

Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY Council

Held in Adelaide Exchange on Monday, 2nd June, 2008
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Rodgers) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Kelly);
the High Sheriff (Councillor McKenzie); and
Councillors Rodgers, Kelly, McKenzie, Adamson,
Attwood, Austin, Browne, Browne, Browne, Campbell,
Cobain, Convery, Crozier, Cunningham, Cush, Dodds,
Dodds N, Ekin, Hanna, Hartley, Hendron, Humphrey,
Jones, Kirkpatrick, Kyle, Lavery, Long, Maginness,
Maskey, Maskey, McCann, McCausland, McClenaghan,
McCoubrey, McGimpsey, McMillen, Mhic Giolla Mhin,
Moore, Mullaghan, Newton, O'Reilly, O'Neill, Patterson,
Rodway, Smyth, Stalford, Stoker, Wilson and Maskey

Reading of Scriptures

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

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillors Empey and McCarthy.

Filming and Recording of Proceedings

The Chief Executive reported that requests had been received from a number of broadcasting companies for permission to film and record the election and installation of the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor. He requested that the Council indicate whether it wished to accede to those requests.

The Council granted the permission sought.

Expression of Thanks

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Rodgers) reviewed his year in Office and expressed his appreciation for the support he had received from the Lady Mayoress, the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Kelly), the High Sheriff (Councillor McKenzie) and the former High Sheriff (Councillor Kirkpatrick). He thanked also the staff who had assisted him

during the previous year and placed on record his appreciation of the support which he had received from the Members of his Political Party.

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Kelly) reviewed her year in Office and expressed her gratitude for the support which she had received from the Lord Mayor (Councillor Rodgers). She placed on record her thanks for the support she had received from all Members throughout her term and for the advice and assistance of all staff.

Tributes

Representatives of each of the Party Groupings on the Council paid tribute to the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties during their year in Office.

Election of Lord Mayor

Nominations were invited for the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Hartley was proposed by Councillor McCann and seconded by Councillor Cush; while Councillor D. Dodds was proposed by Councillor Newton and seconded by Councillor Stalford.

A division was immediately demanded. A poll having been taken on the nominations, there voted for Councillor Hartley twenty-five Members, viz., the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Kelly); and Councillors Attwood, Austin, M. Browne, Convery, Cunningham, Cush, Ekin, Hanna, Harlley, Hendron, Jones, Lavery, Long, Maginness, A. Maskey, C. Maskey, P. Maskey, McCann, McClenaghan, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Moore, Mullaghan, O'Neill and O'Reilly; and for Councillor D. Dodds twenty-three Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Rodgers); the High Sheriff (Councillor McKenzie); and Councillors Adamson, W. Browne, Campbell, Cobain, Crozier, D. Dodds, N. Dodds, Humphrey, Kirkpatrick, Kyle, McCausland, McCoubrey, McGimpsey, McMillen, Newton, Patterson, Rodway, Smyth, Stalford, Stoker and Wilson. One Member, Councillor D. Browne, did not vote.

It was accordingly

Resolved – That Councillor Tom Hartley be and is hereby elected Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2009.

Councillor Hartley, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors McCann and Cush, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Councillor Hartley, in the Chair.)

Councillor Hartley expressed his gratitude to the Members for the honour which they had bestowed upon him by electing him to the Office of Lord Mayor and paid tribute to the previous Lord Mayor and to the Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had carried out their duties. He then outlined what he hoped to achieve during his term of Office.

Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the post of Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor D. Browne was proposed by Councillor Stoker and seconded by Councillor Adamson; while Councillor Hendron was proposed by Councillor Long and seconded by Councillor Maginness.

