

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at 7:00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor U Mackin

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor A Grehan

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, A G Ewart MBE, T Jeffers,  
S Martin, S P Porter, and J Tinsley

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett,  
B Bloomfield MBE, M Cahill, S Carson, D J Craig, A P Ewing,  
J Gallen, O Gawith, A Girvin, A Givan, J Gray MBE,  
B Hanvey, H Legge, J McCarthy, A McIntyre, B Mallon,  
T Mitchell, T Morrow, J Palmer, A Redpath, S Skillen and  
R Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive  
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing  
Director of Service Transformation  
Member Services Officer  
Attendance Clerk

Northern Ireland Audit Office

Ms C Kane

**Commencement of the Meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, welcomed those present to the meeting. The Right Worshipful the Mayor 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.

1. **Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor**

**Prayers**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, expressed condolences in respect of the recent death of:

- Mr Edmund (Ebby) Corey, brother of Mrs Caroline Magee, who passed away in recent weeks

- Mrs Julie McKinstry-Harvey, wife of Mr Richard Harvey, Head of Environmental Health, who passed away on Sunday 24 February 2019
- Mr Jim Lilley, Elected Member of the former Lisburn Borough Council, who passed away the previous month.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, welcomed Rev S Hanna to the meeting. Rev Hanna gave an address and said a prayer, during which he too remembered the bereaved families referred to by the Mayor. Councillor Mackin, thanked Rev Hanna for his attendance and he left the meeting (7.11 pm).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, outlined a number of engagements attended since the last meeting of Council. In particular, he referred to the Freedom of the City event for Mrs Joan Christie CVC OBE, Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim on Saturday 16 February 2019.

Councillor H Legge left the meeting at 7.24 pm and returned at 7.35 pm.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Aldermen D Drysdale, M Henderson MBE, W A Leathem and G Rice MBE, and Councillors L Poots, N Trimble and M H Tolerton.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared at this point in the meeting.

A Declaration of Interest form was subsequently completed by Councillor H Legge in respect of the legal document listed on agenda item 7 in relation to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive – re surrender of lands at Ballybeen Square, Dundonald, comprised in Folio 32459 County Down - in view of her membership of the Board of NIHE.

4. Deputations

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, advised that the deputation from the NIAO required to be received “in Committee” due to information contained therein relating to the business or financial affairs of the organisation concerned.

It was proposed by Councillor S Skillen, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the deputation from the NIAO be received “In Committee” in the absence of the press or members of the public.

The member of the public seated in the public gallery left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

“In Committee”

4.1 Report To Those Charged With Governance 2017-18  
Presentation by Northern Ireland Audit Office

Councillor D J Craig left the meeting during consideration of the above report (7.28 pm).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, extended a welcome to Ms C Kane from the Northern Ireland Audit Office, who was in attendance at the meeting in order to present the above document.

Ms Kane having thanked the Council for the invitation to address Members, outlined the salient points contained in the Report To Those Charged with Governance and responded to questions from Members.

Councillor A McIntyre left the meeting and returned again at 7.36 pm.

A discussion ensued during which Councillor O Gawith proposed that this Council falls into line with the other councils in Northern Ireland and appoints an independent member to the Governance & Audit Committee to ensure continuity and external scrutiny.

A number of Members spoke in support of the above proposal. Other Members spoke against the proposal.

It was agreed that the above matter in relation to the Governance & Audit Committee be considered further at agenda item 13 Confidential Business.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, thanked Ms C Kane for her attendance at the meeting following which Ms Kane left the meeting (7.50 pm)

It was agreed to come “out of Committee” and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

5. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 January 2019 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Alderman T Jeffers, seconded by Councillor T Morrow, and agreed that the minutes of the undernoted Special Meetings of Council be confirmed and signed.

