

Council

MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Wednesday, 1st September, 2010
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Convery) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey); and
Councillors Adamson, Attwood, Austin, Bostock, D. Browne,
M. Browne, W. Browne, Brownlee, Crozier, Cunningham,
Cush, Ekin, Hartley, Hendron, Jones, B. Kelly,
N. Kelly, Kingston, Kyle, Lavery, Mallon, A. Maskey,
C. Maskey, McCabe, McCann, McCarthy, McCausland,
McCoubrey, McKenzie, McMillen, McNamee,
Mac Giolla Mhín, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Mullaghan, Newton,
O'Reilly, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson, F. Rodgers,
J. Rodgers, Rodway, Smyth and Stoker.

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 the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford) and Councillors Campbell and Empey.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery),
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey) and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Council of 1st July and the Monthly Meeting of the Council of 1st July be taken as read and signed as correct.

Welcome to New Councillors

The Lord Mayor extended, on behalf of the Council, a warm welcome to Councillor Michelle Bostock who had been appointed to replace former Councillor Michael McGimpsey in the Laganside District Electoral Area and to Councillor Laura McNamee who had been appointed to replace former Councillor Naomi Long in the Victoria District Electoral Area.

Disclosure of Family Relationship

The Chief Executive informed the Council that, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, he had been advised by Councillor Austin that her son, Mr. Josef Austin, had been offered an appointment as a Community Centre Supervisor in the Development Department.

Noted.

Change of Membership on Committees

The Council was advised that notification had been received from the Alliance Party Grouping indicating that it wished Councillor McNamee to replace:

- Councillor Hendron on the Health and Environmental Services Committee; and
- Councillor Jones on the Town Planning Committee.

In addition, notification had been received from the Ulster Unionist Party Grouping indicating that it wished Councillor Bostock to replace:

- Councillor Kirkpatrick on the Town Planning Committee;
- Councillor F. Rodgers on the Development Committee; and
- Councillor F. Rodgers on the Licensing Committee.

The Council approved the changes.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor Crozier,
Seconded by Councillor Rodgers,

That the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 6th and 25th August be approved and adopted.

Amendment

Request for Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow

Moved by Councillor Kingston,
Seconded by Councillor Crozier,

That the decision of 20th August under the heading “Request for the Use of the City Hall Grounds – Poster for Tomorrow” be rejected and accordingly that the Council agrees to refuse the request for the use of the City Hall grounds.

On a vote by show of hands eighteen Members voted for the amendment and twenty-five against and it was accordingly declared lost.

Amendment

Somme Resolution

Moved by Councillor McCausland,
Seconded by Councillor Crozier,

That the decision of 20th August under the heading "Somme Resolution" be amended to provide that the resolution be worded as follows:

"That we, the Lord Mayor and Citizens of the City of Belfast, on the <> Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, desire again to record our feelings of gratitude to the brave men of the 36th (Ulster) Division who by their glorious conduct in that Battle made an imperishable name for themselves and their Province; the brave men of the 16th (Irish) Division who made an imperishable name for themselves and their people and Ulstermen who serve gallantly in other forces. Their heroism will never be forgotten."

Adjournment

The Council agreed to adjourn for a period of time to consider the amended resolution.

(The Council stood adjourned from 6.20 p.m. – 6.35 p.m.)

After the meeting had been reconvened, the amendment was put to the Council. On a vote by show of hands twenty-one Members voted for the amendment and twenty-five against and it was accordingly declared lost.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 6th and 25th August were thereupon approved and adopted.

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor O'Reilly,
Seconded by Councillor McCann,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 12th August be approved and adopted.

Support for Sport – Large Development Grants

Arising out of discussion, it was agreed that briefings be offered on the aforementioned matter to any of the Party Groupings who so wished.

Events Policy Update

Arising out of discussion in the matter, it was agreed that a report be submitted in relation to other venues throughout the City being utilised for the holding of large-scale events.

Request for Matter to be Taken Back for Further Consideration

Skegoneill Health Centre

At the request of Councillor Crozier, the Chairman (Councillor O'Reilly), with the consent of the Council, agreed that the minute under the heading "Skegoneill Health Centre" be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 12th August were thereupon approved and adopted, subject the omission of the minute under the heading "Skegoneill Health Centre" which, at the request of Councillor Crozier, is taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Development Committee

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

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 11th and 25th August be approved and adopted.

Amendment

Christmas Lights Switch-on 2010

Moved by Councillor Smyth,
Seconded by Councillor D. Browne,

That the decision of 11th August under the heading "Christmas Lights Switch-On" be rejected and that the Switch-on event continue to take place on a Tuesday.

On a vote by show of hands eight Members voted for the amendment and twenty-four against and it was accordingly declared lost.

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

Creative Industries – Blick Shared Studios

At the request of Councillor Stoker, the Chairman (Councillor C. Maskey), with the consent of the Council, agreed that the minute of the meeting of 25th August under the heading “Creative Industries – Blick Shared Studios” be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Shopmobility - Request for Support

Arising out of discussion in the aforementioned matter, it was agreed that a further report in relation to the future funding options available to Shopmobility be submitted for the Committee’s consideration.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 11th and 25th August were thereupon approved and adopted, subject to the omission of the minute of the meeting of 11th August under the heading “Creative Industries – Blick Shared Studios” which, at the request of Councillor Stoker, is taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Moved by Councillor Adamson,
Seconded by Councillor Rodway and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 4th and 24th August be and they are hereby approved and adopted, subject to the omission of the minute of the meeting of 23rd August under the heading “Residual Waste Treatment Contract – Guaranteed Minimum Tonnages” which is taken back to the Committee for further consideration and for additional information from arc21.

Town Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Brownlee,
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 23rd June and 3rd, 5th, 10th and 19th August, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee be approved and adopted.

It was pointed out that there were typographical errors on page number G662, whereby the word “reject” under both reconsidered applications should read “accept” and this would be varied at the next meeting of the Committee.

Amendment

21-33 Ashley Avenue

Moved by Councillor Stoker,
Seconded by Councillor B. Kelly,

That the minute of the meeting of 19th August be amended to provide that the Council rejects the opinion of the Divisional Planning Manager to approve the application and requests that he meet with an All-Party deputation from the Council in relation to the application.

On a vote by show of hands twenty-five Members voted in favour of the amendment and five against and it was accordingly carried.

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

7-9 Ballygomartin Road

At the request of Councillor Smyth, the Chairman (Councillor Brownlee), with the consent of the Council, agreed that the minute of the meeting of 5th August under the heading "7-9 Ballygomartin Road" be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing omission in relation to the application for planning permission at 7-9 Ballygomartin Road, the amendment of the minute under the heading 21-23 Ashley Avenue and, omitting matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 23rd June and 3rd, 5th, 10th and 19th August were approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor N. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor C. Maskey and

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

Notice of Motion

Community Access to School Facilities

In accordance with Notice on the Agenda, Councillor W. Browne proposed:

“This Council:

- (i) welcomes the debate at the Northern Ireland Assembly on 11th May concerning community access to schools;
- (ii) supports the Assembly resolution calling upon the Minister of Education to bring forward a strategy to make the facilities of schools more available for use by local communities at evenings, weekends and during the summer holidays;
- (iii) recognises that this provides the Council with an opportunity to enhance the future delivery of its own services to the community; and
- (iv) to this end, agrees to liaise with the Assembly Working Group tasked with the development of the strategy.”

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Rodway.

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

Lord Mayor
Chairman