

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Remote Monthly Meeting of Council held on Wednesday
15 December 2021 at 6:03 pm****PRESENT IN
CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman S Martin

Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, A G Ewart MBE,
A Grehan, M Henderson MBE and J Tinsley

Councillors D J Craig, A P Ewing, A Givan, M Gregg,
D Honeyford, H Legge, U Mackin, G McCleave, C McCready,
Jenny Palmer, John Palmer and A Swan

**PRESENT IN REMOTE
LOCATION:**

Aldermen D Drysdale, O Gawith and S P Porter

Councillors N Anderson, R T Beckett, S Carson,
S Eastwood, J Gallen, A Gowan, M Guy, S Hughes,
J Lavery BEM, S Lee, S Lowry, J McCarthy, A McIntyre,
R McLernon and S Skillen

**IN ATTENDANCE IN
CHAMBER:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Chief Executive
Member Services Officer (BS)
Member Services Officer (CR)
Technician
IT Officer

Reverend Cheryl Meban, Chaplain at the Presbyterian
Church, Ulster University

**IN ATTENDANCE IN
REMOTE LOCATION:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director of Service Transformation
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Head of Building Control

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, welcomed those present to the December meeting of Council, which was being live-streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. For the purpose of those people watching on the live-stream The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that just prior to the commencement of the meeting Members had been

Commencement of the Meeting (Cont'd)

entertained by a Christmas video produced by Lisburn Community Choir, the young people of which had been due to perform at the 'Christmas at the Castle' event here in Lisburn on Friday, 26 November 2021 but due to Storm Arwen they had been unable to do so. In recognition of their hard work and dedication it was decided to share the video with Members of the Council that evening. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked all involved with the Lisburn Community Choir for their efforts in making the Christmas video.

At this point the Chief Executive read out the safety announcements.

Councillors H Legge and A Swan entered the meeting during the safety announcements (6.04 pm).

For the purpose of the livestream, the Member Services Officer read out the names of those Members in attendance at the meeting.

Alderman D Drysdale joined the meeting at 6.06 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor asked that mobile phones be turned off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting. He also advised that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, whilst the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed condolences in respect of the following bereavements:

- Melanie Finn, City Centre Management Office, Economic Development Unit, whose father passed away the previous weekend
- family of Aaron Webb (12 years) who had lost his young life as a result of a road traffic incident the previous weekend

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, having welcomed to the meeting Reverend Cheryl Meban, Chaplain at the Presbyterian Church, Ulster University, invited Rev Meban to address the Council.

Rev Meban addressed the Council and concluded with a prayer, during which she remembered the bereavements referred to by The Right Worshipful the Mayor. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Rev Meban for her contribution that evening and also for her support during his mayoral term to date. He wished Rev Meban a Merry Christmas following which she left the meeting (6.18 pm).

1.2 Mayor's Engagements

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor and Deputy Mayor since the previous meeting of Council. The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks and appreciation to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, for having deputised for him on occasions during the month.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor stated that December had been a particularly busy month and mentioned in particular:

- visits to nursing and residential homes across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area. The Right Worshipful the Mayor said it had been heartening to be able to carry out these visits this year and paid tribute to the work and commitment of all the staff the above-mentioned care homes.
- visits to local primary schools. The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed the engagement with the young people and wished to commend the art project which had been unveiled in Graham Gardens recently through the work of the Connected Minds Committee with the support of Barnardos during the past 12 months. He said that this project had turned part of our City Centre into something extraordinary and that he was grateful for that ingenuity and leadership of the Connected Minds Committee.
- the work and support of churches and community groups during the past year. The Right Worshipful the Mayor paid tribute to the efforts of these organisations in supporting the communities at this time.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor Hon N Trimble and the Director of Environmental Services.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor D J Craig declared a pecuniary interest in connection with item 7.1 of the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee of 8 December 2021 Consultation on the Draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2022 in view of his membership of the Education Authority and submitted a completed Declaration of Interest form.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor asked that any Member on Zoom who required to leave the meeting for any reason to send a message to the Member Services Officer via the 'chat' function.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Meeting of Council held on 23 November 2021

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 November 2021 be confirmed and signed.

