

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 27 July, 2021 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman S Martin

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

Councillors D J Craig, A P Ewing, J Gallen, M Guy,
J Lavery BEM, S Lee, H Legge, S Lowry, A McIntyre,
U Mackin, A Swan and N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Aldermen J Baird, D Drysdale, O Gawith and S P Porter

Councillors R T Beckett, R Carlin, S Carson, A Givan,
A Gowan, M Gregg, S Hughes, G McCleave, R McLernon,
Jenny Palmer, John Palmer and S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE IN CHAMBER:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Environmental Services
Acting Member Services/PCSP Manager
Member Services Officer
Technician
IT Officer

IN ATTENDANCE IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director of Service Transformation
Head of Sports Services

Reverend Cheryl Meban

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, welcomed those present to this meeting of Council, which was being live-streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. He requested that all mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and pointed out that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, whilst the meeting was being live-streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted.

The Director of Environmental Services, who was in attendance in place of the Chief Executive, outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

At this point, the Acting Member Services/PCSP Manager read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, welcomed his Chaplain, Reverend Cheryl Meban, Presbyterian Chaplain at Ulster University, to the meeting. Reverend Meban gave an address and said a prayer, during which she remembered the late Mr Ernie Cromie (Ulster Aviation Society) and Alderman Junior McCrum (Elected Member in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council). The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, thanked Reverend Meban for her attendance and she left the meeting (7.09 pm).

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, also referred to the deaths of Mr Cromie and Alderman McCrum and expressed his condolences to their families. He further expressed condolences in respect of the following bereavement:

- Dawn, sister of Gina Brabon, Parks & Amenities Service Unit.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

Alderman J Baird joined the meeting during this item of business (7.11 pm).

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, since the last meeting of Council. In particular, the Mayor highlighted the following:

- He had taken part in a Park Run event and stated that the Park Run scheme, of which the Council was very supportive, was a great initiative and brought about a great community spirit;
- He had visited the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust Mobile Vaccination Unit at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex. He had been heartened to see the good attendance at the unit and stressed the importance of ensuring the message continued to go out about the uptake of the vaccine. The Mayor expressed the thanks of the Council to Health & Social Care staff who continued to battle the effects of the pandemic; and
- He referred to the success the previous week of local resident and member of Canal Boxing Club, Kurt Walker, in the Tokyo Olympics and wished him continued success in the Games.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, Councillors N Anderson, S Eastwood, D Honeyford, J McCarthy and C McCready, the Chief Executive and the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Alderman A Grehan and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 June, 2021 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor A Swan, seconded by Councillor S Lee and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on 28 June, 2021 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor S Lowry and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Nomix Enviro Ltd – the supply and delivery of Horticultural Supplies, Nomix Enviro Ltd, Unit 8 Anton Business Park, Anton Mill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire, SP10 2NJ;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Laird Grass Machinery Ltd – Contract for supply and delivery of a Golf Course Mower (Tee Mower), 5a Island Road Lower, Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, BT38 9HB;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Johnston Gilpin & Co – Contract for supply and delivery of a Golf Course Mower (Fairway Mower), 7B Lisnoe Road, Lisburn, BT27 5LT;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association – Lease – The Education Room, Moira Demesne Pavilion, Main Street, Moira, BT67 0DS;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council with HealthTrust Europe, Insight Direct framework provider/MHR International UK Limited – Statement of Works, Peterbridge House, 3 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7HB;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and MHR International UK Limited – End User Licence Agreement, Peterbridge House, 3 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7HB; and

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (Contd)

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R&M Greenkeepers – STA Contract for Residual & Green Waste Haulage from Council Recycling Centres STA 21/22-015, 14 Kilcronagh Business Park, Cookstown.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Special Governance and Audit Committee

24 June, 2021

Proposed by Councillor A Swan (the Chairman, Councillor John Palmer, having confirmed that the minutes presented were a true and accurate record of proceedings)

Seconded by Alderman J Tinsley

Planning Committee

4 June, 2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 4 June, 2021 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 5 July, 2021. The previous Chairman, Alderman O Gawith, having confirmed that the minutes presented were a true and accurate record of proceedings, it was proposed by Councillor A Swan, seconded by Alderman A Grehan and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There was no report from the Chief Executive.

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 Carryduff Greenway Feasibility Report
Councillor J Gallen

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

“This Council notes the comments of the 2017 Carryduff Greenway feasibility report and will take the next steps recommended in the report and that council officers will set out a timeline to progress matters.

