

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 26 July, 2016 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor R B Bloomfield MBE

Deputy Mayor
Alderman S Martin

Aldermen, D Drysdale, A G Ewart, M Henderson MBE,
T Jeffers, W A Leathem, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, S Carson, D J Craig,
A P Ewing, O Gawith, J Gray MBE, B Hanvey, H Legge,
J McCarthy, A McIntyre, U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell,
John Palmer, L Poots, A Redpath, S Scott, M Tolerton,
N Trimble and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Environmental Services
Lead Head of Economic Development
Lead Head of Planning and Building Control
Head of Service (Sports Services)
Community Planning Manager
Marketing Officer
Committee Secretary
Attendance Clerk

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, welcomed those present to the meeting and requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

Prayers

At the invitation of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, Rev Canon K McReynolds, addressed the Council and said a prayer, during which he made particular reference to the recent terrorist atrocities in Nice and Munich.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, outlined the engagements he had attended during the month as follows:

- Somme Commemoration in France, which the Mayor had attended with several other Elected Members and Officers. During the trip, services had been held at Thiepval Memorial, the Ulster Tower and the Irish Cross at Guillemont. The Mayor explained that due to the limited availability of tickets, half the Members had attended the commemoration service at Thiepval Memorial and half had attended the service at the Ulster Tower. Wreaths had been presented on behalf of the Council at each of the events. All Members had attended a Beating Retreat event at the Ulster Tower, which had been held by the full band of the Royal Irish Regiment (RIR), and this had been a very impressive demonstration of music and marching by the RIR;
- National Day of Commemoration Ceremony in Dublin, along with the UUP party leader;
- meeting with a large group of Wallace High School Year 8 pupils in Wallace Park to acknowledge connections with Sir Richard Wallace and his contribution to the City of Lisburn and its character;
- official launch of the MCE Insurance Ulster Grand Prix at Lagan Valley Island;
- Autism NI Lisburn Branch Summer Scheme at Trinity Methodist Church;
- retirement receptions for (a) Harry Greer, former Principal of Harmony Hill Primary School for 14 years; and (b) Hilda Francey, who had given a lifetime of service as a Diabetic Nurse at Lagan Valley Hospital. Councillor Bloomfield thanked Councillor Tolerton for having brought the retirement of Hilda Francey to his attention;
- community festival at the Enler Day Centre, organised by the Ballybeen Action Group. Councillor Bloomfield thanked Councillor S Scott for hosting him at this event and showing him around; and
- North Lisburn Community Investment Fun Day at Rathvarna Drive, Lisburn.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, stated that the Deputy Mayor had deputised for him at a number of events during the time he was out of the country and thanked him for this.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, indicated that letters of sympathy had been written in the name of Elected Members of Council and citizens of Lisburn and Castlereagh to the Mayors of Nice and Munich following recent atrocities that had taken place in those cities. The Mayor had also corresponded with Reverend A Bill, Minister of Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church, following the previous weekend's arson attacks on both the church and church hall.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen W J Dillon MBE and G Rice MBE, Councillors R T Beckett, P Catney, J Gallen, A Girvin, A Givan, A Grehan, V Kamble and T Morrow and

the Director of Leisure and Community Services.

3. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

- Councillor J McCarthy declared an interest in item 9.6 “Brexit – Making Sense of the Crisis Conference”, in light of the fact that his fiancée worked for the conference organisers, Agenda NI; and
- Alderman M Henderson, declared an interest in any discussion that may arise in relation to Autism NI as his daughter subscribed to that organisation. This matter was discussed during the meeting under item 14.4.