4.2 Special Meeting of Council held on 29 November 2021

It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 29 November 2021 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Meeting of Council held on 23 November 2021

Alderman M Henderson wished to convey thanks and appreciation to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Elected Members, the Chief Executive and Council staff for their support and kind messages of sympathy that he had received in recent weeks following the passing of his wife.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman A Grehan, seconded by Councillor John Palmer, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), Unit 5B, Castlereagh Business Parl. 478 Castlereagh Road, Belfast BT5 6BQ – Lease for First Floor Bradford Court
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and McKinstry Skip Hire Ltd, 81-83 Belfast Road, Crumlin, Co Antrim BT29 4TL – T21/22-026 Contract for the Collection and Recycling of Cardboard from Council Household Recycling Centres
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Bidvest Noonan (UK) Ltd, Unit 7, Edgewater Business Park, Belfast, Co Antrim BT3 9JQ – T21/22-009 Tender for the Provision of Security Services

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Environmental Services Committee

1 December 2021

Proposed by Councillor A P Ewing

Seconded by Councillor C McCready

Matters Arising

Social Media Recycling Videos

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, commended the Chairman of the Environmental Services Committee, Councillor A P Ewing, for his efforts in relation the recycling videos that had been uploaded to social media recently which he said would go some way to promoting the importance of recycling.

Development Committee

2 December 2021

Proposed by Alderman A Grehan

Seconded by Councillor H Legge

Adopted subject to the following amendment:

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Hillsborough Forest – Orienteering Proposal

the name of the seconder of the proposal, Councillor G McCready, being changed to read Councillor C McCready.

Leisure and Community Development Committee

7 December 2021

Proposed by Councillor S Skillen

Seconded by Councillor D J Craig

Corporate Services Committee

8 December 2021

Proposed by Councillor J Laverty

Seconded by Alderman W J Dillon

Councillor D J Craig left the meeting at 6.29 pm

Governance & Audit Committee

9 December 2021

Proposed by Councillor John Palmer

Seconded by Alderman J Baird

Councillor D J Craig returned to the meeting at 6.30 pm.

Planning Committee

1 November 2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1 November 2021 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 6 December 2021. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor M Gregg, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There were no reports from the Chief Executive for consideration at the meeting.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

There were no reports from Members on Boards

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

There were no reports on decisions subject to the reconsideration procedure.

12. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for consideration.

13. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business for consideration.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Temple Motor Cycle & Athletic Club Centenary
Councillor S Carson

Councillor S Carson advised that Temple Motor Cycle & Athletic Club had been celebrating its centenary during 2021, having been formed in 1921. Councillor Carson stated that this Club continued to be very active particularly in regards to moto-cross events.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, agreed, at the request of Councillor S Carson, to host a reception to mark this Club's centenary in the New Year subject to Covid-19 restrictions at that time.

14.2 Lisburn Elim City Church – Thanks and Appreciation
Alderman S P Porter

On behalf of Lisburn Elim City Church Alderman S P Porter wished to convey thanks and appreciation to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, and Officers concerned in connection with the tree-planting event in Wallace Park the previous month to mark Church's centenary year. Alderman Porter reminded Members that he had raised the matter of Lisburn Elim City Church's centenary year at the October meeting of Council.

14.2 Lisburn Elim City Church – Thanks and Appreciation (Cont'd)
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter commended The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, in regard to his efforts to date during his Mayoral term and extended good wishes to him for the next six months of his term of office.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, thanked Alderman Porter for his good wishes and also for the opportunity to be involved in the tree planting celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of Lisburn Elim City Church.

14.3 Remuneration to NHS Staff
Alderman W J Dillon

Alderman W J Dillon reported that the £500 remuneration payment from the Government to NHS staff in recognition of their efforts to date during the Covid-19 pandemic, which had been outstanding for a number of months, had been paid to the respective health care workers the previous day. Alderman Dillon expressed thanks to the relevant Departments in the NI Executive for their efforts in progressing this payment which he stated would be much appreciated by the recipients just prior to Christmas.

14.4 Lagan Valley Hospital Walk-In Facility for Covid-19 Vaccinations
Councillor Jenny Palmer

Councillor Jenny Palmer advised that she had been made aware earlier that evening of a number of people having been turned away from the walk-in facility for Covid-19 booster vaccinations at Lagan Valley Hospital. These people were being advised that due to the large numbers having turned up at the walk-in facility they should make an appointment for their booster vaccination instead. Some people had been turned away even though they were queueing inside the building (and not outside) and there did not seem to be many people in front of them.

Councillor Palmer asked that the Chief Executive contact the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust the following day to follow up on the difficulties being experienced at the walk-in vaccination facility at Lagan Valley Hospital. Councillor Jenny Palmer was concerned that if this facility was not working for the local community this would result in people having to travel to either the Ulster Hospital or Down Hospital which would be a major inconvenience at this time of year.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor stated that it was good to receive this feedback and that it important that the Council does all it can to help people coming forward for vaccinations in making sure the community stays safe and well. The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed appreciation to all the key health & social care workers as they ramp up the vaccination booster programme and prepare for the winter months ahead.

