

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber and remote locations on Tuesday 27 February, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER:**

Deputy Mayor  
Councillor G McCleave

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

Councillors R T Beckett, P Burke, S Burns, P Catney, 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, C McCready, A McIntyre, M McKeever, U Mackin, A Martin, T Mitchell, N Parker, G Thompson and N Trimble

**PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

Aldermen J Baird, M Gregg and S Skillen  
Councillors D Bassett, R Carlin and R McLernon

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive  
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing  
Director of Organisation Development and Innovation  
Director of Regeneration and Growth  
Acting Director of Environmental Services  
Head of Human Resources and Organisation Development  
Member Services Officers (BS, EW)  
Technician  
IT Officer

**Commencement of the Meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, welcomed those present to the 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.

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 Deputy Mayor advised of the undernoted bereavements since the last meeting of Council:

- passing of Nigel Dougherty, father of our friend and colleague Tim Dougherty, Arts Technician, Island Arts Centre
- passing of Aileen Graham, mother of Alderman Sharon Skillen. Mrs Graham was also a former Councillor in Belfast City Council.
- passing of Joanne Galbraith, Council employee who had been based at Dundonald International Ice Bowl and worked for Council for 25 years

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, invited Councillor A Martin to open the meeting with devotions. During prayer Councillor Martin remembered the families of the above-mentioned bereavements.

## 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 A Gowan, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, since the last meeting of Council.

## 2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan and the Director of Finance & Corporate Services.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

During the meeting Councillor D J Craig declared an interest in item 7.1 (Signing of Legal Document) Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and The Education Authority, 40 Academy Street, Belfast BT1 2NQ – Contract for Development Agreement and Licence for Works at Laurelhill Community College in view of his chairmanship of the Board of Governors of Laurelhill Community College and being the chairman of the Sports Zone Committee.

## 4. Council Minutes

### 4.1 Meeting of Council – 23 January 2024

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor S Lowry, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 January 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4.2 Special Meeting of Council (NI Water) – 29 January 2024

It was proposed by Councillor G Hynds, seconded by Councillor B Higginson, and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on 29 January 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4.3 Special Meeting of Council (to Strike the Rate) – 8 February 2024

It was proposed by Alderman O Gawith, seconded by Councillor A P Ewing, and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on 8 February 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4.4 Special Meeting of Council (Confidential Matter) – 8 February 2024

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on 8 February 2024 be confirmed and signed.

4.5 Special Meeting of Council (Confidential Matter) – 14 February 2024

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Alderman H Legge, and agreed that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on 14 February 2024 be confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations.

7. Business Required by Statute

(i) Signing of Legal Documents

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Giva, and agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Workforce Training Services, 465 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 3BP – F23/24-012 – Award Letter to deliver the Transport Academy
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and R&M Greenkeeper Limited, Unit C1, Kilcronagh Business Park, Cookstown, Co Tyrone BT80 9HG – Contract for Provision of a Haulage Service for Residual and Green Wastes from Council Household Recycling Centres (Ref: STA23/24-023)

(i) Signing of Legal Documents (Cont'd)

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Chemical Treatment Services (Ireland) Ltd, 40 Railway Street, Lisburn BT28 1XP – T23/24-011 PMM 24 – Contract for Planned Preventive Maintenance for Water Features
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and The Education Authority, 40 Academy Street, Belfast BT1 2NQ – Contract for Development Agreement and Licence for Works at Laurelhill Community College

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

**Regeneration and Growth Committee**

**1 February, 2024**

Proposed by Councillor J Laverty

Seconded by Councillor T Mitchell

**Communities and Wellbeing Committee**

**6 February, 2024**

Proposed by Councillor R T Beckett

Seconded by Councillor J Gallen

Adopted subject to the following decisions being referred back to Committee for further consideration and decisions thereon, at the request of Alderman A Grehan.

Item 4.1 (Page 74)

Community Support Grants 2024/2025 – Outcome of Assessments

and

Item 4.2 (Pages 74/75)

Communities Festivals Fund

The Chief Executive responded and provided clarification thereon to the issues raised by Alderman A Grehan.

The Chairman of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee, Councillor R T Beckett, indicated that he was in agreement to the above two items being referred back to Committee.

**Environment and Sustainability Committee**

**7 February, 2024**

Proposed by Councillor C McCready

Seconded by Councillor R Carlin

**Corporate Services Committee**

**14 February, 2024**

Proposed by Alderman O Gawith

Seconded by Councillor A P Ewing

Matters Arising

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VAT Claim relating to Leisure Activities

Alderman J Tinsley put on record the sterling work of the then Director of Finance of the former Castlereagh Borough Council, Mr Edward Patterson, in relation to the above matter. Mr Patterson's efforts had been significant at that time.

It was agreed, at the request of Alderman J Tinsley, that the Council writes to Mr Patterson to advise that the Council had been apprised of the most recent outcome on this matter and to convey the Council's sincere for his sterling work on this matter.

Alderman Tinsley also acknowledged the continued efforts by Officers of this Council in ensuring the rewards continue to be benefited by the ratepayers across the Council area.

**Planning Committee**

**8 January, 2024**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 8 January, 2024 had been circulated for noting as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 5 February, 2024. It was proposed by Alderman M Gregg, seconded by Councillor U Mackin and agreed that their contents be noted.

9. Report from Chief Executive

There were no reports for consideration.

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

There were no Notices of Motion for consideration.

13. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Crewe United Football Club - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Alderman S P Porter

Alderman S P Porter having advised the Council that Crewe United Football Club were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary put on record the worthy achievements of the Club both on and off the pitch over the years. Alderman Porter commended the Club for their support to the Mayoral Charities and also their fundraising activities in support of other charities.

It was agreed at the request of Alderman S P Porter that a letter from the Council be sent to Crewe United Football Club to commend the Club on their worthy achievements both on and off the pitch and to congratulate the Club on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

14.2 Review of Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors  
Alderman H Legge

Alderman H Legge drew the Council's attention to a number of recent email correspondence from NILGA and NAC in relation to the independently-led review on the roles and responsibilities of Councillors by the Department for Communities. Alderman Legge advised that the emails contained a web link to the review survey and encouraged all Members to respond as the purpose of the survey was to add quantitative information to support any engagement that would take place with the Minister for Communities. It was noted that the survey would close at 6.00 pm on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Alderman Legge also advised that Councillor Joe Boyle, Secretary of the NAC NI Region, had been appointed to the review panel and that he was reporting back to NAC's Executive Committee regularly. The Executive Committee had met with the Independent Chairperson of the review panel, Mr Maynard Mawhinney. Mr Mawhinney would be meeting with the local government spokesperson for each party in the near future in order to seek very relevant input into the review. Furthermore, the review panel would be meeting with SOLACE and other elected member groups in due course.

Alderman Legge emphasised that it was important that there is as high a number of returns by elected members as possible to this important review exercise.

The Chief Executive undertook to circulate the web-link for the survey to Members for their completion.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor G McCleave, thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was terminated at 7.26 pm.

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Mayor