

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber Lagan Valley Island and Remote Locations on Tuesday 22 October, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor K Dickson

Deputy Mayor
Councillor R Carlin

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

Councillors D Bassett, R T Beckett, S Burns, P Catney,
D J Craig, A P Ewing, J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, J Harpur,
G Hynds, C Kemp, J Lavery BEM, S Lowry, U Mackin,
A Martin, G McCleave, C McCready, R McLernon, T Mitchell,
G Thompson and Hon N Trimble

REMOTE:

Aldermen O Gawith and S Skillen, and Councillors
N Eaton, M McKeever and N Parker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Head of Sports Services
Head of Building Control
Member Services Officers (BS, EW)
Technician
IT Officer

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor K Dickson, welcomed those present to the October 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 Chief Executive outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

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

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended condolences to Joanne Hewitt, Head of Finance on the passing of her father Wallace Dinsmore.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor invited Councillor A Martin to open the meeting with devotions. Councillor Martin addressed the Council and concluded with a prayer during which he too remembered the Dinsmore family on their bereavement. The Right Worshipful the Mayor thanked Councillor Martin for carrying out devotions.

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 K Dickson, since the previous meeting of Council.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, having referred to one of his themes for his term of office being the environment, advised that during his term of office he intended visiting schools across the Council area, particularly Eco schools, to talk to them about the work they are doing about the environment. In this regard The Right Worshipful the Mayor invited Members to watch a short video taken during his recent visit to Lisburn Central Primary School, being his former primary school, which focused on the planting of flowers and vegetables by the pupils on the school's Eco Committee, and also a 'bug hotel.' The Right Worshipful the Mayor expressed thanks and appreciation to the pupils and their teacher, Ms Clelland, who also had been his primary four teacher back then.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman H Legge, Councillors P Burke, B Higginson and P Kennedy, and the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing and the Director of Environmental Services (Acting).

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Members' Declarations of Interest declared at the meeting.

4. Council Minutes

4.1 Meeting of Council – 24 September 2024

It was proposed by Alderman A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman A Grehan, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 September 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4.2 Special Meeting of Council – 30 September 2024

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor G Hynds, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 30 September 2024 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Special Meeting of Council – 30 September 2024

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To Receive Officials from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

Councillor G Hynds reiterated the issue he had raised at the Special Meeting of Council that a visual presentation which would include facts and figures on certain areas would be beneficial and asked that the Trust be requested to prepare a visual presentation for the next meeting with the Trust. Councillor J Laverty supported Councillor Hynds request and also put on record that the Chief Executive of the SEHSCT be requested to be in attendance at the next meeting when the Trust is making their presentation to the Council.

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 A Givan, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and South Eastern Regional College, 25 Castle Street, Lisburn BT27 4SU – Service Level Agreement – Multiply – Community Upskilling Numeracy Programme

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Special Governance & Audit Committee

26 September 2024

Proposed by Alderman S P Porter

Seconded by Councillor S Lowry

Communities & Wellbeing Committee

1 October 2024

Proposed by Councillor D J Craig

Seconded by Councillor J Gallen

Environment & Sustainability Committee

2 October 2024

Proposed by Councillor P Catney
Seconded by Councillor G Hynds

Regeneration & Growth Committee

3 October 2024

Proposed by Alderman A Grehan
Seconded by Alderman A G Ewart

Corporate Services Committee

9 October 2024

Proposed by Councillor N Trimble
Seconded by Councillor N Eaton

Adopted subject to the following item being referred back to Committee for re-consideration, as proposed by Councillor A Givan and seconded by Councillor J Lavery – for the reasons outlined.

“In Committee”

As this item of business had been considered under Confidential Business – it was proposed by Councillor A P Ewing, seconded by Alderman M Gregg, and agreed that this matter be discussed ‘in Committee.’

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Housing Ideation: Innovation Project

Councillor Givan elaborated on a number of issues in connection with this report and requested that this matter be referred back to Committee.

The Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor N Trimble, indicated that he was in agreement with this item of business being referred back to Committee for further consideration at a future meeting.

Resumption of Normal Business

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

Planning Committee

2 September 2024

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 2 September, 2024 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 14 October 2024. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor S Burns, and agreed that their contents be noted.

Special Planning Committee

18 September 2024

The minutes of the Special meeting of the Planning Committee of 18 September, 2024 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 14 October 2024.

Special Planning Committee
(Cont'd)

18 September 2024

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor S Burns, 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. Notices of Motion

12.1 No. 1 on the subject of VOYPIC (Voice of Young People in Care)

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G Thompson had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“VOYPIC (Voice of Young People in Care) is the charity for children and young people with lived experience of care in Northern Ireland. Created in 1993 by a group of young people in care and the professionals that supported them, VOYPIC has over 30 years of experience promoting the rights and voice of children in care and care leavers. They work to ensure every child in care feels safe, valued and loved, and that every young person leaving care does so with dignity and respect, and thrives into adulthood.

CARE DAY is the world’s biggest celebration of children and young people with care experience. This group includes children and young people who are or were cared for by foster carers, or other family members, and those who live in children’s homes. CARE DAY in the UK and Ireland is a joint initiative across five children’s rights charities, and led in Northern Ireland by VOYPIC. CARE DAY 25 will take place on Friday, 21 February 2025.

This being the tenth CARE DAY, VOYPIC are asking all councils to plant a tree in a public place, in honour of the care experienced community.

In recognition of this, this Council will plant a tree in a public space in the council area in honour of those with lived care experience which includes those currently in care, those who have been in care, and those who will experience care in the future.”

