LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 22 September, 2026 at 7:02 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER: The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor B Higginson

Aldermen J Baird, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Gregg, A Grehan, H Legge, S P Porter, and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, D Bassett, R T Beckett, S Burns, P Catney, D J Craig, A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur, G Hynds, C Kemp, S Lowry, U Mackin, B Magee, A Martin, G McCleave, C McCready, M McKeever, T Mitchell, N Parker, G Thompson and N Trimble

PRESENT REMOTELY: Alderman S Skillen

Councillors J Laverty BEM and R McLernon

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Director of Regeneration & Growth (Remote)
Member Services Officers (FA & EW)
Technician
IT Officer

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, welcomed those present to the September meeting of Council.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded that the meeting was being livestreamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Mayor pointed out that, should the meeting go into committee to consider confidential business, any members of the press and the public in attendance would be required to leave the Council Chamber for the duration of those matters.

The Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

The Mayor 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.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed Rev N Dark to the meeting of Council. Rev Dark addressed the meeting and said a prayer.

The Mayor, thanked Rev Dark for his attendance and contribution, following which Rev Dark left the meeting (7.12 pm).

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor

1.1 Mayor's Engagements

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor since the last meeting of Council.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman A McIntyre and Councillors R Carlin, K Dickson and D Lynch.

3. Declarations of Interest

Alderman J Baird declared an interest in respect of item 4.1 of the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027' as he was a member of LOL 1662, which had received funding via this scheme. After the meeting concluded Alderman Baird submitted a written declaration of interest form on which he also declared an interest in item 5.1 of the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 September 2026 'Data Sharing Agreement between Councils and Landlord Registration Scheme Northern Ireland (LRSNI)' as he was a private landlord.

Councillor A P Ewing declared an interest in respect of item 5.1 of the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 September 2026 'Data Sharing Agreement between Councils and Landlord Registration Scheme Northern Ireland (LRSNI)' as he was a private landlord. Councillor Ewing also declared an interest in item 4.3 of the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027' and item 5.3 of the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee held on 9 September 2026 'Request to Earmark Reserves' as he was a member of LOL 144 and Hillsborough Working Together.

Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in the following items within the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026, as he had assisted community groups and family members who were members of Dromara Village Football Club and Lisnagarvey Hockey Club with applications for funding:

3. Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

- Item 4.1 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 4.2 'Addressing Poverty and Social Exclusion Grant'
- Item 4.3 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 5.2 'Sports Club Enhancement Fund'

Councillor Gowan also declared an interest in item 5.3 of the minutes of the Corporate Servies Committee held on 9 September 2026 'Request to Earmark Reserves' for the same reason as above, and in item 5.1 of the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 September 2026 'Data Sharing Agreement between Councils and Landlord Registration Scheme Northern Ireland (LRSNI)' as he was a private landlord.

Councillor C Kemp declared an interest in items 4.1 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027' and 4.3 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027' of the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 and confirmed that she had also declared these interests when at the meeting.

Alderman S Skillen declared an interest in the following items within the minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee held on 1 September 2026 and confirmed that she had declared these interests when at the meeting:

- Item 4.1 'DIY and Technical Assistance Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 4.2 'Addressing Poverty and Social Exclusion Grant'
- Item 4.3 'Communities Facilities Fund 2026/2027'
- Item 5.2 'Sports Club Enhancement Fund'

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting – 25 August, 2026

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor C Kemp, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 August, 2026 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August, 2026.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson advised that the first legal document on the agenda 'Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland, c/o Garma Advisory Limited, 5th Floor, Metro Building, 6-9 Donegall Square South, Belfast BT1 5JA – Deed of Release' had been withdrawn pending further information.

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Kinnaird Mechanical Ltd, 175 Ballygomartin Road, Belfast BT13 3NA – Contract for T25/26-034 Tender for PPM & RM 5 – Sewage and Drainage Pump Systems

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and White Mountain Quarries, 5 Blackwater Road, Mallusk BT36 4TZ – Contract for Resurfacing Programme Phase 2

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Community Advice Lisburn & Castlereagh, Bridge Community Centre, 50 Railway Street, Lisburn BT28 1XP – Contract for T25/26-070 Tender for Provision of Generalist Advice Services

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Councillor A Gowan (7.31 pm and 7.34 pm) and Councillor A P Ewing (7.33 pm and 7.35pm) left and returned to the meeting during this item. Alderman A G Ewart left the meeting during this item (7.35 pm).

