LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 26 August, 2025 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge (in the Chair)

Aldermen A G Ewart MBE, M Gregg, A McIntyre, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors J Bamford, D Bassett, R T Beckett, S Burns, R Carlin, P Catney, K Dickson, A P Ewing, J Harpur, G Hynds, C Kemp, J Laverty BEM, S Lowry, D Lynch, U Mackin, B Magee, A Martin, G McCleave, C McCready, M McKeever, R McLernon, T Mitchell, N Parker, G Thompson

REMOTE: Aldermen J Baird, O Gawith and S Skillen, and Councillor

Hon N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive

Director of Environmental Services

Director of Organisation Development and Innovation

Director of Regeneration and Growth

Head of Corporate Communications & Administration

Head of Sports Services

Member Services Officers (BS, EW)

IT Officer Technician

Commencement of the Meeting

In the absence of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, chaired the meeting.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Deputy Mayor welcomed those present to the August meeting of Council and advised that the meeting was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. The Deputy Mayor also advised 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 Deputy 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.

Alderman S P Porter entered the meeting at 7.06 pm.

Condolences

The Deputy Mayor expressed condolences in respect of the following bereavements:

- death of Mr Brian Rea, Freeman of the City. Brian had attended many Council civic events to represent The Royal Ulster Constabulary GC.

- death In Service of Richard Kenny, also known as Ricky. Richard worked as a Cleansing Operative in Waste Management & Operations for the past 36 years. originally joined Castlereagh Borough Council and worked as part of the Carryduff crew along with Robert Houston and William McGowan. Richard then moved to Play Park Cleansing and worked closely alongside his colleague Clifford Ferguson. His nephew Dean Strachan also works for the Council in Cleansing.
- death of Thomas (David) Archer (Snr) former Councillor in Lisburn Borough Council and Lisburn City Council. David (Snr) was also the father of a former Councillor, David Archer (Jnr). Also, the wife of the late former Councillor Archer (Snr), Margaret Meta Archer, sadly passed away the following month.

Prayers

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Andrew Thompson, to the meeting of Council, Rev Thompson gave an address and said a prayer during which he too remembered the bereaved families mentioned by the Deputy Mayor. Rev Thompson then left the meeting.

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, Alderman A Grehan, and the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, since the June meeting of Council.

Council Visit to the Somme

At the request of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, the Deputy Mayor read out the undernoted statement by The Right Worshipful the Mayor on her visit to the Somme:

"I had the honour of representing our council with my colleagues at the annual visit to the Somme, a deeply significant event in our civic calendar. During the visit, I had the privilege of meeting the War Commissioner and the Mayor of Albert, helping to build up friendships between our communities. It was a great honour to lay wreaths on behalf of our citizens, a moving and respectful tribute to those who gave their lives.

I would like to sincerely thank Glen, our driver, for ensuring we travelled safely and punctually throughout the trip. My thanks also go to our Director, Louise Moore, and our Head of Service, Richard Harvey, for their invaluable support

Council Visit to the Somme (Cont'd)

throughout the visit, which helped ensure everything ran smoothly and successfully.

It was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembrance, and I was proud to take part."

Councillors P Catney and G Hynds, who also had participated in the Somme trip, spoke of their privilege of having had the opportunity to attend and also expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Mayor's Driver, the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing and the Head of Service (Environmental Health).

VJ 80 Commemorations

The Deputy Mayor expressed thanks and appreciation in connection with the exceptional VJ 80 commemorations at Lagan Valley Island on 15 August 2025. The Deputy Mayor expressed her personal thanks to the Members and Officers who had worked alongside her on the VJ80 Working Group, and also to all the Officers and staff for their efforts in making this event was as fitting as it was.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, Councillors D J Craig, J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan and B Higginson, and the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of Members' interests

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Meeting of Council – 24 June 2025

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 June 2025 be confirmed and signed.

5. <u>Matters Arising</u>

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

The Director of Regeneration & Growth and Chief Executive responded to questions from Councillor J Laverty in regard to the legal document which was before the Council for signing and sealing that evening. The legal document was in connection with a Letter of Offer in respect of the operation of Public Realm CCTV systems.

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, and agreed that an update report on this matter come before the relevant Committee in due course.

It was noted that as the information in regard to the operation of the CCTV system in Lisburn was commercially sensitive any further discussion would require to take place "in Committee."

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, and agreed that this matter be discussed "In Committee" in the absence of the press and members of the public.

"In Committee"

The Chief Executive and the Director of Regeneration & Growth addressed the Council in regard to the issues raised. They also responded to further comments and questions from two other Members.