12.1 No. 1 on the subject of VOYPIC (Voice of Young People in Care) (Cont'd)

Councillor G Thompson, having read her Notice of Motion to the meeting, formally proposed the Motion.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor G Thompson, was seconded by Alderman J Baird.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the above Notice of Motion would stand without discussion and be referred to the Community & Wellbeing Committee for consideration.

12.2 No. 2 on the subject of HIV TB & Viral Hepatitis

A copy of the undernoted Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J Harpur had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“This Council recognises the urgent need to end the HIV epidemic within our community and globally. Achieving this requires a comprehensive approach that ensures all individuals, especially those in need can access quality, lifesaving treatment. This includes enhancing prevention, care and support services for HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis, and integrating these into broader sexual, reproductive, and mental health services to achieve universal healthcare access.

The Council further acknowledges the importance of eliminating stigma and discrimination by promoting a greater understanding of scientific evidence. Successful HIV treatment and viral suppression prevent transmission, which not only improves public health outcomes but also helps reduce stigma, encouraging people living with HIV to begin and adhere to treatment.

By working collaboratively with other cities and municipalities, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council can accelerate local efforts to end the HIV, TB, and viral hepatitis epidemics, contributing to the global goal of eliminating these diseases by 2030.

In line with the New Urban Agenda, the Council will utilise its reach, infrastructure, and human capacity to create a more equitable, inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable future for all residents, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, or socio-economic background.

Therefore, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council commits to signing the Paris Declaration and supporting the Fast-Track Cities initiative. This will reinforce our commitment to eliminating the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS and striving for no new HIV diagnoses by 2030.”

Councillor J Harpur, having read his Notice of Motion, formally proposed the Motion.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor J Harpur, was seconded by Councillor C Kemp.

12.2 No. 2 on the subject of HIV TB & Viral Hepatitis (Cont'd)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the above Notice of Motion would stand without discussion and be referred to the Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 Letter of thanks and Best Wishes to Suzanne Chapman
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter advised that he had had the privilege and pleasure of attending a charity event at a youth centre in Old Warren which had been organised by a local young person, Suzanne Chapman, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which had raised £1,645. Alderman Porter advised that Suzanne herself was on the cancer journey but had decided she would not let cancer dictate her life and had raised this significant amount of money not only for herself but also for all those who are suffering from this disease. Alderman Porter asked that in recognition of the efforts of this great individual that The Right Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, writes to Suzanne thanking her for this great effort and for raising this significant amount for a very worthwhile charity.

13.2 Mayoral Reception for Hillsborough Boys (2017) Team
Alderman A McIntyre

Alderman A McIntyre highlighted the success of Hillsborough Boys (2017) football team in winning the prestigious Corona Cup, having competed against teams from Denmark, Finland, Bulgaria and Slovakia. Over two tournaments the team had won 11 matches out of 13, with a draw in the other two matches. Alderman McIntyre put on record that this continued success was testament to the hard work and talent of the players, the dedication of their coaches and the unwavering support of families. In view of the team's success at a European level it was agreed, at the request of Alderman McIntyre, that The Right Worshipful the Mayor host a reception for the team, coaches and family members to mark this outstanding achievement and recognising the efforts of all involved.

13.3 Royal Hillsborough – Best Kept Large Village
Councillor G Thompson

Councillor G Thompson having referred to the success of Royal Hillsborough in being awarded 'Best Kept Large Village' category in the Northern Ireland Best Kept Awards for the third consecutive year wished to put on record the Council's thanks and congratulations to all involved in the promotion and the upkeep of the village which has ensured another this significant achievement.

13.4 Wee Barbour Park
Councillor N Trimble

Councillor N Trimble enquired if the Council had considered restoring the area of the wee Barbour Park (by the Lagan River) as a public amenity site and stated

13.4 Wee Barbour Park (Cont'd)
Councillor N Trimble

that some time ago he had raised this issue when the Council's Open Space strategy was being considered. Councillor Trimble reminded Members that this site had been gifted to the Council by the Barbour family a number of years ago for a public amenity space. The Chief Executive undertook to look into this matter and to report back to Councillor Trimble directly.

13.5 Lisburn Rangers Ladies Football Team
Councillor A Martin

Councillor A Martin advised that he had attended the final of the IFA Women's Irish Cup final on Saturday, 19th October at Windsor Park where Lisburn Rangers Ladies team had unfortunately lost to Cliftonville on the evening. Councillor Martin paid tribute to Lisburn Rangers Ladies team and welcomed the cross-community efforts of the team throughout the year.

Councillor Martin requested that in order to convey congratulations and best wishes to Lisburn Rangers Ladies team, the Right Worshipful the Mayor hosts a reception for the team in the near future. The Right Worshipful the Mayor indicated that he would be happy to host such a reception and that arrangements had, in fact, already been commenced for their visit. He assured Councillor Martin that he would extend congratulations to all concerned on the team's recent success.

14. Confidential Business

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the undernoted Confidential items, each of which were in respect of Section 76 planning agreements, were confidential due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

In Committee

It was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the Confidential Reports be considered "in Committee" in the absence of press or members of the public. The livestream was paused at this stage in proceedings.

14.1 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for planning application LA05/2023/0339/F
(Report to be made available after the agreement has been signed and sealed)

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor S Burns, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

- 14.2 Requirement to enter into a Section 76 planning agreement for planning application LA05/2022/1006/F
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(Report to be made available after the agreement has been signed and sealed)

It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor S Burns, and agreed that approval be granted to the signing and sealing of the above Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

The Director of Regeneration & Growth responded to a question from a Member in regard to the variances in the contributions from the owners towards the Council's costs of monitoring and implementation of the deeds.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Alderman A McIntyre, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business was resumed.

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

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 7.38 pm.

Mayor