

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island on Thursday, 1 June 2023 at 12.00 Noon

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor S Carson

Councillors J Baird, R T Beckett, S Burns, D J Craig,
A G Ewart MBE, A Givan, B Higginson, G Hynds, P Kennedy,
J Lavery BEM, U Mackin, A Martin, T Mitchell, C McCready,
M McKeever, R McLernon, N Parker, S P Porter, J Tinsley
and Hon N Trimble

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Head of Corporate Communication & Administration
Member Services Officers
Technician

Purpose of Meeting

The Special Meeting of Council had been convened in order to bestow the honour of the Freedom of the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh to Mr Keith Getty OBE and Mrs Kristyn Getty.

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed those present to the Special meeting of Council, which was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings.

At this point, the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members in attendance at the meeting.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders.

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

Prayers

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed everyone, once again, to the meeting, particularly the families and friends of the two very worthy recipients of the Freedom of the City, Mr Keith Getty OBE and Mrs Kristyn Getty. He then invited Rev John Kirkpatrick, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to open the meeting in prayer.

1. Apologies (00:05:55)

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the Special Meeting on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, Councillors D Bassett, P Burke, R Carlin, P Catney, K Dickson, N Eaton, A P Ewing, J Gallen, O Gawith, A Gowan, M Gregg, A Grehan, C Kemp, H Legge, S Lowry, G McCleave, A McIntyre, S Skillen and G Thompson.

2. Election and Admission of Keith Getty OBE and Kristyn Getty as Honorary Burgesses of the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh (00:06:44)

At the request of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, Councillor A G Ewart read the following Resolution of the Council, which had been adopted at a meeting of Council held on 27 August 2019:

“This Council wishes to acknowledge the achievements of Keith and Kristyn Getty, internationally acclaimed Christian singers and songwriters, by conferring on them the Freedom of the City. Keith Getty from Lisburn, and his wife Kristyn, live between Nashville and Northern Ireland, are two of the most prolific and popular writers of the 21st century - including among their repertoire, the World No 1 modern classic "In Christ Alone".”

The above Resolution was proposed by Councillor A G Ewart, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell and agreed.

After Councillor A G Ewart, Councillor T Mitchell and The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, had addressed the Council and paid tribute to Mr and Mrs Getty, the recipients of the Freedom of the City were invited to sign the Book of Honorary Freemen and were presented with a Certificate of Grant of the Honorary Freedom of the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh.

Conclusion of the Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting was terminated at 12.12 pm.

Mayor