

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Tuesday 25 October, 2022 at 7:03 pm

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor S Carson

Deputy Mayor
Councillor M Guy

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, D Drysdale, A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith, M Henderson MBE, S Martin, S P Porter and J Tinsley

Councillors R T Beckett, F Cole, D J Craig, A P Ewing, A Givan, A Gowan, M Gregg, S Hughes, J Lavery BEM, S Lee, H Legge, C McCready, A McIntyre, R McLernon, T Mitchell, John Palmer, S Skillen, A Swan and N Trimble

PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:

Alderman J Baird (from 8.11 pm), Councillors N Anderson, R Carlin, S Lowry, G McCleave, S Mulholland

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Chief Executive
Director of Environmental Services (remote)
Director of Finance and Corporate Services (remote)
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Service Transformation (remote)
Member Services Officers (BS & EW)
Technician
IT Officer

Mr Jonathan Storey (deputising for 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. The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, welcomed those present to the remote meeting of Council which, in line with Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (NI) 2020, was being live streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings.

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.

Prayers

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

- Mr John Toal, father of our colleague, Stephen Toal, Outdoor Facilities Officer, based at Lagan Valley Island.
- Our friend and colleague, Mr Stephen Gordon, Handyman/Driver, based at Lagan Valley LeisurePlex.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor also wished to remember in prayer Councillor U Mackin who was recovering from surgery the previous week and, on behalf of the Council, extended best wishes to Councillor Mackin following his surgery.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor extended a welcome to Mr Jonathan Storey who was in attendance at the meeting in the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain. Mr Storey gave an address during which he too remembered the bereaved families referred to by the Mayor and also Councillor U Mackin who was recovering from surgery.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, thanked Mr Storey for his attendance following which Mr Storey left the meeting (7.14 pm).

Councillor R Carlin joined the meeting at 7.06 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.

2. Apologies

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman A Grehan and Councillors J Gallen, J McCarthy, U Mackin and Jenny Palmer.

3. Declarations of Interest

During the course of the meeting Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in the following matters:

- a) item 3.2 of the Leisure & Community Development Committee minutes of 4 October 2022 (DEA Investment Programme DIY Community Fund – Outcome of Assessment) – in view of his membership of one of the groups that had received funding, namely Anahilt Primary School PTA, and

3. Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

- b) item 5.1 of the Leisure & Community Development Committee minutes of 4 October 2022 (DEA Investment Fund – Keep the Ball Rolling) in view of family members' membership of groups that had received funding.

Councillor Gowan submitted a completed Declaration of Interest form detailing the names of the groups concerned.

4. Council Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor N Trimble, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 September, 2022 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor M Gregg, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 30 September, 2022 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor M Gregg, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 11 October, 2022 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor J Lavery, seconded by Councillor M Gregg, and agreed that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 18 October, 2022 be confirmed and signed.

Councillor A McIntyre entered the meeting at 7.15 pm.

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 agreed that the following legal documents be signed at the meeting:

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Greentown Traffic Management Ltd, 65a Marble Arch Road, Florencecourt, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh BT92 1DE – Contract for Traffic Management Provision/Advice/Design and Installation

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

- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Cobra Specialist Security Services Ltd, Unit C6 Knockmore Hill Business Park, 9 Ferguson Drive, Lisburn BT28 2EX – Contract for Lock and Unlock, Key Holding and Alarm Response for Council Facilities
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Eventsec Ltd, SSE Arena, 2 Queen's Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ – Contract for Stewarding and Crowd Control for LCCC Events
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Ulster Friends Trustees Limited, Friends School Lisburn, Magheralave Road, Lisburn, County Antrim BT28 3BH – Contract for Sale of Friends' Meeting House, Maghaberry
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and J P Corry's (Lisburn), Unit 3 Laganside Business Park, Hillsborough Old Road, Lisburn BT27 5EW – Contract for Tender for Supply of General Hardware Materials (T21/22-027)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and the Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT28GB – Contract for the provision of Off Street Parking Enforcement and a Penalty Charge Notice Processing Service
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Maurice Flynn and Sons Ltd, Saunders House, Springbank Industrial Estate, 2 Springbank Road, Belfast BT17 0QL & Sunbelt Rentals Ltd, 102 Dalton Avenue, Birchwood, Warrington WA3 6YE – Contract for Annual Tender Schedule – AT2 Hire of Plant and Machinery – 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2025
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Whitemountain Quarries Ltd t/a Breedon, 5 Blackwater Road, Mallusk, Co Antrim BT36 4TZ & Gibson (Banbridge) Ltd, 1 Kilmacrew Road, Banbridge, Co Down BT32 4ES & Tullyraine Quarries Ltd, 122 Dromore Road, Banbridge, Co Down BT32 4EG & Northstone (NI) Ltd, Materials Division, Head Office, Croaghan Quarry, Shinnny Road, Coleraine BT51 4PS & John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd, 11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn BT28 2SA – Contract for Annual Tender Schedule – AT3 Supply/Delivery/Laying of Quarry and Bituminous Bound Materials and Associated Items – 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2025
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Shannon Roadmarkings Ltd, 4 Garnock, Belfast BT11 9NP & BPF Road Marking Ltd, 86 Annacloy Road, Downpatrick BT30 9AJ & Road Safety Contracts Ltd, 102 Glen Road, Maghera BT46 5JG – Contract for Annual Tender Schedule – AT4 Line Marking – 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2025
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Maxwell Catering Ltd, The Clubhouse Bar & Grill, 39 Dunleady Park, Belfast, Co Down BT16 1JU – Operating Agreement relating to Castlereagh Hills Golf Course – Restaurant and Bar