4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor O Gawith and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 June, 2016 be confirmed and signed, subject to the following amendment:

Page 581 – Matters Arising from the Leisure and Community Development Committee Meeting on 7 June, 2016

Alderman S P Porter referred to the final paragraph of this item where reference was made to the “outgoing Vice-Chairman, Councillor T Morrow”. Alderman Porter pointed out that Councillor Morrow was the new Chairman of the Leisure and Community Development Committee. It was agreed that the name of Councillor T Morrow be changed to Councillor A McIntyre.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, advised that some names in the minutes of the June Council meeting, as circulated to Members, were spelt incorrectly. These had been amended in the copy of the minutes for signature.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

There were no legal documents.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

It was agreed that the minutes and recommendations of the undernoted meetings be adopted, subject to any changes recorded below:

Special Leisure and Community Development Committee **5 July, 2016**

Proposed by Alderman S P Porter

Seconded by Councillor R Walker

For Noting

Planning Committee

6 June, 2016

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 6 June, 2016 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 4 July, 2016. It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor U Mackin and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

It was agreed that the reports and recommendations of the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

Items for Decision

9.1 Northern Ireland Local Government Association – Invoice for National Employer and Related External Partnership Work

Members were provided with a copy of an invoice in the sum of £3,845.46 (excluding VAT) from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) regarding the national employer and related external partnership work by the Local Government Associations. These costs had previously been deducted at source from the Rates' General Grant, but now required to be paid individually by councils. The invoiced amount represented the Council's contribution in relation to this expenditure. It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the invoice in the sum of £3,845.46 be paid.

9.2 Programme for Government

Members were reminded that the Council had accepted a recommendation from a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 21 June, 2016, that the above consultation document be referred to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) with the CPP formulating and submitting a response on behalf of the Council by the required date of 22 July, 2016.

Members were provided with (a) a copy of the response drawn up in consultation with relevant CPP stakeholders and submitted as part of the consultation on the

Programme for Government; and (b) a copy of the response submitted by NILGA to the draft Programme for Government framework.

9.2 Programme for Government (Contd)

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell and agreed that (a) the response submitted by the CPP on behalf of the Council be approved; and (b) the response submitted by NILGA be noted.

9.3 Childhood Cancer Foundation – International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2016

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 11 July, 2016 from the Childhood Cancer Foundation asking that the Council considers lighting its offices in gold on a nominated day in September 2016, which was International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th September, 2016 had been identified as the potential dates. It was proposed by Councillor J McCarthy, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing and agreed that the request from the Childhood Cancer Foundation be approved and that the light-up be on Thursday, 1 September, 2016.

9.4 The Somme Association
Somme/Guillemont Tour 2016 – 1-5 September, 2016

Members were provided with a copy of a provisional itinerary for the Somme/Guillemont Tour being organised by the Somme Association from 1-5 September, 2016 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Guillemont involving the 16th (Irish) Division, as part of the four-month offensive on the Somme. The cost of a Member's attendance on the tour had been estimated at £975.65, which was based on single room occupancy and on the understanding that the price provided by the Somme Association was an estimate at this stage.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, pointed out that a number of Members had been to the Somme this year and he understood that, over the course of the 4 year council term, it was anticipated that all Members would have the opportunity to participate in the annual trip to the Somme.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that (a) the Council prepare an estimate for making its own arrangements for the trip; (b) 2-3 Members attend the tour (to include the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee, or their nominees), together with an Officer; and (c) arrangements be made by the Council if its estimated costing for attendance was more economically beneficial than booking with the Somme Association.

Councillor A McIntyre referred to the comments made by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, and stated that Members attending this tour in September would reduce the number of Members attending the annual Somme trip in future years.

9.5 Best Local Food and Drink Product in Northern Ireland

Members were provided with a copy of correspondence dated 19 July, 2016 from Katy Best, George Best City Airport, inviting the Council, on behalf of its local companies, to participate in an initiative that would lead to a single Northern Irish

9.5 Best Local Food and Drink Product in Northern Ireland (Contd)

company being selected to receive a significant marketing prize. The initiative would take the form of a competition for the best local food and drink product in Northern Ireland and the airport was asking the Council to select, on a competitive basis, its best three food and drink producers to go forward into a Northern Ireland wide competition. It was proposed by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that the Council accept the invitation to participate in this initiative.