14.5 Parking Penalties – McKeown Street, Lisburn
Councillor D J Craig

Councillor J Craig referred to the on-going issue of parking fines being issued to residents and businesses in McKeown Street, Lisburn, by a private parking company on what was a public road. Councillor Craig reported that a number of concerned constituents had approached him recently to advise that they had now received communication from a private debt collector on behalf of the parking company concerned demanding payment.

It was agreed at the request of Councillor D J Craig that the Council writes again to DfI Roads to update on the current situation and asking DfI Roads for a further update in regard to this matter.

14.6 Thanks and Appreciation and Sentiments of the Season
Alderman A Grehan

Alderman A Grehan on behalf of the Alliance Party on the Council wished to convey her thanks to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, for his hard work and commitment during his Mayoral term to date. Alderman Grehan also wished to thank the Chief Executive, Directors, Heads of Service and all the Council staff for their efforts during a very difficult year.

Alderman Grehan wished all Members and Officers present a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

14.7 McKeown Street Parking Fines
Alderman J Tinsley

Comments were noted from Alderman J Tinsley in connection with the matter of parking fines issued in McKeown Street, Lisburn, (item 14.5 above refers). Alderman Tinsley advised that he too had been contacted on this matter by constituents and that his constituency office had contacted DfI Roads earlier that day. DfI Roads had advised that from their perspective nothing had changed and that McKeown Street was still a public road.

14.8 Thanks and Sentiments of the Season
Alderman J Tinsley

Alderman J Tinsley extended good wishes to The Right Worshipful the Mayor in relation to his busy Mayoral schedule in the run up to Christmas. Alderman Tinsley stated that it was nice to see the Mayor getting out and about on his Christmas visits which was to an extent a sense of normality during these difficult times. He stated that this was greatly appreciated by the communities concerned.

Alderman Tinsley paid tribute to the work of Council Officers during the past year and in particular commended the efforts of Council staff for the Christmas light display in Castle Gardens which was being enjoyed by many during this difficult time. Alderman Tinsley was hopeful everyone would also remember the real reason for the Christmas season.

14.9 Carryduff Christmas Markets
Councillor J Gallen

Councillor J Gallen reminded everyone that the Carryduff Christmas markets would be in place from Friday, 17th December and would be open from 4 pm – 8 pm. Councillor Gallen expressed thanks and appreciation to the Director of Service Transformation and the Regeneration and Infrastructure Manager and her team for their efforts in bringing forward the Christmas Markets in Carryduff which he said had been progressed in a timely and efficient manner.

Councillor J Gallen, on behalf of the SDLP on the Council, thanked The Right Worshipful the Mayor and Council staff for all their hard work during the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

14.10 Christmas Lights in Carryduff
Alderman M Henderson

Alderman M Henderson put on record his thanks and appreciation to all the Council staff involved for their efforts in relation to the Christmas lights and decorations in Carryduff this year.

Alderman Henderson, on behalf of the UUP on the Council, also wished to express thanks and appreciation to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Elected Members, the Chief Executive and Council staff for their hard work during the past year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

14.11 Sentiments of the Season
Councillor S Lee and Councillor G McCleave

Councillor S Lee, the Council's Green Party representative, wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Councillor G McCleave, on behalf of the Sinn Fein party on the Council, also wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

14.12 Lisburn Old Vehicle Club
Councillor John Palmer

Councillor John Palmer advised the Council that Lisburn Old Vehicle would be celebrating its 10th year in 2022, and that the first event of the Club had been the Mayor's Parade in 2012. Councillor Palmer indicated that Officers from the Club had been in touch with the Council's Head of Parks and Amenities in connection with a number of 10th anniversary events by Lisburn Old Vehicle Club that would be happening next year subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

14.13 Thanks to Council Staff and Sentiments of the Season
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, reported that he, along with Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, had opportunity to visit many of the staff teams across the Council earlier in the week. He stated that it had been a

14.13 Thanks to Council Staff and Sentiments of the Season (Cont'd)
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin

privilege to have the opportunity to spend time and chat to these teams to hear their experiences and challenges during this past year. The Right Worshipful the Mayor stated that Council staff were essential workers and that without them we, as a Council, could not provide the necessary public services. He stated that the Council was very grateful for all the efforts and commitment of staff during the year.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor also wished those members of the public who were watching on the livestream, as well as all the residents across the Council area, a Merry Christmas.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that following the meeting Members in attendance in the Council Chamber and those in attendance remotely would be entertained by a short Christmas video of singing and music by Members and local musicians which had been recorded remotely.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, thanked those present for their attendance and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 6.47 pm.

Mayor