

Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Steering Group

Monday 8th September, 2025

CASTLE, CAVEHILL, ZOO AND NORTH FORESHORE STEERING GROUP MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING IN THE CONOR ROOM

Members present: Alderman Rodgers; and
Councillors Anglin, Cobain and Whyte.

In attendance: Ms. S. Grimes, Director of Property and Projects;
Ms. S. Kalke, Client Manager;
Mr. S. Wilson, Estates Surveyor; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Member Services and DSO.

Election of Chairperson

Moved by Alderman Rodgers,
Seconded by Councillor Whyte and

Resolved – that Councillor Cobain be elected to serve as Chairperson of the Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Steering Group until the date of the 2026 Annual Meeting.

(Councillor Cobain in the Chair.)

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Nelson and Smyth.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8th January, 2025 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Presentation

Giant's Park Leisure Limited

Alderman Rodgers welcomed to the meeting Mr. K. Carlin, Director of Carlin Planning Limited, together with Mr. G. Kennedy of Kennedy Planning Management, and Mr. K. McKay of the Benmore Group, who were in attendance to provide a presentation in respect of the development at the North Foreshore.

The Working Group was informed that an initial planning application for the development had been submitted to the Council in December but was still yet to be determined. The first phase of the project would see the development of a 160-acre portion of the site for the purposes of an adventure park, with construction could potentially commencing in late-2025, subject to planning approval. Mr. Carlin outlined the further plans for the remaining 90 acres of the site, which would enable the creation of mixed-use, distribution, logistics and commercial zones.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Chairperson