9.6 Brexit – Making Sense of the Crisis Conference
6 September, 2016 – Baby Grand, Belfast

Members having been provided with details of the above conference, the estimated cost of a Member's attendance at which was £206.05, it was proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Alderman W A Leathem and agreed that no nominations be made for attendance at this conference.

9.7 NIPSA Correspondence – Closure of Regional Electoral Offices

Members were advised of receipt of correspondence from NIPSA by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, requesting to attend a meeting of Council to inform Members of the proposals to close regional electoral offices and centralise functions to Belfast, as well as what it currently understood were the plans for the transfer of electoral staff to councils.

Aldermen J Tinsley and W A Leathem expressed concerns about receiving representations from Trade Unions and stated that, based on advice received, it had been practice in the former Lisburn City Council not to receive such presentations.

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor J Baird and agreed that NIPSA representatives not be received at a future meeting, but that an invitation be extended to Mr G Shields, Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, to attend a meeting to discuss the closure of regional Electoral Offices from the Electoral Office's perspective. It was further agreed that Mr Shields be invited to attend a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.

9.8 Department for Infrastructure

9.8.1 Removal of an Accessible/Blue Badge Parking Bay at 4
Cherryhill Gardens, Dundonald

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 12 June, 2016, together with an accompanying plan, regarding a proposal to remove an accessible/blue badge parking bay at 4 Cherryhill Gardens, Dundonald. It was proposed by Alderman T Jeffers, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that the proposal be supported.

9.8.2 Proposed Waiting Restriction – Fort Hill, Lisburn

Alderman J Tinsley and the Mayor's Chaplain left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.32 pm).

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 1 July, 2016, together with an accompanying map, regarding a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Fort Hill, Lisburn. It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor S Carson and agreed that this proposal be supported. Councillor Carson referred to problems in the Autumn time at this location relating to fallen leaves making the lines on the road invisible to motorists and requested that (a) the letter to the Department for Infrastructure ask that steps be taken to keep the road clear of leaves to ensure motorists were aware of the waiting restrictions in place; and (b) the Street Cleansing Unit of the Council's Environmental Services Department also be made aware of this issue.

Items for Noting

9.9 Lisburn Courthouse

Members were provided with:

- (a) a copy of a letter dated 27 June, 2016 from the Department of Justice advising that it would not be appropriate to take representations in respect of those courthouses which were currently subject to judicial review (including Lisburn courthouse); and
- (b) a copy of a letter dated 5 July, 2016 from the NI Courts and Tribunals Service advising that, following consultation with the current Justice Minister, it had been agreed to designate Enniskillen courthouse as a Hearing Centre, information on which was included in the letter.

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the contents of the above correspondence be noted.

9.10 Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme (NIBSP)

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 30 June, 2016 from the Executive Director of Invest NI regarding the Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme (NIBSP). It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the contents of this correspondence be noted.

9.11 Knockmore/M1 Link Road

Further to the decision at the Council meeting held on 31 May, 2016 that the Council reiterate its request to meet with the Minister who had now been appointed following the NI Assembly elections to discuss the above, Members were provided with a copy of a response dated 8 June, 2016 received from the Department for Infrastructure in this regard. It was proposed by Councillor

D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the contents of this correspondence be noted.

9.12 Junction of McKinstry Road and The Cutts, Derriaghy – Traffic Signal Filter Light Request – Oakwood Integrated Primary School

Alderman J Tinsley returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.35 pm).

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 7 July, 2016 from the Department for Infrastructure in response to representations by the Council in regard to concerns expressed by residents in relation to the safety of school children attending Oakwood Integrated Primary School and the request to provide a filter light. It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the contents of the correspondence be noted.