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor P Catney, and agreed that the following legal document be signed at the meeting:

 Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Citywatch CCTV Northern Ireland, PSNI, Barrack Street, Lisburn, BT28 1TJ – Letter of Offer in respect of the operation of a CCTV System in Lisburn

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Special Governance & Audit Committee Proposed by Councillor D Bassett Seconded by Councillor M McKeever 26 June 2025

Planning Committee (for Noting)

2 June 2025

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 2 June 2025 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 7 July 2025. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor S Burns, and agreed that their contents be noted.

Planning Committee (for Noting)

7 July 2025

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 7 July 2025 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 4 August 2025. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor G Thompson, and agreed that their contents be noted.

Matters Arising

Planning Application LA05/2024/0741/LBC

At the request of Councillor P Catney, the Director of Regeneration & Growth undertook to provide an update on the decision taken under delegated authority in connection with the above planning application to all Lisburn North DEA Members.

9. Report from Chief Executive

9.1 <u>Purchase of Tickets for the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance</u> 2025

The Chief Executive reminded Members that at the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee in June 2025 it had been agreed to recommend that the Council sponsor a half-page advertisement at a cost of £500, consistent with previous years. This sponsorship did not include tickets for the event, which were not available at the time of the June meeting.

It was noted that tickets for the Festival of Remembrance had now been released and were priced at £22 per ticket.

It was agreed on a proposal by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, that Council approve the Officer's recommendation to purchase five tickets for nominated representatives, namely; Mayor & Guest, CEO/Officer nominee, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee or their nominees, in line with the Council's policy on Civic Representation. In addition, it was agreed that a further ticket be purchased for the attendance at this event by the Council's Veteran Champion.

9.2 Delegated Authority – Decisions Taken during the Summer Months

The Chief Executive reminded Members of the decision of the Council at its meeting held on 24 June 2025 that delegated authority be granted to The Right Worshipful the Mayor, the relevant Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, in conjunction with the Chief Executive, up until 20 August 2025 in respect of any decisions required during that time.

The Chief Executive advised that one decision had been during that time which was in regard to the contract for arc21. Details of this decision were appended to the report circulated.

The Chief Executive responded to a request from Councillor R Carlin on any update on the progress of the review of the Council's recycling model. Councillor Carlin also enquired if there had been any further direction from DAERA.

The Chief Executive advised that the Council was still awaiting an announcement from DAERA on this issue and assured that a report would come forward to Members in due course. He also advised that Officers continued to work behind the scenes in this regard.

It was proposed by Councillor S Burns, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, and agreed to note the decision taken under delegated authority, as outlined in the appended document, in line with the report from the Chief Executive at the meeting of Council held on 24 June 2025.

9.3 <u>Delegated Authority to the Regeneration & Growth Committee</u>

The Council considered a report outlining the background and key issues in connection with the development of facilities by Canal Boxing Club at the site at the Queen Elizabeth II Playing fields which had been granted to the Club through a Community Asset Transfer.

It was proposed by Councillor C Kemp, seconded by Councillor J Harpur, and agreed that in order to accelerate the Club's ability to meet other funder requirements, delegated authority be granted to the Regeneration & Growth Committee at its meeting in September 2025 for the purposes of scrutiny and agreement of requisite legal documents in the form of a Development Agreement and lease.

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

There were no Notices of Motion for consideration.

13. Confidential Business

There was no other confidential business for consideration

14. Any Other Business

14.1 <u>Council's Open Spaces</u> <u>Councillor U Mackin</u>

Councillor U Mackin commended the Parks and Amenities teams for the high standards to which the Council's parks were maintained. Councillor Mackin also welcomed the fact that the Council had won Nine Green flag awards this year and in this regard Councillor Mackin requested that congratulations and appreciation be passed to the Parks and Amenities team for their efforts.

14.2 <u>River Lagan</u> Councillor U Mackin

Councillor U Mackin expressed concern in regard to the condition of area of the River Lagan that runs between Moores Bridge and down by Drum Bridge in Drumbeg and stated that there were numerous unsightly items having been thrown into the river, such as steel barriers on the far side of the Blue Bridge, cars, tyres, trolleys, all kinds of steel structures.

Councillor Mackin referred to a letter that had been sent previously to Rivers Agency on similar concerns and they had responded to advise that as the flow of water was not impeded this issue was not Rivers Agency's responsibility. Councillor Mackin stated that this was not acceptable and proposed that the relevant Council Department(s) engage seriously with Rivers Agency.