8. Adoption of Minutes of Committees

Leisure and Community Development Committee

4 October, 2022

Proposed by Councillor D J Craig

Seconded by Councillor T Mitchell

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Hardship Funding Programme

Alderman Porter reminded the Council that at its meeting in August 2022 he had proposed that a report be prepared on how the Council could support the voluntary and community sectors in their support to those most affected by the current cost of living crisis, such a report to include how the Council could also support local business sectors at this time. In this regard Alderman S P Porter welcomed the establishment of the Hardship Funding programme for local community groups and commended highly the Officers concerned for their efforts in progressing this Programme in a timely manner.

Alderman S P Porter requested that Officers take appropriate steps to ensure that they have the most up-to-date contact details for the local voluntary and community groups to ensure that any communication from the Council was sent to the correct individual and correct location.

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DEA Investment Programme DIY Community Investment Fund – Outcome of Assessment

Alderman S P Porter referred to his request at the August meeting of Council that consideration be given as to how the Council could support the local business Community during the current cost of living crisis and requested that, if not already done, a report on hardship funding to local businesses be brought to the Development Committee and that this funding be progressed as quickly as possible. Alderman Porter commended those Officers who had been involved in progressing these important funding programmes to date.

In response the Director of Service Transformation assured the Member that he would follow up this particular issue with the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing and her team with a view to taking a report to the Development Committee.

Environmental Services Committee

5 October 2022

Proposed by Councillor M Gregg

Seconded by Councillor C McCready

Development Committee

6 October 2022

Proposed by Alderman A G Ewart

Seconded by Alderman D Drysdale

Capital Projects Committee

11 October 2022

Proposed by Councillor S Lowry
Seconded by Councillor S Lee

Councillor Lowry reminded the Council that the minutes of the Capital Projects Committee were subject to 'Call In'.

Corporate Services Committee

12 October 2022

Proposed by Councillor S Hughes
Seconded by Alderman S Martin

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Local Government Staff Commission

Alderman W J Dillon having referred to the comments made earlier by Alderman S P Porter in connection with the Council's hardship funding programme, wished to put on record his dissent to the decision of the Corporate Services Committee to pay the Council's contribution of £31,359 to the Local Government Staff Commission.

Planning Committee

5 September, 2022

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 5 September, 2022 had been circulated for noting only as these minutes had been agreed at the subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee on 3 October, 2022. It was proposed by Councillor John Palmer, seconded by Councillor A Swan, 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 Recognition and Celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty,
King Charles III
Councillor S Skillen

A copy of the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S Skillen had been circulated to Members with the notice convening the meeting:

“This Council recognises that residents across Lisburn and Castlereagh will welcome and celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King, Charles III.

We note that the Coronation has been announced to take place on Saturday, 6th May 2023.

To mark this momentous occasion, Council requests the creation of a Coronation Member/Officer Working Group to develop and present proposals and costs to the relevant Committee, including funding opportunities for communities and organisations who wish to join together in recognition and celebration.”

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, advised that the above Notice of Motion would be debated at the meeting that evening.

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

Councillor S Skillen elaborated on her Notice of Motion. At the outset Councillor Skillen referred to the announcement by Buckingham Palace that the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III would take place on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. Councillor Skillen stated that this Council has had a long affiliation with the Royal family, and made reference to:

- HM Queen Elizabeth II had officially opened this building, the Council’s Headquarters, back in 2001
- this Council had the honour of Hillsborough being bestowed with Royal status in 2021
- this Council had the honour of receiving a visit from King Charles III in September this year to Royal Hillsborough when he had received a warm welcome

Councillor Skillen stated that the Coronation would mark the symbolic celebration of King Charles III’s reign with much pageantry and ritual. The majority of ratepayers have not had an opportunity to celebrate a coronation, the last one being the Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation in 1953 and the Coronation prior to that being King Edward VII’s in 1902.

Councillor Skillen emphasised that King Charles III intended on having a scaled down Coronation ceremony in light of the current cost of living crisis and was hopeful that this cost of living crisis would be taken into account by the

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Coronation Member/Officer working group in progressing proposals and associated costs. Councillor Skillen also emphasised that this Council should mark this momentous occasion for our communities and looked forward to seeing the plans coming forward which would create lasting memories for our ratepayers.

