LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 27 September, 2016 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor R B Bloomfield MBE

Deputy Mayor
Alderman S Martin

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

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett, S Carson,
P Catney, D J Craig, A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith,
A Girvin, A Givan, J Gray MBE, A Grehan, B Hanvey,
H Legge, J McCarthy, U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell,
T Morrow, J 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)
Head of Marketing and communications (Mrs C Bethel)
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R B Bloomfield, welcomed those present, particularly anyone seated in the public gallery, and asked that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent mode.

Prayers

Councillor S Scott left, and returned to, the meeting during this item of business (7.10 pm and 7.12 pm respectively).

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 remembered the following:
Prayers (Contd)

- Ms Marita Jaschob, Member Services Officer, who had passed away suddenly on 1 September 2016;
- Mrs Jude Cumiskey, Community Support Officer, whose mother, Mrs Cathleen McNeill, had recently passed away;
- Mr Bobby Brown, member of Council security staff who had suffered a heart attack at the Council offices at the start of the month;
- the family of Mr Gerard Mulligan who had been tragically murdered a short distance from the Council offices.

Rev Canon McReynolds advised that this was the last Council meeting at which he would be officiating as Mayor’s Chaplain, with Reverend E Coulter now taking over this role. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, thanked Rev Canon McReynolds for his ministry over the last number of months.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield expressed condolences to the Director of Corporate Services, whose mother, Lily, had passed away recently. He also expressed condolences on the death of Mr A Shaw, prominent member of the Lambeg community.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, referred to the terrorist atrocity that had taken place in Nice in July and the earthquake in Italy in August. On behalf of Elected Members of Council and the citizens of Lisburn and Castlereagh, Councillor Bloomfield had written to the Mayors of both Nice and Amatrice (which had suffered most destruction in the earthquake), as well as the Minister of Health in the Italian Government. Councillor Bloomfield read to Members a letter of response he had received from the Mayor of Nice, Philippe Pradal, thanking the Council for its support. Councillor Bloomfield also advised that a phone call had been received from the Italian Minister of Health’s office thanking the Council for its gesture of sympathy.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

The Right Worshipful the Mayor outlined the key engagements he had attended during the month as follows:

- Three receptions had been held – one for Mrs M Getty, retiring Principal of Fort Hill Integrated College; one for the Wendy Gibson School of Ballet when the grade 8 certificates had been awarded; and one for Jane Middleton, resident of Spain, whose father, Colin Middleton, had been a former Head of Art at Friends’ School, Lisburn;
- Visit to Gladys Holmes, resident of Annahilt Residential Care Home, on the occasion of her 101st birthday;
- Annual Inspection Parade of the Lisburn Sea Cadets;
- Raising of the Red Ensign Flag on Merchant Navy Day at Lagan Valley Island;
- Citizenship Ceremony at which UK citizenship had been granted to 40 people;
1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Contd)

- Two welcome events for Syrian refugees. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council had been invited to take the lead in making the refugees welcome. The events had been extremely well organised and Councillor Bloomfield thanked the Director of Leisure & Community Services and all other staff involved in making the necessary arrangements;
- Drumbeg Residents Association Community Service at St Patrick’s Church, Drumbeg, and Elmwood Presbyterian Church Community Service;
- Two installation services for new Ministers – at St Mark’s Church, Lisburn, and the Moravian Church in Lower Ballinderry;
- Official Opening of Drumbo Presbyterian Church Hall;
- Senior Prize Day at Friends’ School, Junior Prize Day at Wallace High School and Senior Prize Day at St Patrick’s Academy;
- Visit to Meadowbridge Primary School at the beginning of its week of special events;
- The Mayor had made the official welcome at the Amazing the Space event held at the Eikon Centre, which had been attended by 3,500 school children, under the leadership of Co-operation Ireland;
- The Mayor had started the Fun Run organised by the Resurgam Trust;
- The Mayor had given out prizes at a MacMillan Coffee event and at the All Ireland Piping and Drumming Solo Championships at Lisnagarvey High School;
- Ulster in Bloom Awards at the Royal Court Hotel in Portrush, when the Council had been awarded both a first and third prize;
- Duck derby at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex, funds raised at which had been donated to the Mayor’s Charity;
- Tea Dance at the public realm;
- Pearl and Oyster Ball in Hillsborough;
- President’s Night in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club;
- Concert in Drumbo Church Hall for the Friends of Cancer Centre; and
- Inauguration Dinner of the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Brian Kingston.

