

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 27 August, 2019 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Givan

Deputy Mayor
Councillor J McCarthy

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale,
A G Ewart MBE, A Grehan, S Martin, T Morrow,
S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors N Anderson, R T Beckett, R Carlin, S Carson,
S Eastwood, A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith,
A Gowan, M Gregg, M Guy, D Honeyford,
S Hughes, J Lavery BEM, S Lee, H Legge, G McCleave,
C McCready, A McIntyre, R McLernon, U Mackin,
T Mitchell, Jenny Palmer, John Palmer, S Skillen, A Swan
and N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Service Transformation
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
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 A Givan, welcomed those present to the meeting, including the members of the public seated in the public gallery. The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed, in particular, Alderman W J Dillon who was present at the meeting following a significant period of ill health. There was a round of applause from everyone in the Council Chamber as an expression of good wishes to Alderman Dillon.

In response Alderman W J Dillon expressed thanks and appreciation to The Right Worshipful the Mayor for his kind words, and to everyone who had visited him in hospital or at home, sent cards or text messages.

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

1.1 Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, expressed condolences to the family of a former member of staff who had been employed in the Support Services Department of the former Castlereagh Borough Council, Mrs Myrtle Forster, who had passed away in recent weeks.

The Right Worshipful Mayor, Councillor A Givan, welcomed to the meeting Pastor Geoffrey Ward, Lisburn Baptist Church. Pastor Ward gave an address and said a prayer, during which he too remembered the bereaved family of Mrs Myrtle Forster.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, thanked Pastor Ward for his attendance and he left the meeting (7.10 pm).

1.2 Mayor's Engagements

A paper outlining a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor since the last meeting of Council had been circulated with the Notice convening the meeting.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, commended the commemoration event in Wallace Park on Saturday 17 August 2019 which marked the 50th anniversary of Operation Banner – the deployment of British soldiers to Northern Ireland. This event had been organised by the Northern Ireland Veterans Association. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked the organising committee for their efforts in ensuring a memorable and fitting tribute to all the servicemen and women who lost their lives or were injured during this time.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor extended congratulations and best wishes to Councillor S Carson and his wife, Ruth, on the birth of their second daughter, Penelope, in recent days.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman M Henderson MBE and Councillor D J Craig.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman D Drysdale, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 July, 2019 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 Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor S Skillen, it was agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and MacNabb Waste Management Limited of 23 Downpatrick Road, Killough, County Down, BT30 7QB – Contract for the collection of recycling of plasterboard from Council household recycling centres.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R Heatrick Limited t/a Skipway of 39 Groganstown Road, Dunmurry, BT62 3RB – Contract for collection, recycling and/or recovery of wood from Council household recycling centres.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Kes Group Inc Limited of Unit 4, Drumquin Enterprise Centre, Castlederg Road, Omagh – Contract for the design, construction of a modular changing facility and associated works at Billy Neill Soccer Centre.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and McCusker Contract Limited of 77 Kildrum Road, Dromore, County Tyrone, BT78 3EQ – Contract for upgrade works at Bell's Lane Allotment, Queensway.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Avenue Recycling Limited of 208 Tates Avenue, Belfast, BT12 6ND – Contract for the collection and recycling of metals from Council recycling centres.
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Irish Waste Services Limited of 94-96 Hillsborough Road, Carryduff, BT8 8HT – Contract for the collection, recycling and/or recovery of paints and aerosols from Council household recycling centres.

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (Cont'd)

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Sinnamon Coffee & Sinnamon Bistro of 39 Clonmore Manor, Lambeg, Lisburn, BT27 4EW – Operating Agreement relating to Castlereagh Hills Golf Course – restaurant and bar, Lagan Valley LeisurePlex – café/restaurant and Dundonald International Ice Bow – café/restaurant.
- Plastec (NI) Limited of 8 Addison Park, Lisburn, County Antrim, BT28 2SW and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council – Licence Agreement relating to Unit 4, Greenwood Business Park, 19A Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SW.

It was noted that the undernoted legal document had been signed at last month's Council meeting but had been omitted from the agenda. It was agreed that retrospective approval be granted thereto:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Gradeall International Limited of 9 Farlough Road, Dungannon, BT71 4DT – Contract for the design, fabrication, delivery, installation, commissioning of 4 x large (double door) compaction machines, 4 x ramps and 4 x handrails

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Special Environmental Services Committee

31 July 2019

Proposed by Alderman J Baird

Seconded by Alderman T Morrow

Matters Arising

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Let's Go Hydro Entertainment Licence Application (Annual 12 month Licence)

Councillor U Mackin referred to the presentation that had been provided at the Special Meeting in regard to the above-mentioned Entertainment Licence and in particular to the question he had asked about noise levels and impact assessments. Councillor Mackin enquired from the Director of Environmental Services if any further information had been received in this regard from the applicant.