Having seconded the Notice of Motion, Alderman W J Dillon commended Councillor S Skillen for her efforts in bringing her motion forward. Alderman Dillon stated that he was old enough to remember coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II having been a young school boy at Friends School Lisburn. Alderman Dillon was of the opinion that it would be appropriate to refer this Notice of Motion to the Leisure & Community Development Committee for progressing.

A number of Members spoke in support of the Notice of Motion, namely Councillor N Anderson, Alderman S Martin, Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor A Gowan, Alderman S P Porter and Alderman J Tinsley.

Councillor G McCleave spoke in opposition to the Notice of Motion during which he referred to the current cost of living crisis. He stated that the celebrations by communities should not be at the cost to ratepayers, and for this reason he would not support the motion.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor responded to the comments from the previous speakers in connection with the most appropriate Committee to progress this Notice of Motion.

Alderman S Martin, during his contribution, paid tribute to Cllr H Legge who had chaired the Queen's Platinum Jubilee working group. Alderman Martin commended the work of this working group and stated that it would be remiss not to acknowledge the work of that working group which he had the pleasure of sitting on during his Mayoral year. He felt that this working group had delivered a very inclusive programme of events.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor welcomed Alderman Martin's comments in relation to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group. He too commended Councillor Legge for her efforts thereon.

Councillor R Carlin spoke in opposition to Councillor Skillen's Notice of Motion. He stated he would not support the Notice of Motion as it was putting unnecessary burden on the ratepayers during the cost of living crisis.

Councillor S Skillen thanked those Members who had spoken in support of her Notice of Motion and reminded Members that her motion had acknowledged the cost of living crisis.

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King Charles III (Cont'd)
Councillor S Skillen

Prior to the Notice of Motion being put to the Council and at the request of Alderman S Martin, the Chief Executive provided further clarification on the matter of the appropriate Committee to progress this Notice of Motion. Councillor Skillen indicated that she would be of the opinion that her motion would sit better with the Leisure & Community Development Committee but acknowledged that it was a decision for the Council to make.

At this point Alderman S Martin proposed an amendment to Councillor Skillen's Notice of Motion that the words "under the Leisure & Community Development Committee" be inserted in the third sentence.

Councillor S Skillen indicated that she was content with Alderman Martin's amendment.

Councillor D J Craig requested that a recorded vote be taken on the Notice of Motion as amended by Alderman S Martin.

The Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S Skillen, seconded by Alderman W J Dillon, and as amended by Alderman S Martin, was put to the meeting and declared "carried," namely;

"This Council recognises that residents across Lisburn and Castlereagh will welcome and celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King, Charles III.

We note that the Coronation has been announced to take place on Saturday, 6th May 2023.

To mark this momentous occasion, Council requests the creation of a Coronation Member/Officer Working Group under the Leisure & Community Development Committee to develop and present proposals and costs to the relevant Committee, including funding opportunities for communities and organisations who wish to join together in recognition and celebration."

The vote was recorded as follows:

In Favour: Councillor N Anderson, Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor D J Craig, Councillor F Cole, 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, Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Guy, Alderman M Henderson, Councillor S Hughes, Councillor J Laverty, Councillor S Lee, Councillor H Legge, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor C McCready, Councillor A McIntyre, Councillor R McLernon, Alderman S Martin, Councillor T Mitchell, Councillor S Mulholland, 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,

TOTAL: 32

Against: Councillor R Carlin and Councillor G McCleave

TOTAL: 2

13. Confidential Business

There were no confidential reports for consideration at the meeting however as a Member wished to raise a confidential matter it was necessary to go “into Committee.”

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman A G Ewart, and agreed the confidential matter be considered “in Committee” in the absence of press or members of the public. The livestream was paused at 7.58 pm.

“In Committee”

13.1 Planning Matter
Councillor N Anderson

The Director of Service Transformation and the Chief Executive responded to issues raised by Councillor N Anderson pertaining to a planning matter.

The Director of Service Transformation undertook to bring forward a report to the relevant Committee in due course.

Councillor D J Craig, being a Member of the Planning Committee, put on record that Members of the Planning Committee should not participate in such discussions at Council and/or Committee meetings going forward.

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

Resumption of Normal Business

14. Any Other Confidential Business

Alderman J Baird joined the meeting remotely during consideration of the following item of business (8.11 pm).

14.1 Social Media Post - Grab & Go Bag
Councillor S Skillen

Councillor S Skillen reported that she, as well as the MP for the area, had been contacted by a number of anxious constituents in connection with the Council’s social media post relating to the Grab & Go bag. The concern was mainly around the fact that there had been no explanation for the reason for this posting. Councillor Skillen requested that these concerns be fed back to the Officers concerned and that in future an explanation be provided as to why a social media posting had been posted.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor S Carson, stated that he too had been contacted by concerned residents on this matter and that these concerns had been raised already with the relevant Head of Service. By way of some explanation he stated that he was aware that the Local Government Emergency Preparedness Group mandates councils to display certain messages and the

14.1 Social Media Post - Grab & Go Bag (Cont'd)
Councillor S Skillen

'Grab and Go' message had been one of those messages which had been shared also by other councils.

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 8.12 pm.

Mayor