Councillor Mackin also reminded the Council that the River Lagan featured in the Council's Tourism strategy and emphasised that it was important to follow up with Rivers Agency on how we could work in partnership with them with the aim of improving this tourism feature.

The Chief Executive advised that Councillor Mackin's issues would be raised at a meeting of the Corporate Management Team with a view to deciding which Council department would lead on the engagement with Rivers Agency.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor Hynds also expressed concern in regard to the state of the River Lagan. He referred to the works taking place to the flood gates at Hilden and felt that this was a missed opportunity in regard to a clean-up of the River Lagan. He stated that the Hilden area was suffering due to the state of the river.

14.3 NIHE - Presentation to Council

Councillor N Parker reminded the Council that NIHE had been received at a Special Meeting of Council last November when a number of operational issues had been addressed. Councillor Parker highlighted that many Members are facing the issues of lack of repairs, quality of repairs or the time taken to progress repairs and requested that a letter be sent to NIHE requesting the following information in advance of their next attendance at Council:

- KPI figures for repairs and renewals, including response times and completion rates,
- a breakdown of the types of repairs and any noticeable trends in repair failures.
- figures on post work inspections, how many are carried out and what the outcomes are

The Chief Executive informed Councillor Parker that arrangements were in place to receive NIHE at the Council meeting on 23 September 2025 and that the information requested by Councillor Parker would be passed to NIHE in advance of the meeting.

14.4 <u>Carryduff HRC</u> <u>Councillor D Bassett</u>

Councillor D Bassett raised concern in regard to the issue of traffic backing up at the Carryduff HRC site on the Comber Road due to vehicles queuing to enter the HRC. He reported that traffic also was backing up on the Saintfield Road as far down as the roundabout and also on the Church Road towards the supermarket. Councillor Basset enquired if there was anything the Council could do in the short term to alleviate this problem.

The Chief Executive referred to the feasibility study that was being progressed for the Carryduff HRC. He also indicated that any short-term solution could have significant financial implications.

Councillor Bassett highlighted that this congestion was causing significant delays for other drivers and also had the potential to block emergency vehicles getting through. Councillor D Bassett enquired again if anything could be done in the short term prior to the progress of the reconfigured HRC to address this congestion.

The Chief Executive advised that consideration would be given to what could be achieved in the short term and would revert back to Councillor Bassett.

14.5 <u>Lough Moss Leisure Centre Feasibility Study - Update</u> <u>Councillor D Bassett</u>

In response to comments from Councillor D Bassett in connection with the proposed feasibility study for Lough Moss Leisure Centre the Chief Executive

14.5 <u>Lough Moss Leisure Centre Feasibility Study – Update</u> (Cont'd) Councillor D Bassett

undertook to arrange with the Head of Sport Services to revert to the relevant DEA Members.

14.6 <u>Concerns re Play Park at Moira Demesne</u> Councillor C McCready

Councillor McCready whilst acknowledging that the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing was currently looking into a refurbishment of the play park at Moira Demesne, expressed concern in regard to soil that was coming up in places. Councillor McCready requested if someone could have a look at this issue which, he stated, was a potential health and safety issue.

14.7 <u>Upkeep of Toilets - Update</u> <u>Councillor C McCready</u>

Councillor C McCready requested an update on the programme for the upkeep of the toilets in Moira Demesne, and also in regard to how this programme of upkeep was managed.

14.8 <u>Upkeep of Graveyards</u> Councillor C McCready and Councillor G Hynds

Councillor C McCready enquired about the upkeep of graveyards, and advised that he had received complaints recently in relation to Blaris Graveyard. Councillor McCready emphasised the importance of maintaining all the graveyards to a high standard.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor G Hynds also raised concerns in regard to the state of the Council's graveyards, having had received a number of complaints over the summer months in connection with Blaris Cemetery.

The Chief Executive advised that one of the issues in some graveyards was the seating that had been purchased by families, and which often fall into a state of disrepair. In such circumstance the Council remove these items.

The Chief Executive also responded to other comments raised including the issue of staffing across the Parks and Amenities teams.

14.9 <u>Moira Food Fair - Congratulations to Council Officers</u> <u>Councillor A P Ewing</u>

Councillor A P Ewing welcomed the huge success of Moira Food Fair and conveyed congratulations to the Officers involved in the organisation of this event. Councillor Ewing also welcomed the fact that this event was dog-friendly and commended the Officers for their efforts which had ensured a successful and well-run event.