Communities & Wellbeing Committee **1 September, 2026**
Proposed by Councillor S Lowry
Seconded by Councillor B Magee

Environment & Sustainability Committee **2 September, 2026**
Proposed by Alderman S Skillen
Seconded by Councillor N Parker

Regeneration & Growth Committee **3 September, 2026**
Proposed by Alderman J Baird
Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

Matters Arising

Item 4.4 Page 417
Proposed 13 Space Car Park – Station Road, Lambeg

Councillor D J Craig spoke of a community consultation which he had attended with Councillor N Trimble in relation to the above item and that he felt

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it was very clear the community's opinion was divided. Councillor Craig noted the response from the Minister for Infrastructure in relation to the application of double yellow lines and stated that this was in direct contradiction to the information provided to the Council by Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Officers in the past. Councillor Craig proposed that the Council write to the Permanent Secretary for DfI seeking clarification, given that he felt the Council had been misled on the subject of double yellow lines by DfI Officers for decades. Councillor G Hynds seconded this proposal and it was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Item 7.1.2 Page 422
Ravernet Primary School

"In Committee"

Councillor C Kemp advised that she wished to ask a question on the above item but it would require entering confidential business. It was proposed by Councillor Kemp, seconded by Alderman S P Porter, and agreed to go 'into committee' so this could be discussed (7.25 pm).

Following the question from Councillor Kemp, the Director of Regeneration and Growth provided Members with a verbal update.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed (7.30 pm).

Corporate Services Committee **9 September, 2026**
Proposed by Alderman S P Porter
Seconded by Alderman O Gawith

Alderman S P Porter advised that the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee were still subject to the Call-In procedure until 10.00 am on Thursday, 24 September 2026.

Matters Arising

Item 4.4 Page 436
Armed Forces Day 2027 – Working Group

Councillor N Trimble advised that the minutes of the above item stated "the proposal was supported by all Members with no opposition" which he stated was correct. Councillor Trimble continued that he had been made aware that a statement had been made on social media by Councillor G Hynds which stated that he had objected to Councillor Hynds' nomination to the Armed Forces Day 2027 Working Group. Councillor Trimble advised that this was untrue. Councillor G Hynds stated that there was a language of opposition on the evening and that he stood by his comments. The Mayor advised that the

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minute of the meeting had been confirmed as an accurate reflection of the committee decision.

Item 5.3 Page 437
Request to Earmark Reserves

Councillor A Givan thanked the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, Alderman S P Porter for the uplift allocated to the Communities Facility Fund and thanked Officers for their work on this.

Governance & Audit Committee **10 September, 2026**
Proposed by Councillor M McKeever
Seconded by Alderman O Gawith

Councillor M McKeever advised that the minutes of the Governance & Audit Committee were still subject to the Call-In procedure until 10.00 am on Wednesday, 23 September 2026.

Planning Committee **3 August, 2026**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 3 August, 2026 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 7 September, 2026. It was proposed by Councillor D Bassett, seconded by Alderman O Gawith, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There were no reports 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. Notices of Motion

12.1 Freedom of the City of Lisburn & Castlereagh for Yeoman Warder, Ryan Brown
Alderman J Baird

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

12.1 Freedom of the City of Lisburn & Castlereagh for Yeoman Warder, Ryan Brown (Cont'd)

"That Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council resolves to confer the Freedom of the City upon Mr Ryan Brown, in recognition of his commitment to Crown and Community but in also becoming the 423rd Yeoman Warder of His Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress the Tower of London and being the first person from Lisburn to achieve this distinguished honour."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Alderman J Baird and seconded by Councillor A Givan.