Councillor M Tolerton thanked the Chief Executive for having written to the Department of Infrastructure regarding this matter. She advised that she was working closely with the Rt Hon Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP, who was writing to the Minister for Infrastructure seeking a meeting with him in August at the junction of McKinstry Road and The Cutts, at which time he would be presented with the signed petition to have a filter light provided. Councillor Tolerton also advised that the Director of Environmental Services and the Head of Service (Technical and Estates) were currently giving consideration to the opening hours of The Cutts Civic Amenity Site in an effort to establish if there was a pattern of traffic difficulties associated with site traffic and would have a response prepared by the end of August.

Following comments regarding the estimated cost of £750-£800k to carry out a scheme to provide a filter light, as advised in the correspondence from the Department, it was proposed by Councillor J McCarthy, seconded by Alderman W A Leathem and agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure (a) requesting a breakdown of the estimated cost; and (b) referring to a scheme carried out a number of years ago in close proximity to this location when a roundabout had been replaced unnecessarily by traffic signalisation, at a cost of £750k, which the former Lisburn City Council had objected to.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, pointed out that, in addition to writing to the Minister, representatives from TransportNI would be in attendance at a special meeting of Council on 15 August, 2016 and this matter could be raised at that time.

9.13 Junior Doctors Contract in England

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 28 June, 2016 from the Department of Health in response to representations by the Council in regard to the Government changes to the Junior Doctors Contract in England. It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the contents of this correspondence be noted.

Councillor A McIntyre thanked the Chief Executive for having written to the Health Minister regarding this matter and welcomed the response received.

9.13 Junior Doctors Contract in England (Contd)

Councillor N Anderson expressed concern that a Member had made a copy of the letter from the Department available on social media in advance of tonight's meeting. Councillor A McIntyre pointed out that the papers for the meeting were available for the public to view on the Council's website.

9.14 NI Ombudsman Annual Report 2015-2016

Members were advised of receipt of notification from the NI Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) that the Annual Report of the Assembly Ombudsman/ Commissioner for Complaints for the year 2015-2016, together with the press release which accompanied its publication, were available on the NIPSO website. It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that this information be noted.

9.15 Ulster University Annual Review 2015

Members were advised of receipt of notification from the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Ulster University, that a copy of its Annual Review for 2015 was available at <http://bit.ly/UlsterUniAR2015>. It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that this information be noted.

9.16 BBC Audience Council Northern Ireland Annual Review 2015/16

Members were provided with a copy of an email dated 14 July, 2016 from Dr Aideen McGinley OBE, BBC National Trustee and Chair of Audience Council for Northern Ireland, advising that the BBC had published a review of BBC performance for audiences in Northern Ireland in 2015/2016 which had been carried out by the BBC Audience Council Northern Ireland, an independent advisory body to the Trust. It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that this information be noted.

Additional Report

Items for Decision

- 9.17 S/2011/0659/F – 5 Pond Park Road East, Lisburn, BT12 3RQ
Proposal – Engineering works incorporating the extraction of rock over a 5 year period to facilitate the extension of the existing storage area; also the construction of a replacement workshop, a fabrication shed and the installation and operation of a replacement concrete plant, aggregate storage bays and retention of a settlement lagoon – Notice of Opinion to Approve

Following consideration of the above matter at the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 April, 2016 and subsequent correspondence to the Department, the Department had agreed to the Council's request to hold a Public Inquiry into its

position of a 'Notice of Opinion to Approve' the proposal. The Department had asked the Commission to conduct the proceedings and a date had been agreed

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for 4 October, 2016. As the statement of case must be submitted to the Commission by Monday, 15 August, 2016, it was extremely important to agree the position moving forward.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that:

- (a) the Council support the decision of the Planning Committee to call the Public Inquiry; and
- (b) due to the very tight timescales, delegated authority be granted to the Planning Committee to process the necessary documentation and route of travel.

