

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber and remotely on Tuesday 28 February, 2023 at 7:00 pm****PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor S Carson

Deputy Mayor
Councillor M Guy

Aldermen J Baird, W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale,
A G Ewart MBE, A Grehan, S Martin and S P Porter

Councillors N Anderson, R T Beckett, D J Craig,
A P Ewing, A Givan, A Gowan, M Gregg, S Hughes,
J Lavery BEM, S Lee, H Legge, S Lowry J McCarthy,
G McCleave, C McCready, A McIntyre, R McLernon,
U Mackin, T Mitchell, S Mulholland, Jenny Palmer, John
Palmer, S Skillen, A Swan and N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Aldermen O Gawith and J Tinsley, Councillors R Carlin,
F Cole and J Gallen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Service Transformation
Head of Waste Management and Operational Services
Head of Corporate Communications and Administration
Member Services Officers
Technician
IT Officer

Reverend R Higginson, Mayor's Chaplain

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

Councillors M Gregg and R McLernon entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of Council which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. He advised that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, the meeting would be broadcast online and members of the public could be captured on the livestream. Data captured on the

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livestream was processed in the exercise of official authority which covered public functions and powers which were set out in law and to perform a specific task in the public interest.

The Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

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.

Condolences

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, expressed condolences in relation to the following bereavements:

- Mother of Elizabeth Heath (Mrs Betty Johnston), our colleague who works in the Council's Registration Team
- Father of James Tate, (Mr James Tate) our colleague who is the Duty Officer at Glenmore Activity Centre
- Father of Kerrie Sims (Mr William David Parks) our colleague who works within the Environmental Health Services team.

Statement on the attempted murder of Detective Chief Inspector John Caldwell in Omagh on Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Councillors J Gallen and S Skillen joined the meeting at 7.06 pm.

At this juncture The Right Worshipful the Mayor put on record his condemnation of the attempted murder of serving police officer, Detective Chief Inspector, John Caldwell, in front of his sons in Omagh on Wednesday evening, 22 February 2023. The Right Worshipful the Mayor trusted that appropriate justice would be served and that we all stand together against such terrorism and activity in our Province. He stated that his thoughts and prayers were with DCI Caldwell, his family, friends and colleagues at this time.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor invited a representative from each political party to address the Council on the attempted murder of DCI John Caldwell.

During his address, Councillor D J Craig spoke of his deep sadness and great shock on hearing of the attempted murder of a serving police officer the previous week which brought forward very sad memories of having lost family members in similar circumstances. Councillor Craig paid tribute to the work of DCI Caldwell and also to his commitment to giving up his own time to train young people at the football club where this atrocity happened. He also paid tribute to all PSNI Officers in carrying out their duties, often in danger, on a daily basis. He referred to the fact that DCI Caldwell's

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family members and many others, including young children, will be traumatised for life for having witnessed this horrendous event last week. Councillor Craig concluded by condemning the actions of the terrorists and asked that a letter from the Council be sent to the Chief Constable of the PSNI with regard to this incident and conveying the Council's sympathy to the PSNI and to the family of DCI Caldwell and also to the local Commander.

Councillor A Swan, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor J McCarthy and Councillor R Carlin, on behalf of their respective political parties, as well as Councillor N Anderson who was an Independent Member of Council, spoke in support of the comments made by The Right Worshipful the Mayor and also by Councillor D J Craig, and put on record their condemnation of the actions against DCI John Caldwell. A number of the Members wished DCI Caldwell a speedy recovery and indicated their support to a letter of condemnation and sympathy be sent from the Council to the Chief Constable of the PSNI.

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed his Chaplain, Reverend Roger Higginson, Lisburn Free Presbyterian Church, to the meeting. Reverend Higginson gave an address and said a prayer during which he too remembered the bereaved families referred to by the Mayor and all those affected by the attempted murder of DCI Caldwell.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, thanked Reverend Higginson for his attendance and Reverend Higginson left the meeting (7.28 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, Councillor S Carson, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, since the last meeting of Council. The Right Worshipful the Mayor highlighted in particular two fundraising events, namely; the Easter movie day on Thursday, 6 April 2023 in the Island Hall, the movie being Peter Rabbit 2, and the vintage tea party and concert at Café Vicryn on Wednesday, 22 March.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to record apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman M Henderson MBE.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

4. Council Minutes4.1 Meeting of Council held on 24 January, 2023

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 January, 2023 be confirmed and signed.