- Special Meeting of Council on 7 February 2019
- Special Meeting of Council on 16 February 2019

6. Matters Arising

Council Meeting held on 22 January 2019

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Alpha-Numeric Parking Meters

In response to comments and questions from Alderman W J Dillon the Chief Executive referred to the email he had sent to Members at that time regarding the matter and reported that the situation remained unchanged; and advised that further recommendations on this project would be progressed through the relevant Committee in due course.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

On a proposal by Councillor T Morrow, seconded by Councillor A Givan, it was agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Northern Ireland Housing Executive of 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast, BT2 8PB and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council – Surrender of lands at Ballybeen Square, Dundonald, comprised in Folio 32459 County Down.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council with Invest Northern Ireland of Bedford Square, Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7ES – Letter of Offer for Digi Growth Programme.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and The University of Southampton, GAU-Radioanalytical, National Oceanography Centre, European Way, Southampton, SO14 3ZH – Contract for radiochemical analysis and related interpretation of analytical data.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Dunbridge Limited c/o Omniplex Holdings (NI) Limited, Governor's Road, Lisburn, County Antrim, BT28 1PP – Deed of Variation of Lease.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Phillips Contracts (DPK) Limited of 76 Killyleagh Road, Downpatrick, BT30 9BN – Contract for Garden of Reflection at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and AECOM of 10th Floor, The Clarence West Building, 2 Clarence Street West, Belfast, BT2 7GP – Contract for the framework and collaborative employees agent and project manager services for DIIB.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and AECOM of 10th Floor, The Clarence West Building, 2 Clarence Street West, Belfast, BT2 7GP – Contract for construction consultancy services from Perfect Circle JV Limited for DIIB.

- The Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs of Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council – Lease of Hillsborough Forest. Agreement to sign the lease (subject to the advice provided by A&L Goodbody that this be held until such times as we get the verified certificate for the Dam Works which have recently been completed).
- The Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs of Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council – Licence for Hillsborough Forest.

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:

**Leisure and Community Development Committee      5 February 2019**

Proposed by Alderman S P Porter

Seconded by Councillor J Gallen

Adopted subject to the following matter which had been omitted from the Minutes, being now included under Any Other Business:

Belfast Bike Scheme

Councillor J Gallen

Councillor J Gallen requested that the Belfast Bike Scheme be extended to include Forestside Shopping Centre and another location in Newtownbreda. The Director reported that works were ongoing in relation to this project and undertook to provide an update report on this project to the next meeting of the Committee.

**Environmental Services Committee**

**6 February 2019**

Proposed by Councillor J Gray

Seconded by Alderman J Tinsley

Councillor M Cahill left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

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Kerbside Recycling Project – Requirement for Rented Storage Facility

The Director of Environmental Services responded to questions from Councillor J Palmer regarding the Committee's decision on the proposed pilot associated with the Kerbside Project. The Director reaffirmed the Committee's decision that a report be brought to the March meeting of the Committee detailing an overview of the timeline and reports presented previously to the Committee on the Waste and Recycling Services Options Appraisal, Outline Business Case and Implementation Plan.

The Director also advised that the Council's funding application to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development towards this project had been confirmed to be in excess of what the Council had applied for.

Councillor B Hanvey returned to the meeting at 8.02 pm

**Development Committee**

**6 February 2019**

Proposed by Alderman A G Ewart  
Seconded by Alderman W J Dillon

**Capital Development Committee**

**12 February 2019**

Proposed by Alderman W J Dillon  
Seconded by Councillor B Hanvey

**Corporate Services Committee**

**13 February 2019**

Proposed by Councillor N Anderson  
Seconded by Councillor B Mallon

Adopted subject to the following amendment:

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Recruitment of Posts

The two fixed term Project Manager posts would be created for a period of two years, ie. until 31 March 2021.

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NILGA 2019/2020 Work Plan and Subscription costs

It was noted that the Corporate Services Committee was awaiting further information from NILGA, as requested by Alderman A G Ewart.

**Planning Committee**

**7 January 2019**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 7 January 2019 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 4 February 2019. It was proposed by Councillor O Gawith, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers, 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.

Councillor M Cahill returned to the meeting at 8.02 pm.

Items for Noting

9.1 Capacity Building and Planning Function

Further to a request from the Local Government Commissioner for Standards making a recommendation to this Council under section 61 of the Local Government (Act) 2014 to the effect that the Council reviews its processes to ensure that Members do not participate in decision-making on the Planning Committee without first having completed the mandatory training, the Council had been furnished with a copy of a proposed Action Plan which had been approved by the Corporate Services Committee at its meeting held on 13 February 2019. The above-mentioned report had been prepared to meet the recommendations of the Local Government Commission for Standards in regard to Planning training for Members.

It was agreed that the proposed Action Plan as approved by the Corporate Services Committee on 13 February 2019 be noted.