Alderman Baird elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he highlighted Mr R Brown's history of living in Lisburn, where he attended Laurelhill High School before joining the British Army in 1994. While in the British Army he served with the Royal Irish Regiment followed by the Royal Regiment of Artillery reaching the rank of Warrant Officer. Alderman Baird advised that although Mr Brown travelled a lot during his military career, Lisburn was always home and he bought a house in the city in 2003. Following retirement from the British Army in 2019 he returned to Lisburn to live and worked at Hillsborough Castle until 2024. Alderman Baird spoke of the community work undertaken by Mr Brown as a director of Ballymacash Sports Academy, a Trustee of Ballymacash Rangers Football Club, and as Club Development Officer for Ballymacash Rangers Youth Football Club, where he worked to improve facilities and increase participation. Mr Brown had been involved in ensuring Ballymacash Sports Academy reached high standards which resulted them in being awarded the King's Award for Volunteering. Alderman Baird informed of Mr Brown's success in being appointed the 423rd Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London in 2024, and that he was the first person from Lisburn to hold this position and only the second from Northern Ireland. He continued that while Mr Brown now lived in London, he still had a strong connection with Lisburn and that his service to his country and community should be recognised by the Council.

Councillor A Givan stated he was privileged to second the Notice of Motion and spoke of the honour for Mr Brown and his family in being appointed the 423rd Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London. Councillor Givan spoke of the stringent interview process for the coveted position of Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London, a position more commonly known as a Beefeater, of which there were only 34. Councillor Givan recalled when a delegation from the Regeneration and Growth Committee were in London at a conference and were given a tour of the Tower of London by Mr Brown. He continued to speak of his own experience when visiting the Tower of London and of the professionalism of the Yeomen Warders in carrying out their duties, and of the privilege of Lisburn in having one of its citizens hold the position of Yeoman Warder, concluding that it was appropriate for the Council to recognise this achievement.

Alderman A Grehan spoke on behalf of the Alliance Party in support of the Notice of Motion.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Alderman J Baird and seconded by Councillor A Givan, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

12.2 Street Cabinet Artwork Project
Councillor N Parker

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor N Parker had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

> "Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council recognises the negative impact that graffiti such as tagging and the subsequent costs of removal, can have on our communities, public spaces and street furniture, while also recognising the positive benefits that public street art, such as painted utility boxes, can play in enhancing the local environment and fostering civic pride.
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> Accordingly, Council agrees to explore the potential of a Street Cabinet Artwork Project including seeking out permissions, funding opportunities and working with local artists, community groups and youth organisations to design any future artwork.
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> Furthermore, Council notes that such a scheme would be an opportunity to showcase local heritage and engage people of all ages and backgrounds across our council area."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor N Parker and seconded by Alderman H Legge.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, advised that the above Notice of Motion, would be referred without debate to the Communities and Wellbeing Committee for consideration.

12.3 Expansion of the Imagination Library to Lisburn & Castlereagh
Councillor J Harpur

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

> "Council notes the success of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides free, age-appropriate books to children from birth to the age of five, supporting early childhood development, literacy and a love of reading.
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> Council recognises the important role that early access to books and shared reading can play in improving children's educational outcomes, supporting parents and carers, and helping to reduce inequalities in early childhood development.
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> Council further recognises the potential benefits of providing access to the Imagination Library to every child born within the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area, regardless of their family's circumstances, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to benefit from a regular supply of books during their early years.
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> Accordingly, Council agrees to:

12.3 Expansion of the Imagination Library to Lisburn & Castlereagh (Cont'd)

1. Request officers to investigate the potential costs of introducing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library across the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area, with the scheme available to every child born within the Council area from birth until the age of five, including an estimate of the annual cost based on the number of eligible children.

2. Explore potential funding and partnership opportunities with but not limited to Libraries NI, Community Planning and Book Trust, including funding from relevant government departments, charitable trusts and foundations, local businesses, community organisations and other external partners, with a view to reducing or meeting the cost to Council.

3. Engage with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and relevant local stakeholders to establish the requirements for participation, potential delivery models and how registration could be incorporated into existing services supporting new parents and children within the Council area.

