

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Development Committee and the Leisure & Community Development Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday 4 April, 2017 at 5:30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor T Morrow (Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor,
Councillor RB Bloomfield MBE

Aldermen D Drysdale, AG Ewart, WA Leathem, SP Porter
and J Tinsley

Councillors RT Beckett, AP Ewing, O Gawith, A Givan, J
Gray MBE, V Kamble, H Legge, A McIntyre, U Mackin, C
Quinn and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Leisure & Community Services
Lead Head of Development
Head of Service (Cultural & Amenity)
Head of Service (Parks & Amenities)
Head of Service (Sports Services)
Museums Curator
Member Services Officer

Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council

Mr Robert McVeigh, Chairman
Mr Conal Heatley, Executive Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, welcomed everyone to the special joint meeting of the Development Committee and the Leisure & Community Development Committee.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman S Martin, Alderman M Henderson MBE, Councillor N Anderson, Councillor J Gallen, Councillor M Tolerton and Councillor R Walker

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman invited Members to declare any Conflicts of Interest they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement to complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard, which had been provided at the meeting. There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3. Report of the Director of Leisure & Community Services and the Lead Head of Development

3.1 Presentation by the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council

Members were advised that the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council presentation would cover arrangements for the Commonwealth Games taking place on the Gold Coast in 2018 and the proposed bid by Northern Ireland and Belfast to hold the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2021. It was noted that a business case in respect of this bid had been submitted to Central Government but had not yet been approved.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting the representatives of the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council, Mr Robert McVeigh, Chairman, and Mr Conal Heatley, Executive Officer.

Mr Heatley provided the Committee with a powerpoint and video presentation outlining the forthcoming events being organised by the NI Commonwealth Games Council:

- Participation of the NI Team in the Bahamas Youth Games - 18-23 July 2017
- The Queen's Baton Relay – 28-30 August 2017
- Participation of the NI Team in the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games – 4-15 April 2018

(Alderman D Drysdale arrived at 5.45 pm)

Members noted that a reception to mark the one year to go to the Gold Coast Games and announce the official equipment supplier had been held in Lisburn earlier in the day.

Mr Heatley further reported on the successful bid to bring the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games to Northern Ireland and advised that a new company, Belfast 2021 CIC, had been set up to work with the Commonwealth Games Federation to deliver the games. He outlined the strengths of Northern Ireland as a venue and the opportunities that the Games would present for issues such as tourism and commerce, sports development and volunteering. He also identified the many sporting and other agencies who were partners/stakeholders in the bid and the budget for the event.

Mr Heatley and Mr McVeigh then answered Members' questions which included the following:

- Venues for specific events had not yet been identified and final decisions regarding venues would be made by Belfast 2021 CIC and the CWGF.
- Gymnastics was not included in the 2017 Bahamas Youth Games but this did not preclude the sport being included in the 2021 games.
- Councils supporting the 2021 Youth Games would be acknowledged in promotional material and activities.
- Of the contribution by local government, it was anticipated that approximately half would come from Belfast City Council; sports venues would extend beyond Belfast and Councils could become partners in the games and, where appropriate, be given hosting rights.
- In previous years, over half of the 26 Councils had supported the NI Commonwealth Games Council in sending a NI Team.
- Coming up to the games, it was expected that teams would organise reciprocal visits to Northern Ireland and that teams from farther afield outside Europe would arrange holding camps in Northern Ireland,

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council for their presentation.

4. Any Other Business

There was no any other business.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.13 pm.

Mayor/Chairman