12.1 Carryduff Greenway Feasibility Report (Contd)
Councillor J Gallen

The report proposed that the Greenway would enhance the health and well-being of residents living in the area and the wider region. It noted that it would create economic opportunities and would strengthen its proposition as a tourism destination and also as an educational resource”.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J Gallen and seconded by Alderman A Grehan, in the absence of her colleague Councillor M Guy who had not yet arrived at the meeting.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, advised that, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1 (6), as the above Notice of Motion fell within the remit of the Leisure and Community Development Committee, it would be referred to that Committee for consideration.

13. Confidential Business

Councillor M Guy arrived to the meeting at this point (7.22 pm)

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, advised that the matters contained in the confidential report would be dealt with “in committee” due to containing information (a) in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings and (b) relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor M Guy and agreed that the following items be considered “in committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present. The live stream of the meeting was paused at this stage (7.22 pm).

13.1 Section 76 in Respect of Planning Application LA05/2019/0174/O

Members having been provided with a copy of the Section 76 Agreement in respect of the above planning application, it was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that this be approved and signed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor and the Chief Executive.

Members noted comments by the Director of Service Transformation in relation to the developers’ contribution towards the Council’s costs of monitoring the implementation of this Deed.

13.2 Hillsborough Community Events

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a report outlining progress to date in respect of Hillsborough Community Events in connection with the granting of 'Royal' status.

Councillor John Palmer advised that the report referred to Reverend Hollis from St Malachy's Church and clarified that this should read 'Reverend Follis'.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, provided a brief verbal overview on the work of the Steering Group to date and thanked Council Officers involved for their work in relation to this matter.

It was agreed that 'Any Other Business' of a confidential nature would be considered at this point in the meeting.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Flash Flooding in Lisburn City Centre
Alderman A Grehan

Members noted comments by Alderman A Grehan in respect of flash flooding that had occurred earlier in the day in Lisburn City Centre, affecting a number of shops.

14.2 Special Governance and Audit Committee- 24 June, 2021
Page 523, Item 3.1 'Draft Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March, 2021'

In response to a query by Councillor U Mackin, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services elaborated on the correspondence received from the Department for Communities regarding an accounting treatment that would impact on the final accounts. She also pointed out that the correspondence had been included in the July Items for Noting Schedule for Members' information.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor H Legge and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The live stream of the meeting was recommenced at this stage (7.31 pm).

14.3 Closing Times in Play Parks
Alderman S P Porter

Further to a complaint he had received in recent days, Alderman S P Porter asked that Council Officers ensure that clear signage was in place at all major parks and play parks indicating closing times as a number of people had had their vehicles locked in overnight.

14.4 Toilet Facilities in Lisburn City Centre
Alderman A G Ewart

Alderman A G Ewart referred to the lack of toilet facilities in Lisburn City Centre and proposed that a feasibility study be carried out to ascertain if current facilities could be improved upon, including accessible toilets for disabled people and mothers with children. This proposal was seconded by Alderman A Grehan and agreed.

The Director of Environmental Services advised Members of an ongoing review of the community toilet scheme that had been launched by the Council pre-Covid 19. The aim of that scheme was to encourage local businesses to make their facilities available to the public. There were six businesses within the City Centre that supported that programme and an evaluation would be reported to Management Team and the appropriate Committee in due course. The proposal by Alderman Ewart would be included in that wider piece of work and the Director of Environmental Services agreed to liaise with the Director of Service Transformation regarding taking this matter forward.

Alderman M Henderson supported the proposal by Alderman Ewart but asked that provision of toilet facilities in Carryduff also be considered. Alderman Ewart stated that his main concern was Lisburn City Centre, as it had the largest footfall, but he would be content if the Director of Environmental Services was in agreement to pursuing Alderman Henderson's request. Councillor H Legge, whilst stating that there were currently a number of public toilets in Dundonald, hoped that Dundonald would be included in the Council-wide review.

Councillor A Swan stated that, in addition to having toilet facilities, it was important to have signage to make people aware of these.

14.5 Opening of Play Park at Hydebank
Councillor J Gallen

Councillor J Gallen referred to the recent opening of a play park at Hydebank and thanked Officers involved, as well as the contractor, for having works completed.

14.6 Mobile Vaccination Centre at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex
Councillor N Trimble

Councillor N Trimble referred to the mobile vaccination unit that had been located at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex the previous weekend. He thanked the Head of Sports Services and his team for having responded to a late request to make available gazebos to provide some shade from the sun. Councillor Trimble suggested that the Council should earmark when the mobile unit would be back and arrange to have gazebos provided again.

14.7 Condolences
Alderman J Tinsley

Alderman J Tinsley referred to the recent passing of Ernie Cromie and Junior McCrum and voiced his appreciation to The Right Worshipful the Mayor and the

14.7 Condolences (Contd)
Alderman J Tinsley

Mayor's Chaplain for having made mention of both gentlemen earlier in the meeting.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 7.43 pm.

Mayor