9.2 Annual Meeting of Council

It was noted that following consultation with The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, it had been agreed to convene the Annual Meeting of Council on Friday 24 May 2019 at 12 Noon.

Additional Report by Chief Executive

9.3 Invitation to Preview to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

It was noted that, in advance of its opening and to thank the Council for its support thus far, an invitation had been received to an exclusive preview of the Hillsborough Castle and Gardens. Following consultation with The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, it had been agreed that this preview be arranged for 5 April 2019 from 10 am to 12 pm with tea and coffee on arrival at 9.45 am.

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

12.1 The Severe Impact of Welfare Reform  
Councillor J McCarthy

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J McCarthy had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council recognises the severe impact welfare reform has had on the most vulnerable in our society.

This Council supports the Right to Work: Right to Welfare (R2W) group’s ‘People’s Proposal’ which includes introducing a human rights checklist which must be completed and included in the notes of all benefit decisions.

This Council calls on the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Communities to issue guidance to all social security decision makers, requiring them to ensure due process, impact assessments and the human rights checklist are undertaken and fully complied with in the decision making process.”

Councillor M Cahill seconded the Notice of Motion by Councillor J McCarthy.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion on the subject of Welfare Reform be noted and referred to the next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee in order that the Motion be debated in full.

13. Confidential Business

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, advised that the items contained in the confidential report were required to be dealt with “In Committee” due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of the organisation concerned or any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor T Morrow, and agreed that the items contained in the Confidential Report be considered “in committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

“In Committee”

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

Items for Consideration



### 13.1 A 10-Year Programme of Investment

The Chief Executive outlined the proposals in relation to the above-mentioned 10-year Programme of Investment, the broad principles of which were highlighted in the report circulated.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Grehan, and agreed that the Council agrees to Officers exploring and developing a 10-year investment plan.

### 13.2 Belfast Region City Deal – Heads of Terms Update

The Council had been furnished with a copy of an update report which included the draft BRCD Heads of Terms document with comments from Council Officers, together with a copy of the legal opinion prepared by the Council's legal advisors.

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon, and agreed that:

- delegated authority be granted to a future meeting of the Development Committee to approve the final BRCD Heads of Terms, once a revised version had been accepted and agreed by the Council's BRCD Steering Group; and
- in order to maximise the opportunities from City Deal as early as possible, and as recommended by the Council's BRCD Steering Group, the Outline Business Cases be approved.

### 13.3 Governance & Audit Committee – Independent Member

This matter had been raised earlier in the meeting under item 4.1 above (Report To Those Charged With Governance 2017/18: Presentation by Northern Ireland Audit Office).

Councillor O Gawith reiterated his proposal that this Council falls into line with the other councils and appoints an independent member to the Governance and Audit Committee to ensure continuity and external scrutiny. Councillor J Baird seconded Councillor Gawith's proposal.

Alderman S P Porter proposed an amendment that this Council is minded to appoint an independent member to the Governance & Audit Committee so long as prior to such an appointment a further report on this matter be brought to the relevant Committee for consideration. Councillor R T Beckett seconded Alderman Porter's amendment.

It was noted that the Chairman of the Governance & Audit Committee, Councillor R T Beckett, was in agreement that a Special Meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee be convened, if necessary, to consider this matter.

The amendment was put to the meeting. There were 15 votes in favour and 17 votes against and the amendment “fell.”

Councillor Gawith’s proposal, having become the substantive proposal, was put to the meeting and declared “Carried” there being 17 votes in favour and 15 votes against.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Coach Education Programme for Sports Clubs  
Alderman S P Porter

It was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed that due to the time limitations for awarding grants under the above Coaching Programme, the Council grants delegated authority to the next meeting of the Leisure and Community Services Committee in order to consider funding allocations in respect of the above Programme.

14.2 Lisburn Gateway Club  
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter expressed thanks and appreciation to Councillor J McCarthy and the Chief Executive who, along with himself, had attended a recent meeting with Lisburn Gateway Club and the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT).

Alderman Porter having highlighted the importance of the Lisburn Gateway Club for many families, welcomed the Council’s approach and that of the SEHSCT, which would go some way to addressing the funding issues faced by the Gateway Club.