4. Bring a report back to the appropriate Council Committee outlining the above for Members' consideration."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J Harpur and seconded by Councillor J Gallen.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, advised that the above Notice of Motion, would be referred without debate to the Communities and Wellbeing Committee for consideration.

12.4 South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Savings
Councillor S Burns

Councillor T Mitchell left and returned to the meeting during this item (7.46 pm and 7.48 pm).

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

"That this Council notes with grave concern that the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust has been instructed to deliver savings of £50.7 million during 2026/27, including tighter controls on filling vacancies, reduced reliance on agency and locum staffing and reduced use of non-designated corridor beds.

Council recognises the immense pressure already facing health and social care services across the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area and is deeply concerned about the potential consequences for staffing levels, waiting times, patient safety and the accessibility of frontline services, particularly at Lagan Valley Hospital and Ulster Hospital.

12.4 South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Savings (Cont'd)

Council further expresses concern that the Trust has determined that these measures do not require formal public consultation despite their scale and potential impact upon patients, staff and local communities.

Accordingly, Council agrees to convene a special meeting and invite the Minister of Health, together with senior representatives of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, to outline the proposed savings in full, explain their anticipated impact on services within this Council area and provide assurances that patient care, safety and access to essential services will not be diminished."

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor S Burns and seconded by Alderman S P Porter.

Councillor Burns elaborated on her Notice of Motion during which she acknowledged the financial pressures on the Health Service and that efficiencies must be found, however, she queried the consequences of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT) making savings of £50.7 million, particularly in relation to:

- Whether staffing levels would be reduced with vacancies left unfilled for long periods, and a reduction in agency and locum staff, resulting in the remaining staff struggling to maintain appropriate staffing levels;
- Whether there would be fewer beds available for those that needed them; and
- The impact the changes would have on waiting times and patient safety.

Councillor Burns expressed concern at the lack of a public consultation despite the scale of the proposed cuts and potential impact they would have on services. She stated that regardless of the technical requirements around a public consultation, there needed to be meaningful engagement as the public deserve to know what was being proposed and how this would affect their local services.

Councillor Burns spoke of the Special Meeting of Council requested in her motion and advised that the Minister for Health and SEHSCT representatives needed to show transparency and accountability. She raised concern on the impact the savings could have on front line staff, who were already under great pressure, and stated that staffing levels could not merely be looked at as numbers on a spreadsheet. Councillor Burns concluded that she was seeking clarity on what the savings would mean for services provided at the Lagan Valley Hospital and Ulster Hospital and ensure the people of Lisburn & Castlereagh could have confidence in their health service.

Alderman Porter, having seconded the Notice of Motion, thanked Councillor Burns for bringing forward this Notice of Motion. Alderman Porter spoke of his personal experience of waiting for an operation and the delays, cancellations and long waiting lists experienced by so many people. He stated that as elected representatives, they should do all they could to support the Minister for Health in his challenging role and put party politics aside to fight for the health services the public need. In closing Alderman Porter advised that this motion was about

12.4 South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Savings (Cont'd)

understanding the impact the savings would have on health services throughout the Council area.

Councillors G Thompson, J Gallen and N Trimble on behalf of their respective political parties spoke in support of the Notice of Motion. Councillor G Hynds also spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor Burns and seconded by Alderman S P Porter, was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Lambeg Golf Club – Charity Day and Inter-club Ireland Success
Councillor P Catney

Councillor P Catney thanked Councillors S Lowry and B Magee for attending the Lambeg Golf Club charity day in their capacities as Chair and Vice Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee. This had taken place at Aberdelghy Golf Course the Saturday prior and a substantial amount of money was raised for the charity. Councillor Catney also informed that Lambeg Golf Club had won its first ever Inter-club Ireland competition in the Ulster Senior Men's Fourball category at Scrabo Golf Club on 6 September 2026, a competition which had involved 176 teams, and requested the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson host a reception to recognise the achievement. The Mayor advised he would be happy to accommodate this request.

13.2 Congratulations to Ms Anita Rydout
Alderman A Grehan

Alderman A Grehan congratulated Ms A Rydout on completing the Belfast Half Marathon, raising money for Live Life Wellbeing and Sensibility charities in the process. Ms Rydout had set herself a goal of raising £2000 but had raised over £5000 to date. Alderman Grehan advised that Ms Rydout's achievement was especially impressive as she had been diagnosed with autism and severe global developmental delay, was a former pupil of Parkview Special School and now attends Live Life Wellbeing Centre. Ms Rydout's running journey began at the Park Run in Wallace Park, Lisburn, before joining Jog Lisburn Running Club. Alderman Grehan requested that the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson host a reception for Ms Rydout, her family and team to recognise the achievement and celebrate the fantastic fundraising. The Mayor advised he would be honoured to host a reception for Ms Rydout.

13.3 Roadworks at Four Winds Roundabout
Councillor B Magee

Councillor B Magee advised that developer-led roadworks had commenced on 20 July 2026 at the Four Winds roundabout and were due to last for six months. She raised concerns with the impacts they were having on local residents and businesses, particularly those on Newton Park which had been closed since the

13.3 Roadworks at Four Winds Roundabout (Cont'd)

beginning of September. Whilst Newton Park was due to reopen on 2 October 2026, other roads off the Four Winds roundabout would then be closed for the next phases of work, creating further disruption for motorists along the busy route. Councillor Magee proposed that the Council write to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) on behalf of the residents of Castlereagh South DEA to ensure that the roadworks complete more swiftly. Councillor J Gallen seconded this proposal. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson stated that he had met with DfI Officers on site earlier in the day and he agreed that more could be done to address the issues.

13.4 NILGA Conference
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge reminded Members that on 8 October 2026, NILGA were holding their conference at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn and that it was the only NILGA conference being held during the current Council term. Alderman Legge advised that she felt it was important Members should attend if they were available and thanked Officers for distributing the information about the event to Members.

13.5 Mr Lawrence Hooke, Anahilt Scout Leader
Councillor A Gowan

Councillor A Gowan informed the Council that Mr L Hooke had stepped down as a Leader of 1st Anahilt Scout Group during the summer months, after serving for 60 years in the role. Councillor Gowan spoke of the number of lives Mr Hooke had impacted through his leadership in the local community, and requested that the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson host a reception to recognise Mr Hooke's service. The Mayor advised that he would be happy to accommodate this request.

13.6 Congratulations to Mrs Bernie Reid
Councillor T Mitchell

Councillor T Mitchell congratulated Mrs B Reid of Ballymacash Primary School, who had received the Spirit of Education Award at the recent Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards for making a positive impact on school life. Mrs Reid had been involved in football at the school for 25 years, in particular girls' football, encouraging those who would not normally be selected for the team to participate. Councillor Mitchell requested that the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson write to Mrs Reid to congratulate her. The Mayor advised that he had been made aware of Mrs Reid's success earlier in the day and that it was his intention to visit Mrs Reid and give her a plaque to recognise her achievements.

13.7 Thanks to the Communities and Wellbeing Staff
Councillor S Lowry

Councillor S Lowry expressed her thanks to the Communities and Wellbeing staff ahead of the Dundonald International Ice Bowl's 40th Anniversary celebrations, which had been planned for the upcoming weekend, and welcomed the inclusion of local schools when preparing for the event.

13.8 Grass Cutting by Department for Infrastructure
Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds referred to a letter that had been received from the Department for Infrastructure on the cutting of grass verges, particularly those at junctions where sightlines were important for road safety. Councillor Hynds proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure to request that they review the schedules of cutting, particularly how quickly verges are cut at junctions when the grass is growing rapidly. This proposal was seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed unanimously.

13.9 Congratulations to the Mayor
Councillor C McCready

Councillor C McCready congratulated the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson on his recent skydive to raise money for his Mayoral Charity, Air Ambulance Northern Ireland. The Mayor thanked those who had donated and the Council's Communications Team for their help with the promotion. Alderman S Skillen congratulated the Mayor and spoke of two incidents in Dundonald when the Air Ambulance had been required to respond in recent weeks.

14. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business to discuss.

Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor B Higginson, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.18 pm.

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Mayor