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, Councillors V Kamble and A McIntyre and the Director of Leisure & Community Services.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.
4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor O Gawith and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 August, 2016 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

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

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Play and Leisure Services Limited of 31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, County Down, BT22 2LU – Contract for the Barbour Play Area refurbishment;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and JPM Contracts Limited of 18 Chapel Road, Dungiven, County Derry, BT47 4RT – Contract for the construction of North Lisburn Community Hall;
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and McAvoy Construction LLP of Kiln Lane, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, County Down, BT32 4PA – Contract for Hillsborough Village MUGA resurfacing; and
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited of 120 Malone Road, Belfast – Lease for substation site at Duncans Reservoir, Lisburn

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**

6 September, 2016

Proposed by Councillor T Morrow
Seconded by Councillor A Givan
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman S Martin, left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.35 pm and 7.37 pm respectively). Councillors A Girvin and R Walker left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.39 pm and 7.42 pm respectively).

Councillor J Palmer referred to a report considered at the March meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee regarding the condition of 47 play areas within the Council area. He stated that, at that time, he had challenged Officers as to why Tonagh Estate had not been included for play area provision. At the meeting, Councillor J Gallen had also raised concerns about the lack of play facilities in certain other areas and had proposed that Officers review the provision of play parks to take into account demographic need. The Chairman at that time had stated that the report related to current play parks and that new play parks were a separate issue. Councillor Palmer had been advised by the Director of Leisure & Community Services that a report would be presented to the September meeting of the Committee; however, the report presented at that meeting was only dealing with play parks specifically in the Carryduff area. Councillor Palmer reminded Members that Tonagh Estate was probably the oldest estate in the Lisburn area and had only one large green area with makeshift goal posts. A petition had been submitted around two years ago by the Tonagh Community Association in relation to the provision of a play area consistent with the needs of the estate. Councillor Palmer proposed that Item 4.13.2 of the Leisure and Community Development Committee minutes be referred back to the Committee and that any proposal going forward should include Tonagh Estate. This was seconded by Councillor P Catney.

In response to Councillor Palmer’s comments, Alderman S P Porter referred Members to Item 4.13.3 in the minutes, where the final paragraph read that “At the request of Alderman S P Porter, it was agreed to recommend that the Head of Service prepare a report for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee in respect of the provision of play parks in areas where there were currently none, eg. Tonagh Estate”. He stated that it was important that a two tier approach be taken in order to strike a balance between investment in the current stock of play areas and the provision of play areas where there were currently none. Whilst Alderman Porter wished Tonagh Estate to be provided with a play area, he stressed that the report on the lack of play areas should address all areas throughout the Lisburn and Castlereagh area and not be specific to Tonagh Estate.

Following lengthy discussion, Councillor J Palmer withdrew his proposal and, as suggested by Councillor A Redpath during discussion, it was agreed that the report in respect of the provision of play parks in areas where there were currently none, as proposed by Alderman S P Porter at the September Committee meeting, be expedited and presented to the Committee as soon as possible.
Environmental Services Committee 7 September, 2016
Proposed by Councillor J Baird
Seconded by Alderman J Tinsley

The Mayor’s Chaplain, Rev Canon K McReynolds, left the meeting at this point (7.43 pm).