In response the Director stated that one of the conditions of a licence was that there would be no adverse impact on the local amenity as a result of noise, and that as discussed at the Special Meeting this report would be requested.

Special Capital Projects Committee

22 August 2019

Proposed by Councillor R T Beckett

Seconded by Councillor G McCleave

Planning Committee**1 July 2019**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1 July, 2019 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 5 August, 2019. It was proposed by Councillor O Gawith, seconded by Councillor John Palmer, and agreed that their contents be noted.

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 Local Lisburn & Castlereagh Peace IV Partnership: Elected Member Nominations

The Chief Executive outlined in his report details in regard to the Peace IV Partnership which secured grant funding to the Council from the Special European Union Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The existing Partnership Agreement, as agreed with the SEUPB, made provision for 25 members in total, of which there were 12 Members from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

The Chief Executive advised that following the local government elections in May 2019 there were now six vacancies of the twelve previously nominated Elected Members on the Peace IV Partnership. Following discussion at the Party Group Leaders Forum it had been agreed to recommend that the council be requested to continue with the status quo of nomination of 12 Elected Members to the Peace IV Partnership and that in order to ensure representation by all Council parties on the Partnership nominations be made on the following basis: DUP 4, UUP 3, APNI 2, SF 1, SDLP 1 and Green Party 1.

The following nominations to the Lisburn & Castlereagh Peace IV Partnership were put to the meeting and agreed:

DUP (as nominated by Alderman J Tinsley)

- Councillor D J Craig
- Councillor U Mackin
- Councillor J Laverty
- Alderman D Drysdale.

Alliance Party (as nominated by Councillor O Gawith)

- Alderman S Martin
- Councillor D Honeyford.

SDLP (as nominated by Councillor J Gallen)

- Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy.

9.1 Local Lisburn & Castlereagh Peace IV Partnership: Elected Member Nominations (Cont'd)

UUP (as nominated by Councillor N Trimble in the absence of the UUP group leader, Alderman M Henderson)

- Councillor Jenny Palmer
- Alderman M Henderson
- Councillor R McLernon.

Green Party (as nominated by Councillor S Lee)

- Councillor S Lee

Sinn Fein: Councillor R Carlin agreed to report back to the Chief Executive in connection with the Sinn Fein nomination to the Peace IV Partnership.

9.2 Northern Ireland – Netherlands Trade and Export Society (NI-NL) Rotterdam Trade and Networking Event: Request for Delegated Authority

The Chief Executive reported that an NI-NL Networking event was currently being planned for early October 2019 that would include Lisburn & Castlereagh based exporters together with their Dutch business partners and suppliers attending a business networking event, dinner and attendance at an international football match in De Kuip, Rotterdam.

It was noted that at present four local Lisburn Castlereagh businesses had signed up to attend.

It was proposed by Councillor J Gallen, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that in order to enable event planning delegated authority be granted to the Development Committee at its meeting in September 2019 to consider the Council's attendance at the Rotterdam Trade and Networking Event, including the dinner and international football match in De Kuip the estimated cost of a Member's attendance being £500.

9.3 APSE Annual Meeting and Awards 11-12 September 2019 Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

The Chief Executive drew Members' attention to the success of the Council's Sports Services Unit in being shortlisted as one of seven finalists in the "Best Service Team of the Year: Sports, Leisure and Cultural Service" category for award at the annual APSE Service Awards, with the winner due to be announced at the Awards Dinner held as part of the above event.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A Swan, and agreed that:

- a) the success of the Sports Services Unit as outlined above be noted and
- b) the attendance of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Leisure & Community Services Committee, or their nominee, to attend the APSE Awards Dinner on 12 September 2019 in Newcastle Upon Tyne, be approved, it being noted that the estimated cost of a Member's attendance being £240.

Additional Report by the Chief Executive

9.4 Promoting Organ Donation in Northern Ireland
Request to Light Up Council Offices

The Council had been furnished with a copy of correspondence from the Department of Health requesting that the Council supports Organ Donation Week, 2nd – 8th September 2019, by agreeing to light up the Council Offices in the colour pink.