A division was immediately demanded. A poll having been taken on the nominations, there voted for Councillor D. Browne thirty-eight Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Hartley); the High Sheriff (Councillor McKenzie); and Councillors Adamson, Austin, D. Browne, M. Browne, W. Browne, Campbell, Cobain, Crozier, Cunningham, Cush, D. Dodds, N. Dodds, Humphrey, Kirkpatrick, Kyle, Lavery, A. Maskey, C. Maskey, P. Maskey, McCann McCausland, McClenaghan, McCoubrey, McGimpsey, McMillen, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Moore, Newton, O'Neill, Patterson, Rodgers, Rodway, Smyth, Stalford, Stoker and Wilson; and for Councillor Hendron eleven Members, viz., the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Kelly); and Councillors Attwood, Convery, Ekin, Hanna, Hendron, Jones, Long, Maginness, Mullaghan and O'Reilly.

It was accordingly

Resolved – That Councillor David Browne be and is hereby elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2009.

Councillor D. Browne, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors Adamson and Stoker, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He then thanked the Members for his election.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Hartley),
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Browne) and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 1st May be taken as read and signed as correct.

Appointment of Members to Standing Committees

The Council considered the appointment of Members to the Standing Committees and it was

Resolved – That the Standing Committees as set out below, having been constituted in conformity with Acts of Parliament, Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Council, be and they are hereby appointed for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2009:

Membership of Standing Committees

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Sinn Féin Group (6)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Hartley
Councillor Lavery
Councillor A. Maskey
Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor McCann

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor W. Browne
Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor Newton
Councillor Rodway

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Stoker

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Convery
Councillor Maginness

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Long

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Development Committee

Sinn Féin Group (6)

Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Hartley
Councillor C. Maskey

Councillor P. Maskey
Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín

Democratic Unionist Party Group (5)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor Humphrey
Councillor McCausland

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Rodgers
Councillor Stoker

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (4)

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Convery
Councillor Kelly
Councillor McCarthy

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Ekin

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Kyle

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor Austin
Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Cush
Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín
Councillor O'Neill

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor W. Browne
Councillor Campbell
Councillor N. Dodds

Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Rodway

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor McCoubrey
Councillor Rodgers

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Hanna
Councillor Mullaghan
Councillor O'Reilly

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Hendron
Councillor Jones

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Kyle

Licensing Committee

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor Austin
Councillor Hartley
Councillor Lavery
Councillor Moore
Councillor O'Neill

Democratic Unionist Party Group (5)

Councillor Crozier
Councillor D. Dodds
Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor Rodway
Councillor Stalford

Ulster Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor McCoubrey

Councillor McMillen
Councillor Rodgers
Councillor Stoker

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Attwood
Councillor Mullaghan
Councillor O'Reilly

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Ekin
Councillor Jones

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Parks and Leisure Committee

Sinn Féin Group (6)

Councillor Austin
Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Cush
Councillor C. Maskey
Councillor McCann
Councillor McClenaghan

Democratic Unionist Party Group (6)

Councillor Humphrey
Councillor McCausland
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Newton
Councillor Patterson
Councillor Stalford

Ulster Unionist Party Group (3)

Councillor Adamson
Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Stoker

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Convery
Councillor Hanna
Councillor O'Reilly

Alliance Party Group (1)

Councillor Ekin

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Kyle

Town Planning Committee

Sinn Féin Group (5)

Councillor Lavery
Councillor C. Maskey
Councillor McClenaghan
Councillor Moore
Councillor O'Neill

Democratic Unionist Party Group (5)

Councillor Campbell
Councillor McCausland
Councillor Patterson
Councillor Rodway
Councillor Wilson

Ulster Unionist Party Group (4)

Councillor Cobain
Councillor Empey
Councillor McCoubrey
Councillor McGimpsey

Social Democratic and Labour Party Group (3)

Councillor Kelly
Councillor Maginness
Councillor McCarthy

Alliance Party Group (2)

Councillor Hendron
Councillor Long

Progressive Unionist Party Group (1)

Councillor Smyth

Appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Standing Committees

The Council considered the appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Standing Committees and it was

Resolved – That, in accordance with Standing Order 42, the Chairmen and the Deputy Chairmen of the Standing Committees as set out below be and they are hereby appointed for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2009:

	<u>Chairmanships</u>	<u>Deputy Chairmanships</u>
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>
Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	DUP Councillor D. Dodds	SF Councillor Hartley
Development Committee	SF Councillor M. Browne	DUP Councillor Humphrey
Health and Environmental Services Committee	SDLP Councillor Mullaghan	UUP Councillor Adamson
Licensing Committee	DUP Councillor Kirkpatrick	SDLP Councillor Attwood
Parks and Leisure Committee	UUP Councillor Stoker	ALL Councillor Ekin
Town Planning Committee	SF Councillor Lavery	SF Councillor McClenaghan

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor D. Dodds,
Seconded by Councillor M. Browne and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 23rd May be and are hereby approved and adopted.

