his charity events throughout the year and paid a particular tribute to those Members who had participated in the Mayor's Charity Committee. Councillor Mackin reported that almost £97,000 had been raised to date for his Mayoral Charity, Cancer Fund for Children.

At the request of the Outgoing Mayor, the Chief Executive undertook to pass on the thanks of the Outgoing Mayor to the Directors and all the staff of the Council for the efficient and professional manner in which they had carried out their duties during his term of office.

5. Appointing Parties to Positions of Responsibility and Non Positions of Responsibility (for 4 year term)

The Council at its meeting held on 16 April 2019 adopted a recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee of 10 April 2019 that the method for the election of positions of responsibility for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council be d'Hondt.

The Council's representatives on the undernoted bodies were also deemed position(s) of responsibility:

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| a) NI Housing Council | Agree 1 position for 4 year term |
| b) Reserve Forces Cadets | Agree 1 position for 4 year term |
| c) Partnership Panel | Agree 1 position for 4 year term |
| d) Arc21 | Agree 3 positions for 4 year term |
| e) PCSP | Agree 10 positions for 4 year term |

The undernoted non positions of responsibility had also been appointed using d'Hondt:

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| f) National Association of Councillors | Agree 8 positions for 4 year term |
| g) Northern Ireland Local Government Association | Agree 8 positions for 4 year term |

Information in regard to the following was displayed on the screens in the Council Chamber during the meeting.

- the appointment of political parties to positions of responsibility and non positions of responsibility for the four-year term, as put forward by the respective nominating officers, and
- the election of Members to positions of responsibility and non-positions of responsibility for the ensuing year (2019/2020), as put forward by the respective nominating officers.

6. Election of Mayor 2019/2020

At this stage, Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) thanked his colleagues for their comments and best wishes and declared the Office of Mayor and the Office of Deputy Mayor vacant and he and Councillor A Grehan removed their Chains of Office.

Councillor J Baird left the meeting at 12.59 pm and returned at 1.01 pm.
Councillor M Henderson left the meeting at 1.03 pm and returned at 1.05 pm.

Councillor A Grehan vacated her seat at the top table.

Councillor U Mackin (Outgoing Mayor) sought nominations for the Office of Mayor for the ensuing year 2019/20.

Councillor J Tinsley, as the nominating officer for the DUP, having commended the Outgoing Mayor for his work during the year, nominated Councillor A Givan for the position of Mayor of Lisburn & Castlereagh for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations for the Office of Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, declared Councillor A Givan elected Mayor of the City of Lisburn & Castlereagh for the year 2019/20.

Councillor A Givan was invested with his Chain of Office by the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, and signed the Declaration on Acceptance of Office.

Councillor U Mackin vacated his seat at this point.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, paid tribute to the Outgoing Mayor and Mayoress, and the Outgoing Deputy Mayor, and thanked them for all they had done for the Council throughout the year.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, having expressed thanks and appreciation for having been nominated to the position of Mayor, advised that his mayoral charity for the year would be Air Ambulance Northern Ireland and also that he intended dedicating one event to raising money for Spinal Research UK.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that his chaplain up until the New Year would be retired Pastor Geoffrey Ward, Lisburn Baptist Church, and that another chaplain would be appointed from the Castlereagh area in due course.

Alderman M Henderson on behalf of the Ulster Unionist Party congratulated The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and extended best wishes to Councillor Givan and his wife, Elizabeth, on the year ahead.

Councillors O Gawith and J McCarthy echoed the sentiments of the previous speaker and welcomed the Mayoral charities chosen by Councillor Givan.

7. Election of Deputy Mayor 2019/2020

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2019/20.

Councillor J McCarthy was proposed for the position of Deputy Mayor, as nominated by the party's nominating officer.

There being no further nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, declared Councillor J McCarthy elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Lisburn & Castlereagh for the year 2019/20.

Councillor J McCarthy was invested with his Chain of Office by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and signed the Declaration on Acceptance of Office.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, congratulated Councillor A Givan on his election to the position of Mayor and stated that he and his wife, Fiona, looked forward to working with him, over the coming year.

Councillor J McCarthy thanked his Party colleague for supporting him for the position of Deputy Mayor, and also thanked his former party colleague, Brian Hanvey, for his support during the previous year.

Councillors J Tinsley, O Gawith, M Henderson and R Carlin on behalf of their respective political parties, congratulated Councillor J McCarthy on his elevation to the post of Deputy Mayor and wished him well in his role in the year ahead.

Councillor R Carlin also extended congratulations to Councillor A Givan on his elevation to the post of Mayor.

8. Election of Members to Positions of Responsibility and Non Positions of Responsibility

Positions of Responsibility

8.1 Planning Committee

It was agreed that Councillor J Craig be elected Chairman and Councillor O Gawith be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2019/20.

8.2 Governance and Audit Committee

It was agreed that Councillor J Gallen be elected Chairman and Councillor S Eastwood be elected Vice-Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee for the year 2019/20.

8.3 Leisure and Community Development Committee

It was agreed that Councillor J Tinsley be elected Chairman and Councillor H Legge be elected Vice-Chairman of the Leisure and Community Development Committee for the year 2019/20.

8.4 Environmental Services Committee

It was agreed that Councillor J Baird be elected Chairman and Councillor T Morrow be elected Vice-Chairman of the Environmental Services Committee for the year 2019/20.

8.5 Development Committee

It was agreed that Councillor A G Ewart be elected Chairman and Councillor W J Dillon be elected Vice-Chairman of the Development Committee for the year 2019/20.

8.6 Corporate Services Committee

It was agreed that Councillor R Carlin be elected Chairman and Councillor S P Porter be elected Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee for the year 2019/20.

