

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 28 March, 2017 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor R B Bloomfield MBE

Deputy Mayor
Alderman S Martin

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

Councillors N Anderson, J Baird, R T Beckett, S Carson,
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, A McIntyre, U Mackin, B Mallon, T Mitchell,
T Morrow, L Poots, C Quinn, A Redpath, S Skillen,
N Trimble and R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Corporate Services
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Leisure & Community Services
Lead Head of Development
Head of Marketing and Communications (Ms A Goddard)
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

Cleaver Fulton & Rankin

Mrs K McCusker (Legal Advisor)

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, welcomed those present to the meeting, in particular Councillor C Quinn, who had recently been elected to fill the vacancy arising from the election of former Councillor P Catney to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Councillor Bloomfield requested that all mobile phones be switched off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, expressed condolences in respect of the recent death of Mr Albert Gordon, father of Mr Mark Gordon who was an employee in the Council's Environmental Services Department.

At the invitation of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, Rev E Coulter addressed the Council and said a prayer, during which he remembered the Gordon family. Rev Coulter also prayed for those who had been bereaved and those injured in the recent attack in London Westminster.

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev E Coulter, left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.10 pm).

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

- Visit to Canal Boxing Club;
- Visit to North Lisburn Community Association in Drumard;
- Visit to Level Ground Café at the Elim Church in Dundonald;
- Moneyreagh Community Arts Workshop;
- Preview tour of the new inpatient ward block at the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald;
- St Patrick's Day events, as follows:
 - Joint Secretaries of the British Irish Inter-Governmental Secretariat held a Social evening at the Ulster Museum;
 - Event organised by the Intercultural Friendship Group and Castlereagh Lifestyle Forum at Bradford Court, the invitation to attend which had been extended by Councillor V Kamble;
 - Concert at Lagan Valley Island held by the Lisburn Harmony Ladies Choir;
- Performance of Les Miserables by Fusion Theatre;
- Performance of "Smashed" at Lisnagarvey High School, which had been sponsored by Diageo Drinks Company and highlighted the issue of underage drinking;
- Hockey Coaching event attended by children from four local special schools;
- Lagan District of the Girls' Brigade Annual Service at Seymour Street Methodist Church;
- Bootcamp for Female Entrepreneurs at Lagan Valley Island at which Eleanor McEvoy from RTE's Dragons' Den had been present;
- Balmoral Show Launch at the Eikon Centre;
- Raising of the Flag for Commonwealth Day;
- Citizenship Ceremony in Hillsborough Castle at which the Lord Lieutenant from the County of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey, had been in charge;
- Mayor's Charity Quiz which had raised a significant amount of money for Tiny Life. Councillor Bloomfield thanked all those who had supported this event;

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Contd)

- Mayor’s Community Awards at La Mon Hotel. Councillor Bloomfield extended his thanks to all the staff involved for their organisation, thought, care and attention to detail that had gone into this event;
- Reception for Dundonald WI celebrating 70 years in existence;
- Reception for McCall’s of Lisburn celebrating 50 years in business;
- Reception for two long-serving members of Sport Lisburn and Castlereagh – Mr Jack Beattie (associated with swimming) and Mr Bobby Watson (member of the Rugby Club and associated with golf), whose contribution to sport had been quite significant and very prolonged;
- Reception to mark the retirement of Dr Ian Wales, Lisburn Health Centre
- Visit from the Thursday Club from the Knockmore Road/Windermere area;
- Denis Osborne Exhibition at the Irish Linen Centre/Lisburn Museum;
- Raymond Henshaw Exhibition in the Island Arts Centre;
- Display of artists’ crafts by Ballybeen Women’s Group at the Island Arts Centre;
- Display in Island Arts Centre of cartoons drawn by a 70 year old autistic man who the Mayor had met during one of his pre-Christmas visits to local residential homes;
- Visit to Mrs Anne Wilson, Carryduff, who had celebrated her 100th birthday; and
- Visit to Mrs Georgina Troughton, Rose Lodge Care Home, Lisburn, who had celebrated her 100th birthday.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman W J Dillon, Councillors V Kamble, J Palmer and M Tolerton, the Chief Executive and the Lead Head of Planning and Building Control.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting. However, during the course of the meeting, Councillor A P Ewing declared an interest in item 9.3 “CCTV – Moira Village” in light of his membership of Lisburn Commerce Against Crime.

Councillor A P Ewing also submitted a declaration of interest form after the meeting in respect of:

- item 5.2.3 of the Development Committee minutes of 8 March, 2017 “Hillsborough Forest – Social Enterprise Project” in light of his membership of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group; and
- item 5.2.4 of the Development Committee minutes of 8 March, 2017 “Public Space CCTV Integration Project Update” in light of his membership of Lisburn Commerce Against Crime.