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Council accedes to the above-mentioned request from the Department of Health to support Organ Donation Week by lighting up the Council Offices pink. It was noted that in consultation with the Council's Civic Events Officer that the proposed light up would take place on Monday 2 September 2019.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

10.1 Housing Council Monthly Bulletin

The Council had been furnished with and noted the content of a copy of the August edition of the Housing Council's monthly bulletin.

Alderman S P Porter referred to the discussion at the previous meeting of Council (under Any Other Business) in connection with antisocial behaviour and social housing (item 14.3 page 430 refers) and in particular to Alderman A Grehan's request that a meeting of the Council's Housing Liaison Forum be convened urgently in light of the recent serious incidents that had taken place. Alderman Porter enquired if a date had been agreed for this meeting. He also indicated that he would wish to be invited to that meeting.

Alderman S P Porter reminded Members of the background to the establishment of the Council's Housing Liaison Forum which was an initiative he had proposed two years ago. Alderman Porter indicated that there had been limited progress of this forum mainly due to lack of support from the housing providers across the City.

The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing responded to Alderman S P Porter's questions and advised that a report on the Council's Housing Liaison Forum would be brought before the meeting of the Leisure & Community Development Committee on 3 September 2019.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

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

12. Notices of Motion

12.1 Impact of Climate Breakdown

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

“This Council notes the recent IPCC report on the impacts of climate breakdown, agrees that serious and far-reaching measures must be taken across society to try and mitigate the risks and declares a 'Climate Emergency'. It requests an urgent report to assess the impact of the activities of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council on greenhouse gas emissions to include exploring what mitigation measures can be put in place and the establishment of a working group to bring the issues of climate breakdown to the fore in the Council structures and actions, local communities and businesses, as well as formulating a climate adaption plan.”

The Notice of Motion, as proposed by Councillor S Lee, was seconded by Councillor M Gregg.

It was agreed that the above Notice of Motion would be debated at the Council meeting that evening.

Councillor S Lee elaborated on his notice of motion referring to a number of issues such as:

- the 2006 documentary on climate change entitled “An Inconvenient Truth”
- the IPCC, the International body on Climate Change, Report findings
- global average temperatures continue to rise
- the continued increase in the levels of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere the risks that the above-mentioned issues present, such as health issues, water supply, food security, human security and economic growth
- UK Government was the first Government in the World to declare a Climate Emergency on 1 May 2019
- 205 out of the 408 local authorities in the UK have declared a Climate Emergency
- the Notice of Motion as outlined will be a starting point in helping towards the Government’s target of net zero emissions by 2050

Councillor M Gregg having seconded the Notice of Motion spoke in support of the issues raised by Councillor S Lee during which he referred to:

- Sir David Attenborough’s 2017 acclaimed documentary Blue Planet II which highlighted the ‘sea of plastic’ killing our planet
- Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, a climate activist who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work, and
- the Amazon forest which was burning yet again.

12.1 Impact of Climate Breakdown (Cont'd)

Alderman S P Porter proposed an amendment to the Motion as follows:

“This Council notes the recent IPCC report on the impacts of climate breakdown. It requests an urgent report to assess the impact of the activities of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council on greenhouse gas emissions to include exploring what mitigation measures can be put in place and the establishment of a working group to bring the issues of climate breakdown to the fore in the Council structures and actions, local communities and businesses, as well as formulating a climate adaption plan.”

Alderman Porter elaborated on his amendment to the Notice of Motion which he felt was appropriate as it removed reference to the terms ‘serious’, ‘far-reaching’ and ‘emergency.’ Alderman Porter affirmed that he supported the setting up of a working group and working together as a Council for the benefit of the constituents and business community.

Councillor N Anderson seconded the amendment as proposed by Alderman S P Porter.

Councillor N Trimble spoke in support of the Notice of Motion as amended by Alderman S P Porter.

Councillor M Gregg having responded to a number of points raised by the previous speakers spoke again in support of the original Notice of Motion, as did Alderman A Grehan, Councillor J Gallen and Councillor R Carlin.

Councillor A Swan spoke in support of the amendment.

Councillor S Lee summed up on his Notice of Motion following which the amendment as proposed by Alderman S P Porter, was put to the meeting and on a vote being taken declared “carried” the voting being 21 votes in favour and 15 votes against. Two members abstained from voting.

The amendment having become the substantive motion was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

At this juncture Alderman W J Dillon left the meeting (8.00 pm)

12.2 Freedom of the City – Mr Keith Getty and Mrs Kristyn Getty

Councillor S Carson left the meeting at 8.01 pm and returned again at 8.03 pm. Councillors A McIntyre and N Trimble left the meeting at 8.02 pm and returned at 8.04 pm.