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor Ekin,
Seconded by Councillor Cush and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 15th May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

(The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor D. Browne, in the Chair.)

Development Committee

Moved by Councillor M. Browne,
Seconded by Councillor P. Maskey,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 14th May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

(The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Councillor Hartley, in the Chair.)

Amendment

Community Festivals Fund

Moved by Councillor C. Maskey,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,

That the decision under the heading “Community Festivals Fund” be rejected and accordingly that the letter of offer from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure be not accepted.

A division on the amendment was demanded. A poll having been taken on the amendment, there voted for it fourteen Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Hartley); and Councillors Austin, M. Browne, Cunningham, Cush, Lavery, A. Maskey, C. Maskey, P. Maskey, McCann, McClenaghan, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Moore and O’Neill; and against it thirty-four Members, viz., the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor D. Browne); the High Sheriff (Councillor McKenzie); and Councillors Adamson, Attwood, W. Browne, Campbell, Cobain, Convery, Crozier, D. Dodds, N. Dodds, Ekin, Hanna, Hendron, Humphrey, Jones, Kelly, Kirkpatrick, Kyle, Long, Maginness, McCausland, McCoubrey, McMillen, Mullaghan, Newton, O’Reilly, Patterson, Rodgers, Rodway, Smyth, Stalford, Stoker and Wilson.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost.

**Planning and Transport Issues –
Residents Parking Consultation**

Moved by Councillor Stoker,
Seconded by Councillor Adamson and

Resolved – That the decision under the heading “Planning and Transport Issues – Residents Parking Consultation” be amended to provide that any future parking schemes in residential areas be introduced on the basis that there will be no charge levied against residents.

**Request for Matter to be Taken
Back for Further Consideration**

**Economic Development Update – Co-financing
for European Social Fund Applications**

At the request of Councillor Jones and with the consent of the Council, the Chairman (Councillor M. Browne) agreed that the minute of the meeting under the heading “Economic Development Update – Co-financing for European Social Fund Application” be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Adoption of Minutes

The original proposal relevant to the minutes of the Development Committee was thereupon put to the meeting and passed in the following form:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 14th May be approved and adopted, subject to:

- (i) the amendment of the minute under the heading “Planning Transport Issues – Residents Parking Consultation” to provide that the Council’s response indicate that any future parking schemes in residential areas be introduced on the basis that there will be no charge levied against residents; and
- (ii) the omission of the minute under the heading “Economic Development Update – Co-financing for European Social Fund Applications” which, at the request of Councillor Jones, is taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Moved by Councillor Mullaghan,
Seconded by Councillor Adamson,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 7th May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

**Request for Matters to be Taken
Back for Further Consideration**

**Review of Regulatory Services Unit and
Review of Scientific Support Advice Services**

At the request of Councillor Crozier, the Chairman (Councillor Mullaghan), with the consent of the Council, agreed that the minutes under the headings "Review of Regulatory Services Unit" and "Review of Scientific Support Advice Services" be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing omissions, the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 7th May were approved and adopted.

**Cleansing Services Customer Service Standards and
Street Cleanliness Index**

During discussion on the minutes under the headings "Cleansing Services Customer Service Standards" and "Street Cleanliness Index", the Council agreed that, in future, the full Committee reports in relation to these items be included in the minutes.

Development Committee

Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor Kirkpatrick,
Seconded by Councillor Lavery and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 23rd April and 21st May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

Town Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Lavery,
Seconded by Councillor C. Maskey and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 24th April and 8th and 22nd May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be and they are hereby approved and adopted.