

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting Communities and Wellbeing Committee held in the Island Civic Centre and via Zoom on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 6.00 pm.

- PRESENT:** Councillor T Beckett (Chairperson)
- The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan
- Aldermen A Grehan, S P Porter; Councillors D Bassett, R Carlin, D J Craig, B Higginson, S Lowry and A McIntyre.
- PRESENT REMOTELY:** Deputy Mayor Councillor G McCleave; Alderman S Skillen, Councillors N Eaton, J Gallen, T Mitchell and G Thompson.
- ALSO ATTENDED:** Councillors S Burns (Zoom), K Dickson (Zoom), P Catney (Zoom) A Givan (Zoom) G Hynds, C Kemp (Zoom), P Kennedy (Zoom, J Laverty (Zoom) U Mackin, A Martin, M McKeever (Zoom) N Parker (Zoom) and Alderman J Tinsley.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive
Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director of Regeneration and Growth
Head of Finance
Head of Planning and Capital Development
Capital Programme Manager
Capital Accountant
Member Services Officers (BF and EW).

1. Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Aldermen O Gawith and H Legge.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Confidential Report of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing

The Chairperson advised that the following matter was confidential by virtue of the Section 6, Part 1, of the Local Government Act (2014) Northern Ireland, specifically since the information related to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the council holding that information).

It was moved by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, seconded by Councillor D J Craig and agreed that the confidential report of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing be considered 'in committee', in the absence of members of the press and public.

3.1 Dundonald International Ice Bowl – Award of Tender

Further to the decision of the Council of 26th September, the Committee considered an addendum to the Full Business Case which had been endorsed at the foregoing meeting. The Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing outlined the principal aspects of a report which gave an overview of the anticipated costs for the project, together with an overview of the risk management processes and the staffing structures that would be in place to support the development.

On behalf of the SDLP and Sinn Fein party groups, both Councillor J Gallen and Councillor R Carlin placed on the record their opposition to the development and outlined several concerns in this regard.

At the request of Alderman S P Porter, it was agreed to note the revenue considerations, of the costs incurred to date.

At the request of Councillor R Carlin, in accordance with Standing Order 20.5, a recorded vote was taken.

Moved by Alderman S Skillen,
Seconded by Councillor S Lowry

That the Committee agrees to adopt the recommendations as set out within the report of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing.

Twelve Members voted in favour of the proposal and four against and it was declared carried.

In favour: Councillor R T Beckett, Alderman A Grehan, Alderman S P Porter, Alderman S Skillen, Councillor A P Ewing, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A Gowan, Councillor D J Craig, Councillor N Eaton, Councillor B Higginson, Councillor S Lowry, Councillor G Thompson, Councillor A McIntyre (12)

Against: Councillor D Bassett, Councillor R Carlin, Councillor J Gallen and Deputy Mayor Councillor G McCleave (4)

4. Resumption of Normal Business

It was moved by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Councillor A McIntyre, and agreed that normal business be resumed.

The meeting ended at 6.44 pm.

Chairperson