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Alderman A G Ewart had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

12.2 Freedom of the City – Mr Keith Getty and Mrs Kristyn Getty (Cont'd)

“This Council wishes to acknowledge the achievements of Keith and Kristyn Getty internationally acclaimed Christian singers and songwriters, by conferring on them the Freedom of the City. Keith Getty from Lisburn, and his wife Kristyn, live between Nashville and Northern Ireland, are two of the most prolific and popular writers of the 21st century - including among their repertoire, the World No 1 modern classic "In Christ Alone".”

The Notice of Motion, as proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, was seconded by Councillor T Mitchell.

It was agreed that the above Notice of Motion be debated at the Council meeting that evening.

Alderman A G Ewart elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he outlined the successful musical career of Keith Getty, a Lisburn man who attended local schools and church. Having learned to play the flute at age 11 and the classical guitar at age 12, Keith Getty continued to study music at Durham University and in 2017 he had been awarded an OBE for his contribution to Christian music and modern hymn writing. The international duo, Keith and Kristyn, have entertained thousands over the years at the likes of the Royal Albert Hall in London, the Carnegie Hall in New York and at home in the SSE Arena in Belfast.

Councillor T Mitchell having seconded the Notice of Motion spoke further about the successful musical career of Keith and Kristyn Getty and mentioned in particular that Keith founded the new Irish Arts Choir and Orchestra.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J McCarthy, Councillor N Anderson and Councillor N Trimble spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

Alderman A G Ewart expressed thanks to those who supported his Notice of Motion following which the Notice of Motion was put to the meeting and on show of hands, agreed unanimously.

12.3 Freedom of the City – Alderman James Dillon MBE

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

“Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council does bestow the honour of the Freedom of City upon Alderman James Dillon MBE, in appreciation of his outstanding service and commitment to the community within the City and Northern Ireland.”

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Alderman J Baird was seconded by Alderman T Morrow.

It was agreed that the above Notice of Motion be debated at the Council meeting that evening.

12.3 Freedom of the City – Alderman James Dillon MBE (Cont'd)

Councillor J Baird elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he gave an account of Alderman Dillon's 42 years' service in local government. Alderman Dillon was first elected to local government in May 1977 and continued to defend his seat in successive elections on the former Lisburn Borough Council, the former Lisburn City Council and ultimately Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. Alderman Dillon served two terms as Deputy Mayor of Lisburn from 1998-2000 following which he was elected to the position of Mayor of Lisburn from 2000-2002.

Other highlights of Alderman Dillon during his 42 years in local government included:

- overseeing the completion of Lagan Valley Island, the Council's Headquarters
- the official opening of Lagan Valley Island by Her Majesty the Queen in 2001
- the award of City Status to Lisburn in 2002
- raising in excess of £150,000 for his chosen mayoral charity, the Pantridge Defibrillator Fund
- the overseeing the Harry Ferguson Memorial Gardens and the Harry Ferguson memorial plane on the A1 dual carriageway
- advocate of the National Association of Council (NAC) and The Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) in representing the needs of not just Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council but all other councils across the country

Alderman T Morrow having seconded the Notice of Motion spoke to the Motion and commended the enthusiasm and commitment of Alderman Dillon in carrying out his duties on the Council.

Alderman A G Ewart also spoke in support of the Notice of Motion and requested that two further former Aldermen of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council be included in the Notice of Motion, namely; Geraldine Rice MBE and Tommy Jeffers.

Alderman J Baird indicated his agreement to Alderman A G Ewart's request to include Geraldine Rice MBE and Tommy Jeffers in the Notice of Motion, as did Councillor T Morrow.

Alderman D Drysdale spoke in support of the Notice of Motion to confer the Freedom of the City on Alderman James Dillon, Geraldine Rice MBE and Tommy Jeffers and stated that to confer the Freedom of the City on these individuals would be a fitting tribute to their many years in local government.

Councillor N Anderson also spoke in support of the Notice of Motion

In summing up Alderman J Baird read out the Notice of Motion to include the two additional names as follows:

12.3 Freedom of the City – Alderman James Dillon MBE (Cont'd)

“Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council does bestow the honour of the Freedom of City upon Alderman James Dillon MBE, Mrs Geraldine Rice MBE and Mr Tommy Jeffers in appreciation of their outstanding service and commitment to the community within the City and Northern Ireland.”

The Notice of Motion was put to the meeting and on a show of hands agreed unanimously.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, thanked Members for their contributions.