8.7 Capital Projects Committee

It was agreed that Councillor R T Beckett be elected Chairman and Councillor G McCleave be elected Vice-Chairman of the Capital Projects Committee for the year 2019/20.

Outside Bodies (Positions of Responsibility)

8.8 Northern Ireland Housing Council (4 Year Term)

It was agreed that Councillor A Grehan be nominated to represent the Council on the Northern Ireland Housing Council for the term of the Council.

8.9 Reserve Forces Cadets (4 Year Term)

It was agreed that Councillor J Tinsley be nominated to represent the Council on the Reserve Forces Cadets for the term of the Council.

8.10 Partnership Panel (4 Year Term)

It was agreed that Councillor S Hughes be nominated to represent the Council on the Partnership Panel for the term of the Council.

8.11 arc21 (4 Year Term)

It was agreed that the undernoted Members be nominated to represent the Council on arc21 for the term of the Council:

Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor M Gregg
Councillor S Lee

8.12 Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership
(4 Year Term)

It was agreed that the undernoted Members be nominated to the Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) for the term of the Council:

Councillor N Anderson
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor A Gowan
Councillor S Skillen
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor A Swan
Councillor M Guy
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor J McCarthy, Deputy Mayor
Councillor R Carlin

It was agreed that Councillor A P Ewing be elected as Chairman of PCSP for the ensuing year.

Non Positions of Responsibility

8.13 National Association of Councillors (4 year term)

It was agreed that the undernoted Members be nominated to represent the Council on the National Association of Councillors for the term of the Council:

Councillor A Grehan
Councillor S Martin
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor N Trimble
Councillor H Legge
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor J Craig

8.14 Northern Ireland Local Government Association (4 Year Term)

It was agreed that the undernoted Members be nominated to represent the Council on the Northern Ireland Local Government Association:

Councillor A Grehan
Councillor S Martin
Councillor W J Dillon
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor A G Ewart

9 Appointing Parties to Committees (for 4 Year Term)

The Council at its meeting held on 16 April 2019 adopted a recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee of 10 April 2019 that the method for the election to Committees be Quota Greatest Remainder.

It was agreed that the appointing of parties to Committees for the four year term, as circulated, be agreed.

10 Committee Membership 2019/2020

10.1 Planning Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Planning Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor J Craig (Chairman)
Councillor O Gawith (Vice Chairman)
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor C McCready
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor A Swan
Councillor John Palmer
Councillor W J Dillon
Councillor M Gregg
Councillor A Grehan
Councillor J McCarthy

10.2 Governance and Audit Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Governance and Audit Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor J Gallen (Chairman)
Councillor S Eastwood (Vice Chairman)
Councillor S Carson
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor S P Porter
Councillor A Gowan
Councillor J Lavery
Councillor S Lee

Councillor John Palmer
Councillor S Hughes
Councillor N Trimble
Councillor J Baird
Councillor G McCleave
Councillor S Martin
Councillor A Grehan

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, were ex-officio Members of the above Committee.

10.3 Leisure and Community Development Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Leisure and Community Development Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor J Tinsley (Chairman)
Councillor H Legge (Vice Chairman)
Councillor S Skillen
Councillor R T Beckett
Councillor A Gowan
Councillor N Anderson
Councillor J Craig
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Councillor R McLernon
Councillor N Trimble
Councillor R Carlin
Councillor T Morrow
Councillor M Guy
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor A Grehan

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, were ex-officio Members of the above Committee.

10.4 Environmental Services Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Environmental Services Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor J Baird (Chairman)
Councillor T Morrow (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Tinsley
Councillor S Skillen
Councillor S P Porter
Councillor C McCready
Councillor J Craig
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor S Lee
Councillor M Henderson

Councillor R McLernon
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor O Gawith
Councillor S Eastwood
Councillor M Gregg

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, were ex-officio Members of the above Committee.

10.5 Development Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Development Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor A G Ewart (Chairman)
Councillor W J Dillon (Vice Chairman)
Councillor S Carson
Councillor R T Beckett
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor N Anderson
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor J Baird
Councillor H Legge
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor G McCleave
Councillor T Morrow
Councillor A Grehan
Councillor D Honeyford
Councillor J Gallen

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, were ex-officio Members of the above Committee.

10.6 Corporate Services Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Corporate Services Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor R Carlin (Chairman)
Councillor S P Porter (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Lavery
Councillor S Carson
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor A G Ewart
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor A Swan
Councillor S Hughes
Councillor N Trimble
Councillor John Palmer
Councillor S Martin

Councillor M Guy
Councillor D Honeyford
Councillor J McCarthy

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, were ex-officio Members of the above Committee.

(See Minutes of Council Meeting of 25 June 2019 confirming the change in SDLP membership to Councillor J Gallen).

10.7 Capital Projects Committee

It was agreed that the membership of the Capital Projects Committee for the year 2019/20 be as follows:

Councillor R T Beckett (Chairman)
Councillor G McCleave (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Lavery
Councillor A G Ewart
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor A Gowan
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Councillor H Legge
Councillor S Hughes
Councillor S Martin
Councillor S Eastwood
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor J Gallen

It was noted that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, were ex-officio Members of the above Committee.

11 Election of Aldermen (for 4 Year Term)

It was agreed that the undernoted Members be elected to the position of Aldermen for the term of the Council:

Councillor S P Porter
Councillor J Tinsley
Councillor A G Ewart
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor J Baird
Councillor W J Dillon
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor T Morrow
Councillor S Martin
Councillor A Grehan

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At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, extended best wishes to the newly elected Aldermen and also to Members in regard to their respective Committee positions.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor invited Members and guests to lunch in Lighters Restaurant following the meeting.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 1.30 pm.

Mayor