

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Development Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, and remotely, on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 5:30pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor A McIntyre (Chairman); Alderman A Grehan; and Councillors R T Beckett, A Gowan, J Lavery BEM, H Legge and T Mitchell.
<u>PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:</u>	Deputy Mayor Councillor M Guy; Alderman S Martin; and Councillors N Anderson, R Carlin, S Mulholland, Jenny Palmer and S Skillen.
<u>OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY</u>	Alderman J Tinsley, and Councillors A Givan, U Mackin and John Palmer.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing Head of Communities Head of Parks and Amenities Head of Sports Services Member Services Officers (BF and CH)

1. Apologies (2.05)

Apologies were reported on behalf of the Worshipful Mayor Councillor S Carson, Alderman M Henderson and Councillor D J Craig.

2. Declarations of Interest (2.33)

Regarding item 4.3, 'DfC Social Supermarket Pilot', Alderman A Grehan declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a volunteer with the Lisburn Food Bank.

3.1 Departmental Performance Report – Quarter 2 (2.45)

The Director outlined the principal aspects of the above-mentioned report, together with the details contained within a table of key performance indicators, which gave an overview of the Department's performance and budget summary during quarter two of the financial year 2022/2023.

The Committee agreed to the following course of action:

- to note the budget summary report for 1st July to 30th September;
- to note the outturn of operational metrics/service for 1st July to 30th September; and
- to note the performance improvement targets and KPIs for 1st July to 30th September.

Arising from discussion on this item, the Director, at the suggestion of Councillor S Mulholland, undertook to liaise with the Council's Human Resources Section regarding the feasibility of delivering safeguarding training to the Members of the Council.

3.2 Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III (6.05)

(Councillor N Anderson joined the meeting at 17:37, Councillor U Mackin joined at 17:38 and Alderman A Grehan entered the Chamber at 17:45).

In accordance with the Notice of Motion, which had been passed by the Council at its meeting on 25th October, the Committee considered a report which outlined a range of options to enable communities across the Council area to mark the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May, 2023.

The key recommendations within the report were that a working group, in respect of which a draft terms of reference had been circulated, be established to oversee a programme of events and that a sum of £84,000 be allocated, the cost of which would be sourced from within an underspend in the Council's Royal Hillsborough budget.

Proposal

Moved by Deputy Mayor Councillor M Guy,
Seconded by Councillor H Legge,

That the Committee agrees to adopt the recommendations within the report, subject to the amendment that the sum allocated to oversee the coronation celebrations be reduced to £50,000, and that the remaining £34,000 be allocated to address community cost of living pressures.

On a recorded vote, twelve Members voted for the proposal and one against, with one abstention, and it was declared carried.

In favour: Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor A Gowan; Alderman A Grehan;
Deputy Mayor Councillor M Guy; Councillor J Lavery; Councillor H Legge;
Councillor S Mulholland; Councillor A McIntyre; Alderman S Martin;
Councillor T Mitchell; Councillor Jenny Palmer and Councillor S Skillen.

Against: Councillor R Carlin

Abstention: Councillor N Anderson.

Further Proposal

Moved by Councillor S Skillen,
Seconded by Councillor N Anderson,

That the membership of the working group to oversee the coronation celebrations be extended to include the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

On a recorded vote, five Members voted for the proposal and nine against and it was declared lost.

In favour: Councillor N Anderson, Councillor T Beckett,
Councillor A Gowan, Councillor J Lavery and Councillor S Skillen

Against: Councillor R Carlin, Alderman A Grehan, Deputy Mayor Councillor M Guy, Councillor H Legge, Councillor S Mulholland, Councillor A McIntyre, Alderman S Martin Councillor T Mitchell and Councillor Jenny Palmer.

4.1 Housing Liaison Forum (36.55)

The Committee noted the contents of the following minutes of the Council's Housing Liaison Forum:

- 5th May 2021
- 8th November 2021
- 21st February 2022
- 20th June 2022.

4.2 Policing and Community Safety Partnership (38.33)

(Alderman S Martin left the meeting at 18:08).

The Committee noted the contents of the following minutes of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership:

- the private and public meetings of 21st June
- the Policing Committee of 16th August
- the public meeting of 19th October.

4.3 Department for Communities (DfC) – Social Supermarket Pilot (SSM) (39.27)

The Head of Communities reminded the Committee that, at its meeting on 7th December 2021, it had noted that the Council had been awarded £47,336.05 to support a designated social supermarket in the Lisburn and Castlereagh Council area, that being, the Lisburn City Community Church Trust (LCCCT). As agreed by the Committee, an amount ring-fenced from the funding was to be used to commission a consultant to undertake a review of the original pilot scheme, and to make recommendations to maximise the benefits, build capacity and capability within any future scheme, the main findings of which were appended to the report and outlined by the Head of Communities.

In September 2022, the Council agreed that the further allocated amount of £45,080.22 from DfC under a Letter of Variation be used to action the recommendations and outcomes of the report and, if necessary, test further other aspects of the SSM following consideration by the committee.

After discussion, it was moved by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed that the Committee note the content of the report - and the associated consultant's report - and agrees further that an amount of £45,080.22 be provided to the LCCCT Social Supermarket to assist in the delivery of the recommendations as contained within the consultant's report.

4.4 DEA Investment Programme – Dromara Village (49.00)

The Committee considered a report, together with the contents of an appended feasibility study, which examined the availability of facilities for community usage in Dromara village,

the key recommendation in respect of which related to the development of the Lagan Park Centre. Both Councillor U Mackin and Councillor A Gowan welcomed the findings of the report and congratulated officers for the work which had been undertaken in this regard.