Alderman J Tinsley left the meeting at 8.28 pm.

13. Confidential Business

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, advised that the item contained in the confidential report was required to be considered “In Committee” due to containing information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed that the confidential report be considered “in committee”, in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

“In Committee”

Those members of the public in attendance in the public gallery left the meeting at this point (8.29 pm).

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

13.1 Section 76 in respect of Planning Application LA05/2017/0532/F – Local Application (Exceptions Apply) – Erection of replacement dwelling and garage and demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at 50 Monlough Road, Ballyknockan, Ballygowan.

Having noted information set out in the Chief Executive’s report and having been provided with a copy of the above Deed of Agreement, it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Deed of Agreement by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, and the Chief Executive.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, 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 Kerbside Transformation Workshop Friday 23 August 2019
Overview & Update
Director of Environmental Services

Councillor D Honeyford left the meeting at 8.34 pm and returned at 8.36 pm.

The Director of Environmental Services provided an update following the recent workshop on the kerbside transformation project. The update addressed the project programme, current status and next steps.

The Director referred to the attendance at the workshop of representatives from Wales who gave an outline of their transformation project and also a representative from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) who updated from a central government perspective.

Following a number of queries it was agreed that a follow up workshop would be held to further inform members on the project and planned pilot as it progressed.

14.2 Notice of Motion on Cross-Party Brexit Working Group
Councillor S Eastwood

Councillor S Eastwood having referred to her Notice of Motion on the above subject that had been on the agenda for the July Council meeting extended thanks to the Chief Executive and Officers for providing Members with information on work that had been carried out by the Council in relation to Brexit. Councillor Eastwood stated that she looked forward to working on this important matter going forward.

14.3 World Suicide Prevention Day 10 September 2019
Councillor S Eastwood

Councillor S Eastwood having commended the work of a new local charitable organisation, Emerge Counselling Services, which had been set up March 2019 at the Sidings Business Park in Lisburn, reported that this group had approached her recently with a request that the Council considers lighting up the Council building to mark World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor S Eastwood, seconded by Councillor R Carlin, and agreed that the Council accedes to the request from Emerge Counselling Services to light up the Council building on 10 September 2019 to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

Comments were noted from Alderman S P Porter regarding the number of other worthwhile suicide awareness and prevention groups across the Lisburn and Castlereagh City area who were also doing good work and who should be made aware of the Council's decision to light up the Council building on World Suicide Prevention Day.

14.4 Silent Walk – Abortion
Councillor N Anderson

Councillor N Anderson drew Members' attention to the Silent Walk event in protest against the Government's decision to introduce abortion legislation in Northern Ireland which was taking place at Stormont Estate on Friday 6 September 2019 at 7.00 pm. Councillor Anderson also referred to the march against abortion which was taking place at the Assembly on the same matter.

14.5 Notice of Motion on Climate Change
Alderman D Drysdale

Alderman D Drysdale having supported the Notice of Motion on the subject of climate change that had been considered earlier in the meeting indicated that there had been significant progress on the subject of climate change. Alderman Drysdale proceeded to make a number of comments regarding climate change over the past 50 years.

14.6 Rally for Choice
Councillor A McIntyre

Councillor A McIntyre drew Members' attention to an event being run by the organisation, Rally for Choice, on Saturday 7 September 2019 in Belfast and stated that any Member interested in this event to contact him for further details.

14.7 Appreciation to Medical Staff
Councillor S Carson

Councillor S Carson expressed thanks and appreciation in regard to the good wishes from The Right Worshipful the Mayor and everyone following the birth of his second child, Penelope, earlier in the month.

Councillor Carson wished to put on record his appreciation to the medical staff at the Ulster Hospital for their support and dedication during the time when his wife had been in hospital for the birth of their baby. Councillor Carson stated that many of the medical staff often went beyond the call of duty.

14.8 Re-Usable Nappies
Councillor S Carson

Councillor S Carson having referred to the Notice of Motion on the subject of Climate Change that had been considered earlier in the meeting proceeded to highlight the benefits of the Council's reusable nappy scheme. Councillor Carson commended the Council Officers and staff in their efforts in promoting and taking forward this worthwhile scheme.

14.9 Photographic Policy – Lighting Up Events
Councillor S Hughes

Councillor U Mackin left the meeting at 8.52 pm.

The Chief Executive responded to comments by Councillor S Hughes regarding the protocol around invitations to Lighting Up events, in particular the official Lighting Up photograph.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Givan, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.52 pm.

Mayor