4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 February, 2017 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 M Henderson, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers, it was agreed that the following legal document be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council with A G Wilson Limited of 8 Upper Ballydugan Road, Portadown, County Armagh, BT63 5NN – Contract for entrance works at Billy Neill Soccer Centre

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

7 March 2017

Proposed by Councillor T Morrow

Seconded by Councillor A Givan

Item 6.3, Page 228

Membership and Governance of the Peace IV Local Partnership Body

Alderman W A Leathem stated that during discussion on the above item at the Leisure and Community Development Committee meeting, he had proposed that a letter be sent to the SEUPB outlining the Council's strong objections to the Minister's letter and requesting a copy of the SEUPB minute detailing the change of policy from the email received by the Council in January 2017 until the time of the Minister's letter.

Alderman Leathem proposed that this be included in the Leisure and Community Development Committee minutes and actioned accordingly. This proposal was seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed.

Item 5.10.6, Page 220
Drumbo Men's Shed

Councillor U Mackin welcomed the decision to approve the installation of a shipping container to provide a temporary home to the Drumbo Men's Shed, ahead of a permanent build, both subject to planning permission being received. Councillor Mackin asked that this matter be expedited as soon as possible.

Environmental Services Committee

8 March 2017

Proposed by Councillor J Baird

Seconded by Alderman J Tinsley

Alderman T Jeffers stated that, at the above meeting, he had raised the issue of harmonisation of bin collections and requested that this be included in the minutes.

The matter of waste collection harmonisation had in fact been included in the minutes under item 4.6.2 "MRF Contamination" on page 235 of the minutes.

Development Committee

8 March 2017

Proposed by U Mackin

Seconded by J Gallen

Capital Projects Committee

14 March 2017

Proposed by Alderman J Tinsley

Seconded by Alderman M Henderson

Governance and Audit Committee

14 March 2017

Proposed by Councillor T Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor A Redpath

Corporate Services Committee

14 March 2017

Proposed by Councillor O Gawith

Seconded by Councillor B Mallon

For Noting

Planning Committee

6 February, 2017

Special Planning Committee

23 February 2017

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 6 February, 2017 and special meeting of 23 February, 2017 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 6 March, 2017. It was proposed by Councillor A Redpath, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

In the absence of the Chief Executive, her report was presented by the Director of Leisure & Community Services.

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

Items for Decision

9.1 Request for Letter of Support – R-Space Gallery, Castle Street, Lisburn

Members were informed that the owners of R-Space Gallery, Lisburn, had written to the Council to advise of redevelopment plans, including the reuse of the former Lisburn Cathedral Rectory at 32-34 Castle Street, details of which were set out in the Chief Executive's report.

The owners were taking forward a funding application through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and had requested a letter of support for the project. The request had been received following the Development Committee meeting in March, with the deadline for a response being 20 March, 2017. Members were provided with a copy of a letter prepared by the Council's Lead Head of Development which, given the funding submission deadline, had been issued to R-Space Gallery, with an opportunity for Members to review and comment at this Council meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor J McCarthy and agreed that the letter of support for the project planned by R-Space Gallery be approved.

9.2 Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme

Members were reminded that the Council was leading on the delivery of the new Council-led Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP) and a brief update of the programme was set out in the Chief Executive's report.

Invest NI had signed and submitted a final Letter of Offer (copy of which Members had been provided with) as part of the EU Investment for Growth & Jobs Programme which had been issued upon receipt of signed legal agreements from the partner councils.

Councillor O Gawith referred to points 6.5 and 8 contained in the Letter of Offer and asked if these were standard terms in a contract. The Lead Head of Development confirmed that this was the case and that the Council's legal advisors were content with the Letter of Offer.

The Letter of Offer having been approved by the Council's legal advisors, Cleaver Fulton Rankin, it was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor B Mallon and agreed to approve the signing and sealing of the Letter of Offer from Invest NI.

9.3 CCTV – Moira Village

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of a letter dated 21 March, 2017 from Superintendent S Wright, PSNI, Lisburn & Castlereagh District Command Unit, confirming that the PSNI would provide funding in the sum of £32,800 to complete the required relocation works of the CCTV camera

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link from the former police station in Moira and to support the future upgrade of the CCTV system in Moira.

Members were advised that Officers had received an initial approach from the consultant working on the project on behalf of Lisburn Commerce Against Crime proposing that the associated camera switchgear be relocated from the former police station to the Council building in Moira Demesne. Arising from this, it was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Councillor T Morrow and agreed that Lisburn Commerce Against Crime be asked to submit a formal request to the Council in this regard.

9.4 Ulster Aviation Society

Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.29 pm).

Members were advised that, some years ago, the former Castlereagh Borough Council had acquired, and subsequently loaned to the Ulster Aviation Society for storage and display, a Jet Provost aircraft. The aircraft was displayed with an acknowledgement to the Council. As part of this arrangement, it had been agreed that the Council would contribute £1,000 per annum to the Ulster Aviation Society to cover conservation and storage costs. Unfortunately, due to the merger of the two former councils, payment had been missed in 2015/16. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor O Gawith and agreed that a contribution of £2,000 be made to Ulster Aviation Society toward the cost of storage and display of the Jet Provost aircraft for the period 2015-2017.

Items for Noting

9.5 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council – On-Street Car Parking Charges Increase

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 14 March, 2017 from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in response to representations by the Council in regard to the above, which also included a copy of the response that Council had received from the Minister for Infrastructure on this subject. It was proposed by Councillor R Walker, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the contents of this correspondence be noted.

