

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Tuesday 19 December, 2023 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Gowan

Deputy Mayor
Councillor G McCleave

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

Councillors R T Beckett, S Burns, D J Craig, K Dickson,
N Eaton, A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, B Higginson,
G Hynds, C Kemp, P Kennedy, J Lavery BEM, S Lowry,
U Mackin, A Martin, A McIntyre, M McKeever, R McLernon,
T Mitchell, N Parker and G Thompson

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman S Skillen, Councillors D Bassett and P Burke

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Communities and Wellbeing
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Acting Director of Environmental Services
Member Services Officers (BS & EW)
Technician
IT Officer

Mr D Roberts, Mayor's Chaplain

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, welcomed those present to the December meeting of Council which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. He 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 Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting following which the Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

Commencement of the Meeting (Cont'd)

The Right Worshipful 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

At this point The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised of the undernoted bereavements since the last meeting of Council:

- Keith Fleming (Assets Unit) on the passing of his father, Stanley Fleming
- Colin Duff, (Head of Building Control) on the passing of his father, John (Jackie) Duff

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, welcomed his Chaplain, Mr D Roberts, to the meeting. Mr Roberts gave an address followed by prayer during which he too remembered the above-mentioned bereaved families.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Mr Roberts for his attendance and he left the meeting (6.16 pm).

1. Business of The Right Worshipful the Mayor (00:14:08)

1.1 Mayor's Engagements (00:14:10)

The Council noted a number of engagements attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, since the previous meeting of Council.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that he had had a particularly busy month having attending community Switch-On events and visits to care homes across the Lisburn and Castlereagh Council area. He also referred to having attended a number of activity plays by local primary schools in recent weeks. The Right Worshipful the Mayor put on record his thanks to all the community groups who had organised the Switch-On events which had been very well attended. He thanked all concerned for their efforts thereon.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor also conveyed thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave for having visited a number of care homes on his behalf in recent weeks.

2. Apologies (00:15:21)

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman O Gawith, and Councillors P Catney, C McCready and Hon. N Trimble.

3. Declarations of Interest (00:15:43)

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Council Minutes (00:16:18)

4.1 Meeting of Council held on 28 November 2023 (00:16:23)

Proposed by Alderman J Tinsley

Seconded by Alderman A Grehan

5. Matters Arising (00:16:39))

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 November 2023.

6. Deputations (00:16:49)

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (00:16:53)

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

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Tangible Consulting Ltd, 11 Glengoland Avenue, Belfast BT17 0HY – Award Letter to deliver Self-Employment Programme (T23/24-010)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Stepping Stones NI, 39 Seymour Street, Lisburn BT27 4SY – Award Letter for Pathways to Employment for Individuals with a Disability Programme (T23/24-009)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Collaboration – Collaboration and Funding Agreement

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Communities & Wellbeing Committee (00:17:21)

5 December 2023

Proposed by Councillor R T Beckett

Seconded by Councillor J Gallen

(subject to the Call-In process until Thursday, 21 December 2023 at 10.00 am)

Special Communities & Wellbeing Committee (00:17:29 **12 December 2023**)

Proposed by Councillor R T Beckett

Seconded by Councillor J Gallen

(subject to the Call-In process until 10.00 am on Friday, 22 December 2023)

Matters Arising

Dundonald International Ice Bowl – Award of Tender (00:17:53)

Comments were noted from a Member in connection with there being no reference in the above minutes to the increased cost to progress the Dundonald International Ice Bowl project.

Environmental & Sustainability Committee (00:18:46) 6 December 2023

Proposed by Alderman J Tinsley
Seconded by Alderman J Baird

Regeneration & Growth Committee (00:19:18) 7 December 2023

Proposed by Councillor J Laverty
Seconded by Councillor T Mitchell

(subject to the Call-In process until 10.00 am on Thursday, 21 December 2023)

Corporate Services Committee (00:19:51) 13 December 2023

Proposed by Councillor A P Ewing
Seconded by Councillor C Kemp

(subject to the Call-In process until 10.00 am on Friday, 22 December 2023)

Governance & Audit Committee (00:20:33) 14 December 2023

Proposed by Councillor R McLernon
Seconded by Councillor A Martin

(subject to the Call-In process until 10.00 am on Friday, 22 December 2023)

Planning Committee 6 November, 2023

(00:21:00)

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 6 November 2023 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 4 December, 2023. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor U Mackin, and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive (00:21:31)

There were no reports for consideration.

10. Reports from Members on Boards (00:21:36)

There were no reports from Members on Boards.

11. Reports on Decisions Subject to the Reconsideration Procedure (00:21:40)

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

12. Notices of Motion (00:21:47)

There were no Notices of Motion for consideration at the meeting.

13. Confidential Business (00:21:54)

There was no confidential business for consideration at the meeting.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Donation to Mayoral Charity in lieu of Sending Christmas Cards and Sentiments of the Season (00:22:08)
Alderman J Baird

Alderman J Baird advised that in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year he had made a donation to the Mayoral charity, Cancer Fund for Children, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, expressed thanks and appreciation to Alderman Baird for his donation.

14.2 Congratulations to Carryduff Ladies Minor Gaelic Football Team (00:22:56)
Councillor J Gallen

At the request of Councillor J Gallen, it was agreed that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, writes to Carryduff Ladies Minor Gaelic Football team congratulating them on their success on winning the Ulster Champions league following the success against Clann Eireann of Lurgan earlier this month.

Conclusion of Meeting

Recording of Makaton Performance by Live Life Wellbeing Centre (00:24:33)

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, advised that he had made arrangements for Members in the Council Chamber and on Zoom to watch a recording of those from Live Life Wellbeing Centre who had performed, using Makaton sign language, at the recent PSNI annual Christmas Carol service in Christ Church Lisburn.

At the conclusion of the performance The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked everyone from Live Life Wellbeing Centre for their performance and Members gave a round of applause to show their thanks and appreciation.

Conclusion of Meeting (Cont'd)

At this point The Right Worshipful the Mayor extended best wishes for the Christmas season to the Council staff and expressed thanks and appreciation for their work throughout the year. He also wished all Members a Happy Christmas and thanked them for their support during the pasts number of months.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 6.31 pm.

Mayor