14.10 <u>Twelfth of July Celebrations in Dundonald & Lisburn</u> Alderman M Gregg, Alderman S Skillen and Councillor G Hynds

Alderman M Gregg commended Dundonald Purple Vine and also Council staff for the excellent clean up at the field at Dundonald High School and along the parade route following the Twelfth of July parade, and also in relation to the excellent clean up after the beacon event at Moat Park.

Alderman Gregg commended those people who were watching the parade on having disposed of their recyclables carefully. He also commended council staff who were out early emptying bins and litter picking along the parade route on the morning of 13th July. Alderman Gregg put on record the thanks of all Members of Castlereagh East DEA to the Council staff who had given up much of their bank holiday to support this event.

At a later point in the meeting Alderman S Skillen also commended the efforts of staff who had supported the Twelfth of July events. Alderman Skillen also conveyed congratulations to David Irwin and also Kelly Irwin for the manner in which they had engaged with Dundonald Purple Vine in the organisation of these events.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor G Hynds welcomed the success of the Twelfth of July celebrations in Lisburn which also had attracted huge crowds.

4.11 Planning Unit Councillor K Dickson

Councillor K Dickson highlighted concern that information requested from the Planning service had not yet been provided to allow him to engage with a constituency matter.

The Chief Executive advised Councillor Dickson to raise such matters with the Director in the first instance.

4.12 <u>Huguenot Play Park – Antisocial Behaviour</u> Councillor G Hynds

Councillor G Hynds, having expressed thanks to Officers in addressing the antisocial behaviour issues at Huguenot Play Park advised that he would raise these issues at Committee. The Chief Executive undertook to have a conversation with the PCSP on this issue.

4.13 <u>Hilden Mill</u> <u>Councillor G Hynds</u>

Councillor G Hynds having referred to the Council's recent decision in relation to the Hilden Mill site and the delegated authority decision in regard to not knocking down listed buildings, expressed concern that the developer had referenced a survey carried out by the developer which indicated that the local community 'wanted hundreds of social housing' in that area. Councillor Hynds questioned the accuracy of this fact.

4.13 <u>Hilden Mill</u> (Cont'd) <u>Councillor G Hynds</u>

In this regard Councillor Hynds proposed that the Council establish a North Lisburn DEA Group which would focus on the Hilden Mill site.

In response to the above proposal the Chief Executive referred to the request from Councillor Catney for briefing to the local DEA on the Hilden Mill site and advised that Councillor Hynds' proposal could tie in with that area of work. He also assured Councillor Hynds that the Council would continue to engage with the landowner, and stressed that the Council would endeavour to retain the rich heritage of that site, and that this approach was in keeping with Councillor Hynds' Notice of Motion on the Hilden Mill which was agreed unanimously by this Council in March 2025.

Councillor G McCleave left the meeting at 8.01 pm.

4.14 <u>Congratulations to Mr Cecil Floyd</u> <u>Alderman S Skillen</u>

Alderman S Skillen advised the Council that Mr Cecil Floyd who lives in Castlereagh East had travelled to Dresden in Germany to represent Northern Ireland in the World Transplant Games, and had come 11th out of 25 participants. At the request of Alderman Skillen it was agreed that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman A Grehan, send a letter of congratulations to Cecil on his significant achievement.

4.15 <u>Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Summer Schemes</u> <u>Alderman S Skillen</u>

Alderman S Skillen commended the Head of Sports Services and his teams for their efforts in ensuring the summer schemes had been a huge success. Alderman Skillen advised that many parents had approached her about how good the Council's summer schemes are, the summer scheme at the Ice Bowl being particularly good.

Alderman Skillen requested that her comments be conveyed to the Officers and staff involved in the summer schemes.

At a later point in the meeting Councillor P Catney commended the summer scheme at the Lagan Valley LeisurePlex which, he stated, had been attended by his grand-daughters who were visiting from the City of Dresden in Germany.

Councillor G McCleave returned to the meeting at 8.06 pm.

14.16 <u>Mears Housing Home Office Policy</u> Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter raised his serious concerns in regard to the Mears Home Office policy and the impact this policy has on communities across the Council area. Alderman Porter discussed the meeting he had secured the previous Friday with Mears Housing representatives along with Edwin Poots MLA at which his very strong concerns about this policy had been discussed.

14.16 <u>Mears Housing Home Office Policy</u> (Cont'd) <u>Alderman S P Porter</u>

Alderman Porter highlighted a number of issues of concern in relation to Mears Home Office policy, including issues such as homelessness, high percentage of Mears rental properties being in postcode areas of high deprivation, the legal right to remain after a period of years, and difficulties arising from limited rental stock. He emphasised that the impact of this policy impacts communities in the Council area.