9.6 Grant Schemes – Appeal Outcomes

The Chief Executive listed in her report, a number of organisations that had been successful in appeals lodged under several grant programmes. It was proposed by Councillor R Walker, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that this information be noted.

9.7 North South Interconnector Project

Members were provided with a copy of a letter dated 22 March, 2017 from SONI Ltd in relation to the above project. It was proposed by Councillor R Walker,

9.7 North South Interconnector Project (Contd)

seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the contents of this correspondence be noted.

9.8 Annual Meeting of Council

Members were reminded that, in accordance with Standing Orders (Item 1(2) refers), "in every year that is not an election year, the Council shall hold an Annual Meeting during the first week of the month of June".

Following consultation with The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, it had been agreed that the Annual Meeting of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council would be held on Thursday, 8 June, 2017 at 4.00 pm. It was proposed by Councillor R Walker, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that this information be noted.

9.9 Special Meeting of Council

Councillor S Skillen left the meeting during consideration of this item of business (7.30 pm).

Members were reminded that it had previously been agreed to receive presentations at special meetings of Council on 15 March and 17 May, 2017. Subsequently, the date of 15 March had been cancelled.

In order to facilitate the attendance of deputations, it had been agreed, following consultation with The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, that the special meeting originally to have been held on 15 March now be held on 14 June, 2017 at 6.00 pm. It was proposed by Councillor R Walker, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that this information be noted.

10. Reports from Members on Boards

10.1 NILGA Conference – Easing the Transition: Alcohol, Employment and the Over-50s
Alderman M Henderson

Alderman M Henderson advised that the above conference was being held on 30 March, 2017 in the Millennium Forum, Londonderry, was free to attend for any Member interested in doing so.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure

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

12. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

13. Confidential Business

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, advised that the matter contained in the confidential report would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Councillor J Gray and agreed that the item in the Confidential Report be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

Item for Decision

13.1 Deed of Agreement Pursuant to Section 76 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 between Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Coulter Homes Ltd, Lewis Homes Ltd and QTH Ltd Relating to Lands at Wellington Parks, Maghaberry

Having noted information set out in the Chief Executive's report, it was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor A Redpath and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Deed of Agreement by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, and the Chief Executive.

Resumption of Normal Business

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

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Lisburn Courthouse
Councillor O Gawith

Councillor O Gawith stated that it had been brought to his attention that there were moves afoot to try to reduce the amount of court work done at Lisburn Courthouse by transferring this to Belfast, thus making it easier for the judicial service to perhaps look at regrading or removing Lisburn Courthouse. Councillor Gawith proposed that a letter be sent to the Lord Chief Justice making him aware that the Council would be most dissatisfied if anything was done to downgrade the court service in Lisburn. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J McCarthy and agreed.

14.2 Terrorist Attack at London Westminster
Councillor A Redpath

It was proposed by Councillor A Redpath that the Council write to (a) the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service expressing its condolences and disgust at the murder of PC Keith Palmer during the recent terrorist attack in London; and (b) the Mayor of the City of Westminster or the Mayor of London expressing condolences in respect of those killed or injured during this attack. This proposal was seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed.

14.3 Mayor's Community Awards
Councillor T Morrow

Councillor T Morrow congratulated The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, in respect of the recent Mayor's Community Awards ceremony, which had been funded by Leisure and Community Services Department. This had been a very successful event and it had been good to see such a large part of the area represented at the ceremony and receiving awards.

14.4 Thank You Letters
Councillor T Morrow

Councillor T Morrow reported receipt of two thank you letters. The first of these had been received from Mr Bobby Watson in respect of the reception that had been held for him and Mr Jack Beattie. The other letter had been received from Mrs Moya McElreavey, daughter of Mr Denis Osborne, an exhibition of whose work had been launched on 9 March in the Irish Linen Centre/Lisburn Museum.

14.5 Mr Ewan McAteer – British Gymnastics Championships
The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, referred to Ewan McAteer, son of Mr Paul McAteer who was an employee in the Council's Building Control section. Ewan, who was 17 years old, had recently competed against full-time professional gymnasts in the British Gymnastics Championships. Councillor Bloomfield stated that Ewan was the Senior British Champion at the vault and this was an outstanding achievement. The Mayor stated that he would be writing a letter to Paul to acknowledge his son's achievement. Councillor R T Beckett concurred with the Mayor's comments about Ewan, who Councillor Beckett had known for a long time and whose progress he had followed.

14.6 Mayor's Charity Quiz
Alderman D Drysdale

Alderman D Drysdale congratulated The Right Worshipful, Councillor B Bloomfield, on the very successful quiz that had been held recently to raise money for the Mayor's charity.

14.7 Councillor M Tolerton
Alderman W A Leathem

Alderman W A Leathem advised Members that Councillor M Tolerton had not been well over the last number of weeks. She had been readmitted to hospital the previous Friday, but hoped to be discharge this evening. Councillor Tolerton had been very appreciative of the card she had received from The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Bloomfield, and Mrs Bloomfield.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 7.42 pm.

Mayor