

# Council

## MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 2nd March, 2015  
at the hour of 6.20 p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor  
(Councillor Mallon) (Chairman);  
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron);  
the High Sheriff (Councillor McKee);  
Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, Ekin, Kingston,  
McCoubrey, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson;  
Rodgers, Stalford, Stoker and Webb; and  
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell,  
Carson, Clarke, Convery, Corr, Cunningham, Curran,  
Garrett, Groves, Haire, Hanna, Hargey, Hussey,  
Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy, Kyle,  
Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, McAteer, McCabe, McCarthy,  
McNamee, McVeigh, Mullan, Newton, Ó Donnghaile,  
Reynolds, Spence, Thompson and Verner.

### **Reading of Scriptures**

In accordance with Standing Order 9, the Deputy Lord Mayor read a passage from the Scriptures.

### **Summons**

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

### **Congratulations**

Alderman Robinson, on behalf of the Members, congratulated the Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon) and her husband, Brendan, on the news that they were expecting their first child.

### **Carl Frampton**

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated local boxer Carl Frampton on his recent successful defence of his IBF Super-Bantamweight world title.

### **Mr. Andrew Hassard**

Councillor Newton reminded the Members that Mr. Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure, had retired from the Council at the end of February after forty years of service.

On behalf of the Members, he thanked Mr. Hassard for his contribution to the work of the Council during that time and wished him well in his retirement.

**Minutes**

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon),  
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron) and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 2nd February be taken as read and signed as correct.

**Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,  
Seconded by Alderman Stalford and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 13th February be approved and adopted.

**Parks and Leisure Committee**

Moved by Councillor Newton,  
Seconded by Alderman Robinson,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 24th February be approved and adopted.

**Amendment**

**Grove Playing Fields - Request**

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,  
Seconded by Alderman Stalford,

That the decision under the heading “Grove Playing Fields - Request” be rejected and, accordingly, the Council agrees to accede in principle to the request from the Ulster Centenary Committee for the use of the Grove Playing Fields on Saturday, 9th May, subject to Party Political consultations taking place.

On a recorded vote thirty-five Members voted for the amendment and sixteen against and it was declared carried.

<b><u>For 35</u></b>	<b><u>Against 16</u></b>
The Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron); the High Sheriff (Councillor McKee), Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, Ekin, Kingston, McCoubrey, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson, Rodgers, Stalford, Stoker and Webb; Councillors Attwood, Convery, Curran, Haire, Hanna, Hussey, Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy, Kyle, McCarthy, McNamee, Mullan, Newton, Reynolds, Spence, Thompson and Verner.	Councillors Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell, Carson, Clarke, Corr, Cunningham, Garrett, Groves, Hargey, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, McAteer, McCabe, McVeigh and Ó Donnghaile.

### **River Terrace – Update**

A Member pointed out that the minute of the meeting did not reflect the fact that the Director of Parks and Leisure had reported that there had been interest in the site from a second organisation.

The Council noted the information which had been provided.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 24th February were approved and adopted.

### **Development Committee**

Moved by Councillor Hargey,  
Seconded by Councillor Ó Donnghaile and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 17th February be approved and adopted.

### **Licensing Committee**

Moved by Alderman Ekin,  
Seconded by Councillor Spence and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 18th February, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Town Planning Committee**

Moved by Councillor Hanna,  
Seconded by Councillor McCabe and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 5th February, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

**Notice of Motion**

**Willowfield Parish Community Association**

In accordance with Notice on the Agenda, Councillor Kennedy proposed:

“This Council congratulates Willowfield Parish Community Association on receiving a national award from the Christian Funders' Forum for the Best Transformative Community Project for Vulnerable Young People. This community-based project has, since 2002, engaged with thousands of young people, raising self esteem, promoting cross-community understanding and addressing issues such as bullying, self-harm and eating disorders.

In acknowledging this Award, the Council pays tribute to voluntary organisations across the City which engage positively with vulnerable young people in economically disadvantaged communities. As a Compassionate City, we encourage both individual and corporate responsibility in providing for the needs of the most vulnerable people within our Society.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

After discussion, the Motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Lord Mayor  
Chairman