- 9.18 Event – Excellence in Local Government
25-26 October, 2016 – Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick

Members were provided with details of the above event. As NILGA had been able to secure a limited number of complimentary invitations, the cost for attendance was in relation to travelling expenses only. It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell and agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee attend the event.

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.

13. Confidential Business

It was agreed that the reports and recommendations of the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

13. Confidential Business (Contd)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, advised that the matters contained in the confidential report and additional confidential report would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing (a) information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a Government Department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council (items 13.1 and 13.3); (b) relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) (items 13.2 and 13.5); and (c) which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual (item 13.4).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor S Scott, seconded by Councillor J McCarthy and agreed that the items in the Confidential Report be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

Items for Decision

13.1 Geographical Information Systems/Geographical Information Officer

Members having been provided with a copy of a business case to support the employment of Geographical Information Systems and a Geographical Information Officer, it was proposed by Alderman W A Leathem, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that the business case be approved.

13.2 Residual Waste Treatment Project

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of a letter dated 28 June, 2016 from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council in regard to the Residual Waste Treatment Project.

Members were reminded that, at the Council meeting held on 28 June, 2016, it had been agreed that arc21 be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting of Council in order to clarify a number of issues raised in relation to the above project. It was agreed that representatives from arc21 be invited to attend the meeting of Council to be held on 23 August, 2016.

Items for Noting

13.3 2016-2018 Pay Scales and Allowances

Members were provided with:

- (a) a copy of correspondence dated 17 March, 2016 from the JNC for Chief Officers of Local Authorities outlining the pay agreement covering the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018; and

- (b) a copy of correspondence dated 16 May, 2016 from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services outlining the pay scales and allowances covering the period 1 April, 2016 to 31 March, 2018.

13.3 2016-2018 Pay Scales and Allowances (Contd)

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed to note that the above would be paid in August 2016, as appropriate.

13.4 Community Development Training Bursary Programme

On a proposal by Councillor A Redpath, seconded by Councillor J Baird, Members noted the awards made under the 2016/2017 Community Development Training Bursary Programme, as detailed in the Chief Executive's report.

Councillor J Palmer having expressed concern that the Glenavy Youth Football Club had been unsuccessful in its application for financial assistance, the Head of Service (Sports Services) advised that the information provided to Members was for noting only and that there was an appeals process in place for unsuccessful applicants.

Additional Confidential Report

13.5 Residual Waste Treatment Project

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that the contents of the following correspondence, with which Members had been provided, be noted:

- (a) a copy of a letter dated 11 July, 2016 from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council to the Chief Executive of arc21;
- (b) a copy of a response dated 20 July, 2016 from arc21 to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council; and
- (c) a copy of a letter dated 25 July, 2016 from the office of the Minister, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to the Chairman of arc21.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor B Mallon, seconded by Councillor J Gray and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church – Arson Attack
Councillor N Anderson

Councillor N Anderson expressed his concern at the recent arson attack at Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church, which had been the third church attacked in as many months and was one of many churches in that area that did so much

work for the local community. It was agreed, on a proposal by Councillor Anderson, to (a) write to the PSNI expressing concern at these recent incidents; and (b) issue a press release condemning attacks on churches.

14.1 Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church – Arson Attack (Contd)
Councillor N Anderson

Following comments by Alderman M Henderson, it was further agreed to liaise with the Minister of Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church, Reverend A Bill, to offer any assistance the Council could provide in the wake of the recent arson attack.

14.2 Hillsborough Oyster Festival – Request for Use of Car Park in Ballynahinch Street, Hillsborough
Councillor J Baird

Councillor S Scott left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.53 pm).

Councillor J Baird reported receipt of a request from the organisers of Hillsborough Oyster Festival for free use of the car park in Ballynahinch Street, Hillsborough, for activities associated with the festival on 3 September, 2016. Councillor Baird stated that there would be a number of conditions associated with any approval given to the request, ie. all vehicular parking would be in designated bays, the organisers would provide signage to advise that the car park would not be available on 3 September, 2016 and consultation would be carried out with all those affected by the closure. It was agreed that the request from the organisers of the Hillsborough Oyster Festival be approved.