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Alderman S P Porter thanked the Chief Executive for permitting a much fuller minute on the discussion of the above matter which had been considered under confidential business at the meeting of Council on 24 January 2023. Alderman Porter stated that he was disappointed that his proposal had not been accepted at that meeting and proceeded to make a number of further comments on this matter. The Chief Executive gave an assurance that normal reporting procedures would be followed and that full engagement with relevant parties would take place in due course.

4.2 Special Meeting of Council held on 31 January, 2023

It was proposed by Councillor S Lowry, seconded by Councillor N Trimble, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 31 January, 2023 be confirmed and signed. **Note: It was subsequently agreed at the Council meeting on 28 March 2023 that the name of the proposer of the above minutes be changed to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, in view of Councillor S Lowry not being in attendance at the Special Meeting of Council on 31 January 2023.**

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Alderman S Martin indicated that he wished to raise a matter arising from the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 31 January 2023. As the matter in question had been dealt with under Confidential Business, it was agreed that Alderman S Martin's issue be considered later in the meeting under Any Other Confidential Business (item 14.1 below refers).

4.3 Special Meeting of Council held on 9 February, 2023

It was proposed by Councillor S Hughes, seconded by Alderman J Baird, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 9 February, 2023 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Dealt with under items 4.1 and 14.1.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor Jenny Palmer, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lease between Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and GP Federation Support Unit CIC, Bradford Court Ground Floor, 1 Bradford Court, Belfast BT8 6RB
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Workforce Training Services, 465 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 3BP – Award Letter to Workforce Training Services as the Supplier to deliver the Construction Academy (F22/23-012)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and People 1st, 89 Malone Road, Belfast BT9 6SP – Award Letter to People 1st as the Supplier to deliver the Health & Social Care Employment Academy (F22//23-011)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and BI Electrical Services (NI) LTD trading as Greenview, 11 Michelin Road, Mallusk, Newtownabbey BT36 4PT – Contract for Boiler Replacement Programme
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and JT Sheds & Joinery, 65A Bridge Street, Lisburn BT28 1XZ – Contract for Supply, Construct and Install of 10 Wooden Huts (T22/23/-040)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Faithful+Gould Limited, Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5BW – Contract for the Provision of Multi-Disciplinary Services for Small Settlements Environmental Improvements Project

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees**Environmental Services Committee****1 February, 2023**

Proposed by Councillor M Gregg

Seconded by Councillor C McCreedy

Development Committee**2 February, 2023**

Proposed by Alderman A G Ewart

Seconded by Alderman A Grehan

Leisure & Community Development Committee**7 February, 2023**

Proposed by Councillor A McIntyre

Seconded by Councillor A Gowan

Corporate Services Committee**8 February, 2023**

Proposed by Councillor S Hughes

Seconded by Councillor U Mackin

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Councillor J Lavery highlighted the concerns he had raised at the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee meeting on 8 February 2023 in relation to the absence of a response from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust to questions he had raised at meetings of the Health Working Group (HWG) in May 2022 and October 2022 in connection with provision of care for young people.

Following intervention by the Council a response from the SE Trust had been issued to the Council on 9 February 2023 with an undertaking by the Trust to respond to the outstanding issues with Councillor Lavery directly. Councillor Lavery expressed disappointment that to date he had not yet received any further response from the Trust and enquired what the Council could do to address such issues. He also pointed out that he had experienced a similar issue with another government body previously.

Alderman W J Dillon highlighted a related issue that he had experienced recently with the Department for Infrastructure, Roads.

The Chief Executive gave an assurance that he would engage with Officers to consider the best way to track and follow up on outstanding responses from other bodies and government departments and also undertook to:

- a) follow up with the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust in connection with the outstanding response to Councillor J Lavery, and
- b) follow up with DfI Roads Officials in response to the issue raised by Alderman W J Dillon.

Planning Committee**9 January, 2023**

and

Special Planning Committee**9 January, 2023**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 9 January, 2023 and Special Planning Committee meeting also of 9 January 2023 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 6 February, 2023. It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor John Palmer, 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. Notice of Motion

12.1 50th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland
Alderman J Tinsley

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

“This Council honours the 50th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland; remembers that on the 6th July 1973 the Ulster Defence Regiment Bill permitted the recruitment of women into the Ulster Defence Regiment. Women were given the code word ‘Greenfinch’ and defended Northern Ireland against terrorists; we are forever grateful for their commitment and sacrifice.

To mark this anniversary and in particular the Greenfinches who served in Lisburn & Castlereagh, we ask the Council to recognise their service in an appropriate way.”

