

Council

MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, City Hall
on Monday, 1st July, 2024 at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McCormick (Chairperson);
The High Sheriff of Belfast, Councillor S. Douglas; and
Aldermen Lawlor, McCoubrey, McCullough and Rodgers;
Councillors Abernethy, Anglin, Black, Bradley,
R. Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Cobain,
Collins, de Faoite, Doherty, P. Donnelly,
R.M. Donnelly, Doran, D. Douglas, Duffy,
Ferguson, Flynn, Garrett, Groogan, Kelly,
Maghie, Maskey, G. McAteer, McCabe, McCann,
McCusker, McDowell, McKay, McKeown, I. McLaughlin,
R. McLaughlin, Nic Bhranair, Ó Néill, Smyth,
Verner and Walsh.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Murray), Alderman Copeland and Councillors Beattie, Bell, Bower, T. Brooks, M. Donnelly, F. McAteer, Murphy, Nelson and Whyte.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Canavan, Duffy and Groogan declared an interest in the item "Social Supermarkets" within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that they worked for or were associated with organisations which received Social Supermarket Funding. As the item did not become the subject of debate, the Members were not required to leave the meeting.

Councillor R.M. Donnelly declared an interest in the item "Request for Council to act as Sponsor for the Active Communities Network", in that her employer had requested the Council to act as a sponsor for the acquisition of a city centre property. As the item did not become the subject of debate, the Member was not required to leave the meeting.

Minutes of the Council

Moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McCormick),
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Council of 3rd June, be taken as read and signed as correct.

Official Announcements

Condolences

The Deputy Lord Mayor extended condolences to the Director of Property and Projects and her family on the recent passing of her father.

Councillor McKeown extended condolences to the family of Andrew Dougal, former CEO of the Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Association, on his recent passing.

King's Birthday Honours

The Deputy Lord Mayor congratulated those who had received honours in the King's Birthday Honours List 2024, in particular, Alderman McCoubrey, who had been awarded a BEM for his work in the community.

Councillor Brooks congratulated Mrs. Lindsay Robinson who had been awarded a MBE for her work in perinatal mental health in Northern Ireland.

Change of Membership on Committees/ Outside Bodies/Position of Responsibility

The Chief Executive advised the Council that following the notification from the Democratic Unionist Party that it wished to give up its position on ARC21, Councillor Collins, PBPA would be filling the vacancy for the remainder of the Council term.

The Council approved the aforementioned change.

Minutes of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Bunting,

“That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st and 28th June, 2024, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.”

Request for Council to act as Sponsor for the Active Communities Network

Councillor R.M. Donnelly advised that she had declared an interest in the item in the minutes of 28th June, under the heading “Request for Council to act as Sponsor for the Active Communities Network”, in that her employer had requested the Council to act as a sponsor for the acquisition of a city centre property. As the item had not become the subject of debate, she had not been required to leave the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st and 28th June were thereupon approved and adopted.

Minutes of People and Communities Committee

Moved by Councillor Verner,
Seconded by Councillor R. Brooks, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the People and Communities Committee of 11th June, be approved and adopted.

Minutes of City Growth and Regeneration Committee

Moved by Councillor I. McLaughlin
Seconded by Councillor Maskey, and

Resolved- That the minutes of the proceedings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 12th June, be approved and adopted.

Minutes of Licensing Committee

Moved by Alderman Rodgers,
Seconded by Councillor Smyth, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 19th June, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Minutes of Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Carson
Seconded by Councillor Dornan, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 18th June, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Minutes of Climate and City Resilience Committee

Moved by Councillor R.M. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor R. Brooks, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Climate and City Resilience Committee of 13th June, be approved and adopted.

Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Committee

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Duffy, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Committee of 11th June, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Lord Mayor
Chairperson