Development Committee 7 September, 2016
Proposed by Councillor U Mackin
Seconded by Councillor J Gallen

Corporate Services Committee 13 September, 2016
Proposed by Councillor O Gawith
Seconded by Councillor B Mallon

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Ceremonial Insignia – Former Mayors

Following comments by Councillor S Carson regarding the accuracy of the recommendations in relation to the above item, it was agreed that this matter be referred back to the next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

Governance and Audit Committee 21 September, 2016
Proposed by Councillor T Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor B Hanvey

In proposing the above minutes, Councillor T Mitchell pointed out that they were still subject to the ‘Call-In’ process.

For Noting

Planning Committee 1 August, 2016

It was proposed by Councillor A Redpath, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1 August, 2016 be noted, having been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 5 September, 2016.

9. Report from Chief Executive

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

Items for Decision

9.1 Publication of Boundary Commission for NI Provisional Proposals: 2018

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 5 September, 2016 from the Boundary Commission for NI in relation to the above, written representations on which required to be submitted by 28 November, 2016. Information regarding
9.1 Publication of Boundary Commission for NI Provisional Proposals: 2018 (Contd)

this issue was currently on public display in the reception areas of Lagan Valley Island and Bradford Court.

As this was a political issue, the Council would not be issuing a response and, therefore, it was agreed that individual responses be made to the Boundary Commission by each political party in respect of the proposed new parliamentary constituencies for NI.

The Commission had organised four public hearings to give an opportunity for the public to make representations on the provisional proposals. The hearings were as follows:

- 5 October – Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena
- 11 October – Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh
- 20 October – Ramada Plaza Hotel, Shaw’s Bridge, Belfast
- 25 October – Seagoe Hotel, Portadown

It was agreed that any Member wishing to attend any of the public hearings advise Member Services accordingly in order that necessary arrangements could be made.

9.2 Department of Justice – Single Jurisdiction in Northern Ireland

Members were provided with:

- copy of a letter dated 22 August, 2016 from the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in regard to the public consultation on “Redrawing the Map: A Consultation on Court Boundaries in Northern Ireland”, which contained proposals to replace the current rigid statutory framework of court boundaries for county courts and magistrates’ courts with a single jurisdiction in Northern Ireland;
- copy of a letter dated 19 September, 2016 from the NI Courts and Tribunals Service providing a brief update on the plans for single jurisdiction; and
- copy of a report on the potential impact of these proposals.

Members were reminded that this consultation document had been noted at a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 13 September, 2016 with the option remaining for political parties to make submissions thereto.

It was agreed that the report on the potential impact of proposals to replace the current statutory framework of court boundaries for county courts and magistrates’ courts with a single jurisdiction in Northern Ireland be approved as the basis for response to the consultation issued by the Department of Justice on this issue.
9.3 **Historic Royal Palaces – Heritage Lottery Fund Bid**

Further to a request received from Historic Royal Palaces seeking a letter of support from the Council for its second round bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Members were provided with a copy of a draft letter for consideration. The overarching aim of the project by HLF was to conserve the heritage of Hillsborough Castle and, at the same time, open up the House and its beautiful gardens for the enjoyment of not only the citizens of Northern Ireland, but those travelling from across the island of Ireland and beyond.

It was agreed that the draft letter in support of the bid by Historic Royal Palaces to the Heritage Lottery Fund be approved.

9.4 **National Association of Councillors (NAC) Annual Meeting and Conference**  
30 September – 2 October, 2016 – Harrogate

Members were provided with details of the above conference, the estimated cost of a Member’s attendance at was £846.88. No nominations were made for attendance at this conference.

**Item for Noting**

9.5 **PEACE IV**

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of a letter dated 16 September, 2016 from the Office of the Minister, Department of Finance, in regard to the delivery of the PEACE IV programme.

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 **Supporting the Ongoing and Productive Work of Hope 4 ME & Fibro Northern Ireland for the Provision of a Specialist Consultant with Biomedical Knowledge and Experience for the 7000 plus ME and 17,000 Fibromyalgia Sufferers in Northern Ireland**  
Alderman W A Leathem

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Alderman W A Leathem had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:
12.1 **Supporting the Ongoing and Productive Work of Hope 4 ME & Fibro Northern Ireland for the Provision of a Specialist Consultant with Biomedical Knowledge and Experience for the 7000 plus ME and 17,000 Fibromyalgia Sufferers in Northern Ireland** (Contd)

Alderman W A Leathem

“Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council calls on the Health Minister to support the ongoing and productive work of Hope 4 ME & Fibro Northern Ireland for the provision of a Specialist Consultant with biomedical knowledge and experience for the 7000 plus ME and 17,000 fibromyalgia sufferers in Northern Ireland”.