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, was seconded by Councillor S Skillen.

Alderman J Tinsley stated that being the Council’s Veterans’ Champion it was a great honour to bring forward and propose his Notice of Motion,

At the outset Alderman Tinsley referred to the attempted murder of DCI John Caldwell in Omagh the previous week which, he stated, had brought back many horrific memories to those who had served in Northern Ireland.

Alderman Tinsley, having served himself in the UDR for a number of years, elaborated on his Notice of Motion during which he referred to Greenfinches having formed a vital component to the UDR in the prevention of terrorism in Northern Ireland. At one point there was in the region of 700 Greenfinches enrolled. Greenfinches whilst they did not carry a weapon whilst on duty, had many important duties including searching and first aid. Alderman J Tinsley remembered the four Greenfinches who had paid the ultimate sacrifice; the first Greenfinch killed was Eva Martin and the following year Gillian Liggett, and later Margaret Hearst and Heather Kerrigan. Many more Greenfinches had been seriously injured and one would never know how many lives they saved.

Alderman Tinsley concluded by stating that it was only right this Council marks the 50th Anniversary of the Greenfinches of the UDR.

Councillor S Skillen having seconded the Notice of Motion also addressed the Council during which she said how very proud she was to have the opportunity to second this Notice of Motion as her mother had served in the Greenfinches, and her father and father-in-law had both served in the UDR. Councillor Skillen stated

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that the Greenfinches faced the same threat as their male colleagues, and that whilst trained in weaponry, Greenfinches did not carry a weapon when on duty.

In finishing Councillor Skillen referred to the memorial to two soldiers in Market Square in front of the Irish Linen Centre/Lisburn Museum, one of which was a Greenfinch, and finished with a poem on the subject of the Greenfinch.

Councillor S Lowry (APNI), Alderman W J Dillon (UUP), Councillor Jenny Palmer (UUP), Councillor A Swan (UUP), Alderman D Drysdale (DUP) and Councillor N Anderson (IND) spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

Councillor G McCleave (SF), Councillor J McCarthy (SDLP) and Councillor J Gallen (SDLP), and having expressed disappointment at this Notice of Motion had come before the Council, spoke in opposition to the Notice of Motion.

Alderman J Tinsley addressed the Council again during which he thanked Members for participating in the debate this evening and also thanked Councillor S Skillen for having seconded the Motion. Alderman Tinsley stated that it was disappointing to hear the comments by those Members opposing his Motion and concluded by reading, once again, the names of those Greenfinches who had paid the highest price.

The Notice of Motion on the subject of the 50th Anniversary of Greenfinches in Northern Ireland was put to the meeting, a recorded vote having been taken at the request of Alderman S P Porter. The Motion was declared 'carried,' the voting being recorded as follows:

For the Notice of Motion: Councillor N Anderson, Alderman J Baird, Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor F Cole, Councillor D J Craig, Alderman W J Dillon, Alderman D Drysdale, Alderman A G Ewart, Councillor A P Ewing, Alderman O Gawith, Councillor A Givan, Councillor A Gowan, Councillor M Gregg, Alderman A Grehan, Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, Councillor S Hughes, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor H Legge, S Lowry, Councillor C McCready, Councillor A McIntyre, Councillor R McLernon, Councillor U Mackin, Alderman S Martin, Councillor T Mitchell, Councillor Jenny Palmer, Councillor John Palmer, Alderman S P Porter, Councillor S Skillen, Councillor A Swan, Alderman J Tinsley, Councillor N Trimble and The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson. **33**

Against the Notice of Motion: Councillor R Carlin, Councillor J Gallen, Councillor S Lee, Councillor J McCarthy and Councillor G McCleave **5**

13. Any Other Business

It was agreed that Any Other business of a non-confidential nature (agenda item 14 refers) be considered at that point in the meeting.

13.1 Toilet Facilities in Lisburn City Centre
Alderman A G Ewart

Alderman A G Ewart reminded the Council of the issue he had raised at the meeting of Council in July 2021 in connection with the need for toilet facilities in Lisburn City Centre, and stated that whilst Alderman S P Porter had raised the same issue about a year ago no reports in this regard had come forward.

Alderman J Tinsley and Councillor J McCarthy left the meeting at 8.32 pm.

In response the Chief Executive referred to the report on Toilet Provision in the Council area that had been presented to the Environmental Services Committee in December 2022 and advised that further reports on this matter would come forward in due course.

13.2 PCSP Designated Bodies
,Councillor N Anderson

Councillor A McIntyre left the meeting at 8.33 pm.