The Head of Communities gave an overview of the next stages of the project, which would include the establishment of a Dromara Community Forum to oversee the development of a business case and activity programme, and thereafter to apply for capital funding and planning permission for the development.

It was moved by Councillor A Gowan and seconded by Alderman A Grehan and agreed that the Committee note the information which had been provided and to the following course of action:

- to support the Dromara Community Forum to undertake best practice visits to other community-managed facilities;
- to work with the Dromara Community Forum to develop an action plan detailing the next steps and key areas to assist the group to deliver the project; and
- to support the group in identifying funding opportunities.

5.1 International Cross-Country Event at Billy Neill MBE Country Park (54.10)

The Committee noted the contents of a post-event report which outlined the success of the hosting by the Council of the International, Northern Ireland and Ulster Even Age Group Cross Country Championships and Bobby Rea race on 22nd October at the above-mentioned park.

5.2 Ash Dieback Action Plan (56.40)

(Mr S Mackle and Mr J Rodgers, Parks and Amenities Unit, attended in connection with this item, and for item 5.5, 'National Tree Week').

It was moved by Councillor H Legge, seconded by Councillor A Gowan, and agreed that the Committee note the contents of a report and approve an associated action plan which provided an overview of the probable impact of Ash Dieback tree disease across the Council area over the coming years, and the measures to be taken to mitigate its effects. Members also congratulated officers on the scope and detail of the report which had been presented to the Committee.

5.3 Lough Moss Community Space (1.03.40)

The Head of Parks and Amenities reminded the Committee that, at its meeting on 7th June, it had agreed to approve the progression to Phase 1 of the above-mentioned project and that officers be authorised to explore the delivery of Phase 2.

Accordingly, the Committee noted the contents of a concept plan which had been agreed with the Carryduff Regeneration Forum and the Members were provided with an overview of the progress which had been achieved to date in respect of Phase 1, which was anticipated to be completed by the end of the financial year, whilst progression of Phase 2, it was noted further, would be subject to the identification of adequate funding and securing planning permission.

5.4 George Best Community Cup 2023 (1.04.55)

The Head of Parks and Amenities reminded the Committee that the George Best Community Cup was the largest football tournament for people with disabilities in the UK. The Irish Football Association had hosted the competition since 2005 and, in 2019, the event had attracted 63 teams with over 500 participants, with 72 teams expected to participate in 2023.

He indicated that the IFA had again approached the Council seeking its support in the hosting of the event in 2023. He outlined the opportunities that sponsorship of the event would provide to the Council in terms of promoting disability sport and also the economic and tourism benefits that the event would bring to the Council area. Accordingly, he recommended that the Committee approve sponsorship for the IFA in the sum of £650 to cover the costs associated with facility hire at the Billy Neill MBE Country Park on 22nd and 23rd June, 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor T Beckett, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendation of the Head of Parks and Amenities.

5.5 National Tree Week (1.21.21)

The Committee noted the contents of a report which outlined the range of activities which had taken place across the Council area to coincide with National Tree Week from 26th November to 5th December, 2022.

6.0 Confidential Report of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Chairman advised the Committee that the reasons for confidentiality for the following matters were, as set out in the agenda, 'confidential by virtue of Section 6, Part 1 of the Local Government Act (2014) Northern Ireland, i.e., information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)'.

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that the confidential report of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing be considered "In Committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

6.1 Estimates Process 2023/24 – Update

The Committee considered a report which provided an overview of a range of cost-cutting measures and budgetary reductions which could be incorporated within the Department's estimates of expenditure for 2023/24.

Moved by Councillor A Gowan, seconded by Councillor T Beckett, and

Resolved – that the Committee agrees to endorse the range of cost-cutting measures and budgetary reductions as presented with the exception of the proposal relating to burial provision at weekends.

6.2 Update and Proposals to Support Asylum Seekers in LCCC

It was moved by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor A Grehan, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendation as contained within the report of the Head of Communities and notes her comments in relation thereto.

6.3 Procurement of Bowling Green Equipment

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that the Committee note the outcome of a procurement exercise and the award of contract for the above-mentioned equipment.

6.4 Procurement of Cemetery Equipment

It was proposed by Councillor A Gowan, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Committee endorse the contents of the financial appraisal for the above-mentioned equipment to enable the progression of the exercise to the procurement stage.

6.5 Sports Services – Tendering Exercises

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor H Legge, and agreed that the Committee note the outcomes of two procurement exercises and the subsequent award of contracts within the Sports Services section.

6.6 Ulster Grand Prix 2023

The Committee, on the proposal of Councillor A Gowan, which was seconded by Councillor T Beckett, agreed to accede to a funding request in respect of the above-mentioned event on the proviso that the Dundrod & District Motorcycle Club also secured funding from Tourism NI.

7. Any Other Business – taken prior to confidential matters.

(Alderman J Tinsley joined the meeting at 18:48 and Councillors Jenny and John Palmer left the meeting at 18:50).

7.1 Provision of Crowd Control Barriers (1.17.03)

At the requests of Councillor Jenny Palmer and Councillor N Anderson, which were seconded by Alderman A Grehan, the Committee agreed that the Head of Parks and Amenities would undertake to provide crowd control and safety barriers at a number of community-based Christmas events across the district.

8. Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor R T Beckett, and agreed that normal business be resumed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:05.

Chairman