Alderman S P Porter proposed that:

- a) the Council brings a report to Committee as a matter of urgency on the subject of the Council's Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) policy, and that the current HMO policy be also provided. Alderman Porter also requested that this policy be reviewed as a matter of urgency. He stated that Elected Members and the general public need to know if an HMO is coming to their area, and
- the Council writes to the Prime Minister, Mears Housing, and the Home Office to reaffirm the Council's concerns and requesting a review of the Home Office policy.

Councillor G Hynds seconded Alderman S P Porter's proposal, and also addressed the Council on the issues raised.

The Chief Executive advised that a report on HMO policy could be brought before Committee which, he stated, would be helpful in terms of an educational perspective. In regard to the proposal that a review of the Council's HMO policy be carried out, Members should first consider the existing policy and then reflect on the need to review the HMO policy thereafter.

The Chief Executive also advised that in regard to the correspondence to the Prime Minister, Mears Housing and the Home Office, he would wish to work with Members on the wording of this correspondence.

Alderman S P Porter reiterated that this policy be reviewed to look at the impact on communities and that the Council should be speaking with one voice on this matter.

Councillor C Kemp advised that this was the third time Alderman Porter had raised this issue in this Chamber, and proceeded to highlight a number of issues in support of asylum seekers coming into this country. Councillor Kemp advised that there were 23 asylum seekers living in the Lisburn and Castlereagh area which amounted to 0.01% of the population. Councillor Kemp stated that asylum seekers were legally seeking protection in this Country and were not illegal. Using such language created racial tension and division.

The proposal by Alderman S P Porter and seconded by Councillor G Hynds was put to the meeting and agreed, namely:

14.16 <u>Mears Housing Home Office Policy</u> (Cont'd) Alderman S P Porter

- a) the Council brings a report to Committee as a matter of urgency on the subject of the Council's Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) policy, and that the current HMO policy being also provided. The Committee should then consider any requirement to review the policy further, and
- b) the Council writes to the Prime Minister, Mears Housing, and the Home Office to re-affirm the Council's concerns with wording to be agreed with the Chief Executive.

14.17 <u>LCCC Summer Schemes - Pilot Scheme for Older People Councillor G Thompson</u>

Councillor G Thompson advised the Council that she had received very positive feedback in relation to the pilot summer scheme for older people and conveyed thanks and appreciation to the team in the Community Unit for their efforts and organisation. Councillor Thompson in particular wished to thank the Age Friendly Co-Ordinator for his significant efforts and stated that she wished to see the summer scheme for older people replicated next year.

14.18 <u>Dfl Roads – Missing Drainage Grill at Hilden</u> <u>Councillor G Hynds</u>

Councillor G Hynds expressed thanks to Officers for having furnished the letter to Dfl Roads in regard to the missing drainage grill on the Low Road which also highlighted his concerns about the Dfl Online Reporting System (Portal). Councillor Hynds advised that the broken drainage grill had not yet been attended to despite the Portal indicating otherwise.

Councillor Hynds expressed disappointment in regard to the response from Dfl which indicated that there were no plans to update and address the issues with the Portal.

14.19 <u>Moira Food Fair – Moira Demesne</u> Alderman O Gawith

Alderman O Gawith having welcomed the clean-up operation that had taken place following the Moira Food Fair in Moira Demesne, advised that constituents had approached him to commend the Council on the high standard of the Moira Food Fair and who had also expressed appreciation to the Council staff for the excellent clean-up following the event.

Councillor C McCready also spoke of the positive feedback on the Moira Food Fair and wished to convey thanks to the Officers and staff concerned.

14.20 <u>Head of Corporate Communications and Administration - Mrs F Byrne</u> <u>Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge</u>

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman H Legge, advised Members that Mrs F Bryne, Head of Corporate Communications and Administration, was in attendance at the meeting that evening, this being her last day with the Council after five years of service. Mrs Byrne was taking up a new post with the Northern Ireland Audit Office in the very near future.

The Deputy Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended best wishes to Mrs Byrne in her new role. The Deputy Mayor also expressed her personal thanks to Mrs Byrne for the times they had worked together on various working groups and also for her help and support with day-to-day business.

14.21 <u>Council Mobile Phones – New Sims</u> Chief Executive

The Chief Executive reminded Members that any Member who had not yet attended to their sim swap to contact IT at the earliest opportunity as the mobile numbers on the old mobile phone contract would disconnect that evening.

Conclusion of Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting the Deputy Mayor thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 8.29 pm.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor