

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 1 June, 2022 at 5:35 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Councillor A P Ewing (Chairman)

Councillor C McCready (Vice- Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Alderman S Martin

Deputy Mayor
Councillor T Mitchell

Aldermen J Baird and S P Porter

Councillors A Givan, M Gregg, S Lee, H Legge and R McLernon

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman M Henderson MBE

Councillors N Anderson, A McIntyre and S Skillen

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman D Drysdale

Councillor A Swan

IN ATTENDANCE:

In Chamber:

Director of Environmental Services
Head of Service (Building Control)
Head of Service (Environmental Health)
Head of Service (Waste Management and Operational Services)

Environmental Health Managers (BT and DMcL)

IT Officer

Technician

Member Services Officers

In Remote Location:

Environmental Health Manager (SC)

Mr A Thompson, Technical Director, Taggarts

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of the Environmental Services Committee, 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 and Officers in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders. He asked that mobile phones be put on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting and proceeded to outline the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency (during which Alderman S P Porter arrived to the meeting 5.37 pm).

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor S Lowry.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, advised that item 6.1 on the agenda 'Waste Transfer Station Outline Business Case' would be considered at this point, followed by the remainder of the confidential business.

3. Confidential Business

This matter would be dealt with "In Committee" due to containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Councillors A Swan and S Lee arrived to the meeting (5.38 pm and 5.39 pm respectively).

"In Committee"

It was proposed by Councillor S Lee, seconded by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, and agreed that the following matters be considered "in committee", in the absence of members of the press and public being present.

The live-stream was paused at this point (5.40 pm).

3.1 Waste Transfer Station Outline Business Case
(Report will not be made available)

The Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, welcomed Mr Adrian Thompson, Technical Director at Taggarts, to the meeting.

3.1 Waste Transfer Station Outline Business Case (Contd)
(Report will not be made available)

During Mr Thompson's presentation, Councillor S Skillen, Alderman M Henderson and Councillor N Anderson joined the meeting (5.41 pm, 5.47 pm and 5.55 pm respectively). Councillor A Swan left, and returned to the meeting (5.50 pm and 6.01 pm).

Mr Thompson made a presentation to Members in respect of the Outline Business Case for the Waste Transfer Station. A number of queries were addressed by Mr Thompson, following which the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and he left the meeting (6.04 pm).

Alderman D Drysdale arrived to the meeting at this point (6.04 pm).

The Director of Environmental Services responded to a number of queries raised by Members (during which time The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, left the meeting 6.15 pm). She took note of a request that any future presentations to Committee be delivered in person rather than via Zoom, where possible.

Members having been provided with a copy of the Outline Business Case for the Waste Transfer Station, it was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the recommendations contained within the Outline Business Case be approved, it being noted that no specific site had yet been identified for the location of a Waste Transfer Station.

3.2 Fume Extraction System for Garage Workshop
(Report will not be made available)

The Committee, at its meeting on 5 January, 2022, had approved the purchase and installation of a fume extraction system for the garage workshop. The Director having set out in her report, information regarding an increased cost for this purchase, it was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Alderman J Baird and agreed to recommend that the increased cost, as outlined in the report, be approved.

Verbal Matters

3.3 Mullaghglass Odour Complaints and Judicial Review

The Head of Service (Environmental Health) gave a verbal update in respect of Mullaghglass odour complaints and advised that a written update would be provided to Members. He took note of Members' comments regarding updates also being provided to local MLAs and MPs.

The Head of Service provided a verbal update in respect of the Mullaghglass Landfill Site Judicial Review.

3.4 Residual Waste Treatment Project – Update

The Environmental Health Manager (DMcL) left, and returned to, the meeting during consideration of this item of business (6.30 pm and 6.35 pm).

The Director of Environmental Services provided a verbal update in respect of the Residual Waste Treatment Project (RWTP) and advised that, once further information and advice had been received, a further update would be brought to Council. Alderman D Drysdale, as Chair of the arc21 Joint Committee, also spoke on this issue and Councillor S Lee commended him for his work with arc21 on this matter.

3.5 Update on Ruby’s Dundonald Entertainment Licence Extension

At the request of Councillor M Gregg, the Head of Service (Environmental Health) provided an update in respect of Ruby’s Dundonald Entertainment Licence Extension.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor C McCready and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed. The livestream was resumed at 6.40 pm.

4. Report from Director of Environmental Services

4.1 Environmental Services Performance Report

Members were provided with a copy of (a) management accounts summary for the period 1 January – 28 February, 2022 (figures did not include March 2022 as the year end had not yet been concluded); (b) the outturn of operational metrics/service KPIs for Quarter 4 (January to March 2022); (c) the outturn of Performance Improvement KPI for Quarter 4 (January to March 2022); (d) Directorate Risk Dashboard; and (e) proposed operational metrics/service KPIs for 2022/23.

It was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor S Lee and agreed to recommend that the information contained in (a) to (d) above be scrutinised and noted and that item (e) be approved.

5. Report from Head of Service (Building Control)

5.1 Street Naming – Off Hillsborough Road, Dromara

The Head of Service (Building Control) reported that J.A. Smith Developments had proposed names (first and second preference), as set out in his report, for a development of 14 dwellings situated off Hillsborough Road, Dromara.

Members were provided with copy of the development layout and were advised that the request met the requirements of the Council’s Street Naming Policy in

5.1 Street Naming – Off Hillsborough Road, Dromara (Contd)

that the name proposal reflected the site topography and proximity to the River Lagan.

Building Control Service having received no objections to the proposed names from Elected Members of the relevant District Electoral Area, nor the Royal Mail Address Management Team in respect of the first preference name, it was proposed by Alderman J Baird, seconded by Councillor S Lee and agreed to recommend that the name River Heights be approved for this development of 14 dwellings off Hillsborough Road, Dromara.

5.2 Street Naming – Off Lurgan Road, Moira

The Head of Service (Building Control) reported that Topco Moira Limited had proposed names (first and second preference), as set out in his report, for a development of 5 dwellings situated off Lurgan Road, Moira.

Members were provided with copy of the development layout and were advised that the request met the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy in that the name proposal reflected the existing street name of the initial phase of this development.

Building Control Service having received no objections to the proposed names from Elected Members of the relevant District Electoral Area, nor the Royal Mail Address Management Team, it was proposed by Councillor C McCready, seconded by Councillor H Legge and agreed to recommend that the name Moira Gate Manor be approved for this development of 5 dwellings off Lurgan Road, Moira.

6. Report from Head of Service (Environmental Health)

6.1 Review of LCCC Entertainment Licensing Conditions

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting held on 4 May, 2022, it had noted the Department for Communities revised Model Terms, Conditions and Restrictions for Entertainment Licences. Further to this, Officers had reviewed the LCCC Entertainment Licensing Conditions and Members were provided with a copy. It was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that the revised LCCC Conditions for an Entertainment Licence be approved.

6.2 SBNI Strategic Plan for 2022-2026

The Head of Service (Environmental Health) reported receipt of the draft Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) Strategic Plan for 2022-2026. The consultation had been reviewed by the Council's Safeguarding Managers and a response (copy of which Members had been provided with) had been submitted to the Department of Health by the closing date of 15 April, 2022. It

6.2 SBNI Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 (Contd)

was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor C McCready and agreed to recommend that retrospective approval be given to the consultation response.

6.3 Water, Flooding and Sustainable Drainage Consultation

The Head of Service (Environmental Health) advised that the Department for Infrastructure was seeking views on a number of policy proposals to improve how water, sewerage and flooding services were delivered in Northern Ireland. The Emergency Preparedness Group had met to discuss the consultation and the implications which it may pose on councils and emergency planning. Members having been provided with a copy of a response to the consultation collated by the Emergency Preparedness Group, it was proposed by Councillor R McLernon, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed to recommend that it be approved and submitted to the Department.

7. Confidential Business

It was noted that all confidential business had been considered under item 3.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Child Funeral Fund
Councillor H Legge

Councillor H Legge welcomed the Child Funeral Fund which had been introduced today in Northern Ireland.

8.2 Gated Allies
Alderman D Drysdale

In response to a query by Alderman D Drysdale, the Head of Service (Environmental Health) confirmed that there were currently no gated allies within the Council area.

8.3 Thanks to Outgoing Chairman

A number of Members (Councillor M Gregg, Alderman S P Porter, Councillor A Givan, Councillor C McCready and Councillor N Anderson) paid tribute to the Chairman, Councillor A P Ewing, for the manner in which he had conducted meetings during his term as Chairman. Councillor Ewing thanked the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C McCready, for his support during the year, as well as the Director of Environmental Services, Heads of Service and Member Services staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.55 pm.

Mayor/Chairman