14.3 Motor Neuron Disease Charter  
Councillor A McIntyre

Councillor A McIntyre reminded the Council of his Notice of Motion on the subject of a Motor Neuron Disease Charter which had been considered by the Council’s Corporate Services Committee in September 2018 and reported that it had come to his attention that there was no mention of the Council having signed up to this Charter on the Motor Neuron Disease website. Councillor McIntyre requested that this matter be looked into.

14.4 Vandalism Across the City Area  
Councillor O Gawith and The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor  
U Mackin

Councillor O Gawith referred the recent vandalism to Moira's Sensory Wildlife Garden which had been opened officially on 19 February, and reported that one parent had been particularly upset regarding damage to the windchimes in the sensory garden. Their child was undergoing chemotherapy treatment currently was unable to play with other children due to infection risk, and had enjoyed the windchimes on many occasions. Councillor Gawith requested that the Council consider replacing the windchimes in the Sensory Park in Moira.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, referred to the spate of vandalism across the City area in recent days and stated that these issues had been raised at the meeting of the Council's PCSP the previous week. Another issue of concern was the activities of large crowds of young people who were gathering at the Civic Centre. The Council's security staff had contacted the local PSNI on the evening in question. A multi-agency approach was required going forward and a further meeting had been planned with the Chief Executive and the PSNI's Chief Superintendent as a matter of urgency.

Alderman J Tinsley thanked Councillor O Gawith for having raised this important issue and stated that the current spate of vandalism was occurring across the Province in general. Alderman J Tinsley thanked the Chief Executive for his involvement and efforts to date in this important matter.

Councillor A McIntyre left the meeting at 9.03 pm and returned at 9.05 pm.

Alderman A G Ewart left the meeting at 9.05 pm and returned at 9.08 pm.

Alderman W J Dillon also thanked Councillor O Gawith for having raised the issue of vandalism at the Sensory Garden in Moira Demesne – and acknowledged that the Council had spent a huge amount of money on this project.

Councillor N Anderson also spoke about the current spate of vandalism in the Carryduff and Newtownbreda areas, and mentioned in particular the graffiti at Lough Moss Centre and significant damage to a residents' homes and cars. Councillor Anderson stated that he was fully supportive of this Council's approach.

Alderman S P Porter, Chairman of the Leisure & Community Development Committee, paid tribute to the efforts by Council Officers in securing funding through various programmes. Alderman Porter commended the actions of the Council in relation to the recent antisocial behaviour and asked that the Council's thanks and appreciation be conveyed to the Officers and staff concerned.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by Councillor O Gawith and agreed that the Council identifies appropriate budget to address the antisocial behaviour issues referred to above.

14.5 St Patrick's Day Concert 2019  
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor U Mackin, reported that the Mayor's annual St Patrick's Day concert in aid of his Mayoral Charity, Cancer Fund for Children, would take place on Saturday 16 March 2019 in the Island Hall. It was noted that the cost of a ticket was £15.00.

14.6 Charity Big Breakfast  
Councillor J Gallen

Councillor J Gallen reported that a Big Breakfast was taking place in aid of the Mayoral Charity on Friday, 1 March 2019 in Hillhall Presbyterian Church Hall, the entry cost being £5.00.

14.7 Eating Disorders Awareness  
Councillor N Anderson

Councillor N Anderson welcomed the presentation by The Laurence Trust at the February meeting of the Corporate Services Committee in relation to the work of the Trust on eating disorders and which had highlighted the complexities of eating disorders and the fact that these disorders were psychological conditions.

14.8 Lisburn Castlereagh Community Business Games  
Councillor J McCarthy

Councillor J McCarthy having referred to the Lisburn Castlereagh Community Business Games initiative, highlighted the forthcoming Basketball event on Tuesday, 5 March and encouraged any Member with experience in playing wheelchair basketball to consider joining him in the Lisburn All Stars team for the match next Tuesday.

Confidential Matter

Councillor J Palmer indicated that he wished to raise a matter under Confidential Business.

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor T Morrow, and agreed that the following issue be considered "In Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public.

"In Committee"

14.9 Ulster Aviation Society  
Councillor J Palmer

It was agreed on a proposal by Councillor J Palmer, seconded by Councillor A Redpath that the Council grants delegated authority to a future meeting of the Development Committee to consider a funding proposal in association with the Ulster Aviation Society.

Resumption of Normal Business

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It was agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 9.18 pm.

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Mayor