In the absence of Alderman W A Leathem, it was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor M Tolerton and agreed that consideration of this Notice of Motion be deferred until the next meeting of Council on 25 October, 2016.

13. **Confidential Business**

There was no confidential business.

14. **Any Other Business**

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

Councillor M Tolerton reported the positive news that priority for the above work had been raised to the highest level in Eastern Division Roads Service. £3.5m was required to carry out the work and the Rt Hon Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP would be writing to the Minister of Finance to press him for release of the necessary funds. Councillor Tolerton thanked Elected Members, particularly Councillor J McCarthy, for the support they had given in relation to this matter in getting petitions signed, etc.

14.2 **Launch of Lough Neagh Shoreline Management Plan**

Councillor J Palmer reported that he had attended the launch of the Lough Neagh Shoreline Management Plan earlier that day at Oxford Island Discovery Centre. He stated that grants would be available to farmers and communities around the Lough to try to make it more sustainable and environmentally friendly over the next number of years.

14.3 **PIPS Suicide Fundraising Event at St Patrick’s Pastoral Centre**

Councillor P Catney advised that a PIPS Suicide Fundraising Event would be taking place at St Patrick’s Pastoral Centre on Saturday, 1 October from 2.00 pm onwards and encouraged anyone interested in attending to do so.
14.4 Update on Knockmore/M1 Link Road
Councillor P Catney

In light of the announcement earlier in the day by the Minister of Finance regarding Alternative Funding Solutions, Councillor P Catney sought an update in relation to the Knockmore/M1 Link Road. The Chief Executive stated that it was very pleasing that the Minister had chosen this project as an indication of the forward-looking environment that councils had now entered and how Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council featured very well in that environment. It was the only council building a road and the Minister was very enthused by and supportive of that. Discussions were ongoing with the Strategic Investment Board and the Board was working in partnership with Council Officers. Land assembly had already taken place in terms of where the route of the road would go. The Council was taking legal advice on the type of partnership arrangement required to deliver the road because it would involve the public sector (ie. the Council), TransportNI, possibly the Maze/Long Kesh Corporation and also the developer. This was quite a unique, but also potentially risky, partnership. More information on this matter would be provided at the next Away Day on 21 November, 2016 and Members would have the opportunity to fully consider the implications.

14.5 Beechland Community Association Harvest Event
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter advised that a Harvest Event would be taking place at 7.00 pm the following evening at the Beechland Community Association Hall.

14.6 County Down Grand Black Chapter Demonstration at Barbour Playing Fields on 27 August, 2016
Councillor S Carson

Councillor S Carson referred to the County Down Grand Black Chapter Demonstration that had taken place at Barbour Playing Fields on 27 August, 2016. Councillor Carson asked that his sincere thanks be passed to the Environmental Services staff who had worked on that day to keep both the playing fields and the parade route tidy. Their presence had been visible and very much appreciated and a number of members of the public had remarked to Councillor Carson on their efficiency and politeness. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, concurred with Councillor Carson’s comments. Councillor Mackin advised that he had also had positive feedback from city centre traders who had reported increased footfall in the city centre during the parade. Councillor Mackin concurred with Councillor Carson’s comments about Council staff and asked that thanks be conveyed to staff from both the Environmental Services and Leisure & Community Services Departments.

14.7 30th Anniversary of Dundonald International Ice Bowl
Councillor T Morrow

Councillor T Morrow advised that this week was the 30th anniversary of Dundonald International Ice Bowl. He had been delighted to attend a launch of the celebration events and he thanked all Officers involved in the organisation of this.
There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 8.03 pm.

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Mayor