Councillor N Anderson outlined his concerns about road safety issues which were raised time and time again at meetings of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP). Councillor Anderson also referred to the number of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) that were erected around the Lisburn and Castlereagh area and the pertinent information that these devices provided; however the absence of DfI Roads Officials at PCSP meetings made road safety issues difficult to progress and resolve.

Councillor Anderson emphasised the need for DfI Roads to be in attendance at meetings of the PCSP and requested that the Council writes to the Department of Justice, Department for Infrastructure, the Chief Constable of the PSNI and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to convey this Council's concerns and to request that consideration be given to DfI Roads being included as a designated body on PCSPs.

13.3 National Association of Councillors (NAC) Leadership Workshop
Thursday, 23 March 2023
Councillor H Legge

Councillor N Trimble left the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Councillor H Legge, on behalf of Alderman M Henderson, Member of the NAC (NI Region), drew the Council's attention to the forthcoming NAC Leadership Workshop on Thursday, 23 March 2023 from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at Craigavon Civic Centre and which would be facilitated by Mr Derek McCallan. Details on the workshop would be circulated in due course.

13.4 Unightly Condition of Lisburn Sprucefield Park & Ride Facility
Councillor C McCready

Councillor C McCready expressed concern about the unsightly condition of the Park and Ride facility at Sprucefield and whilst he had spoken to the

13.4 Unsightly Condition of Lisburn Sprucefield Park & Ride Facility (Cont'd)
Councillor C McCready

Acting Director of Environmental Services about this matter, he acknowledged that cleaning of litter at this location was not the responsibility of the Council.

Councillor A McIntyre returned to the meeting at 8.36 pm.

In view of the many people passing through the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council area along this corridor on a daily basis Councillor McCready asked that DfI Roads Officials be contacted to convey the concerns of the Council and to request that this area be cleaned up as soon as possible and that this area be monitored going forward.

13.5 Council Chamber – Heating
Alderman W J Dillon

Alderman W J Dillon raised concern about the cool temperature of the Council Chamber and stated that he was aware that this issue had been raised at the Corporate Services Committee meeting earlier this month.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that he was aware that engineers had been on site recently to rectify this issue and acknowledged that the Council had a duty of care towards Members and staff.

13.6 New Lisburn Primary and Community Care Centre at Lagan Valley Hospital: Need for Marshalls to Direct Traffic in and out of the Site and Requirement for Parent & Baby Parking at Lagan Valley Hospital
Councillor Jenny Palmer

Councillor Jenny Palmer having welcomed the opening of the new Primary and Community Care Centre in Lisburn raised concern in relation to the long queues of traffic outside the Primary Care Centre and along the main road. Councillor Palmer stated that it was apparent that most of these people did not know how to avail of the new car park and that it was remiss of Lagan Valley Hospital in not having anyone on site to direct traffic in and out of the hospital site, which would be particularly helpful to new patients.

Councillor Jenny Palmer also highlighted the need for dedicated parent and baby parking spaces in the new car park at the Lagan Valley Hospital site, as there appeared to be disabled parking only.

Councillors J McCarthy and N Trimble returned to the meeting at 8.39 pm.

It was agreed, at the request of Councillor Jenny Palmer that the Council conveys to the SE Trust the issue of the need for someone to direct traffic in and out of the new Primary and Community Care Centre site and also the need for parent and baby parking spaces to be made available in the new car park on this site.

13.7 Grand Choice Event – Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church
Councillor John Palmer

Councillor John Palmer referred to the forthcoming Grand Choice Event that was taking place on Saturday, 4 March 2023 by Lisburn PCSP in Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church when there would be 24 projects on display from 11 am – 3 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that he was looking forward to seeing the projects on display and encouraged Members to support this worthwhile event.

“In Committee”

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the following matters be considered ‘in Committee’ in the absence of press or members of the public.

14. Any Other Confidential Business

14.1 Matter Arising from the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 31 January 2023 (Page 52 Item 4)
Alderman S Martin

The Chief Executive responded to comments raised in respect of an HR matter.

Councillor N Anderson left the meeting at 8.55 pm.

14.2 Matter Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 24 January 2023 (Page 42 Item 13.1 Kerbside Collection Full Business Case)

The Chief Executive provided clarification and assurances thereon in response to comments and questions from a Member in relation to the Kerbside Collection proposals.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor N Anderson, and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The live stream of the meeting was recommenced at this stage (9.26 pm).

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 9.26 pm.

Mayor