14.3 Members' Attire at Council Meetings
Councillor N Anderson

At the request of Councillor N Anderson, it was agreed that the issue of Members' attire at Council meetings would be raised at the Party Group Leaders Forum.

14.4 Autism NI Summer Scheme
Alderman S P Porter

Councillor S Scott returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (8.00 pm).

Alderman S P Porter referred to the many summer schemes that took place throughout the Council area and commended the groups who organised these and the Council Officers involved for their efforts in making a difference in the community.

Alderman Porter referred specifically to the Autism NI summer scheme, which was funded by the Council and proposed that a letter be sent to the organisers of the scheme, who, Alderman Porter stated, welcomed the support and help afforded by the Council, commending them on their efforts. This proposal was seconded by Councillor D J Craig. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor

B Bloomfield, who had attended this summer scheme, advised that the Mayoress, Mrs Bloomfield, had written personally to Autism NI in this regard; however, Councillor Bloomfield agreed to write an official letter from the Council commending the organisers.

14.5 Aggravated Burglary in Carryduff
Alderman M Henderson

Alderman M Henderson referred to a recent incident in Carryduff when a young family had been held hostage during an aggravated burglary. He condemned this type of attack and advised that the Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership was currently organising a public meeting in Carryduff focusing on crime prevention advice regarding home safety. It was agreed, at the request of Alderman Henderson, that a letter be sent to the family concerned expressing the Council's support at this time.

14.6 Closure of Lisburn Street, Hillsborough
Councillor J Palmer

Councillor J Palmer referred to roadworks currently being carried out in Lisburn Street, Hillsborough, that had resulted in traders doing no business as the street was virtually closed off to traffic. Councillor Palmer indicated that Mr E Poots MLA was endeavouring to find a resolution to this matter. It was proposed by Councillor J Palmer, seconded by Councillor U Mackin and agreed that a letter be sent to TransportNi enquiring what negotiations had been held with traders in advance of the work commencing in Lisburn Street.

14.7 Somme Commemoration
Alderman W A Leathem

Councillor R Walker left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (8.05 pm).

Alderman W A Leathem referred to the Wreath Laying Ceremony held at the war memorial in Lisburn on 1 July, 2016, to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. This had been organised in conjunction with the Royal British Legion and Alderman Leathem put on record his appreciation to the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Central Support Services for their part in its organisation.

Alderman Leathem had attended the Somme Commemoration trip to France that had been attended by a number of Elected Members and Officers. He thanked the Director of Corporate Services and Transition Manager for their organisation of this trip. Alderman Leathem stated that the Somme Association had been very much to the forefront in organising the event that had taken place at the Ulster Tower during the trip. It was proposed by Alderman W A Leathem, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that letters be sent to the Chairman of the Somme Association, Mr A McFarland, and the Director of the Somme Association, Mrs C Walker, recognising the work of the Association in the organisation of both the event at the Ulster Tower on 1 July and the Beating Retreat event on 2 July and congratulating Mr McFarland and Mrs Walker in this regard.

14.8 Somme Commemoration Event in Hillsborough
Councillor J Palmer

At the request of Councillor J Palmer, it was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Hillsborough Branch of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion on having organised a very dignified Somme Commemoration event in Hillsborough on 1 July, 2016.

14.9 Somme Commemoration Event in Seymour Hill
Councillor M Tolerton

At the request of Councillor M Tolerton, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Seymour Hill and Conway Residents Association acknowledging its organisation of the very successful and moving Somme Commemoration event on 1 July, 2016.

There being no further business for consideration, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, wished everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday. The meeting was terminated at 8.12 pm.

Mayor