

Council

MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Tuesday, 1st July, 2014
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock 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 L. Patterson);
Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, Kingston, McCoubrey
R. Patterson, Robinson, Rodgers, Stalford and Webb;
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell,
Carson, Clarke, Convery, Corr, Cunningham, Curran,
Garrett, Groves, Haire, Hanna, Hargey, Hussey, Jones,
Keenan, Kyle, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, McCabe, McCarthy,
McKee, McNamee, McVeigh, Mullan, A. Newton,
Ó Donnghaile, Reynolds, Spence, Thompson and Verner.

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 were reported on behalf of Aldermen Ekin and Stoker and Councillors Hutchinson, Kelly, Kennedy and Ó Muilleoir.

Expressions of Sympathy

A Member expressed his regret at the recent untimely death of the former Council employee Mrs. Dianne Leeman, M.B.E.

It was noted that the Lord Mayor had, on behalf of the Council, conveyed to Mrs. Leeman's family her condolences and deepest sympathy.

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 annual meeting of the Council of 2nd June be taken as read and signed as correct.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,
Seconded by Councillor Carson and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 19th June be approved and adopted.

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor McKee,
Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

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

Amendment

Falls Park – Consultation Re: 3G Pitch

Moved by Councillor Attwood,
Seconded by Councillor Corr,

That the decision under the heading “Falls Park – Consultation Re: 3G Pitch” be amended to provide that an enhanced engagement process be undertaken between the Council and local residents in advance of the meeting of the Committee in August.

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

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 12th June were approved and adopted.

Development Committee

Moved by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Alderman Stalford,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 17th June be approved and adopted.

Requests for matters to be taken back to Committee

Cinemagic – Request for Funding

At the request of Councillor Spence and with the permission of the Council, the Chairman (Councillor Hargey) agreed that the minute under the heading “Cinemagic – Request for Funding” be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Belfast City Centre Management Additional Funding Requests

At the request of Alderman Rodgers and with the permission of the Council, the Chairman (Councillor Hargey) agreed that that portion of the minute under the heading “Belfast City Centre Management Additional Funding Requests”, agreeing not to accede to the request for £15,000 from that organisation to meet the increase in costs of staff salaries, be taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing omissions, the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 17th June were approved and adopted.

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Moved by Councillor Corr,
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 4th June be approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor M.E. Campbell,
Seconded by Councillor Magee and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 18th June, 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 Alderman Rodgers and

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

Notices of Motion

Voluntary and Community Sectors

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

“This Council recognises the good work of the voluntary and community sectors across Belfast and agrees, in recognition of the valuable contribution made to the well-being of the City, to seek to formulate a policy which would enable such groups to avail of the use of Council facilities by establishing a preferential pricing rate for both sectors.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Corr.

In accordance with Standing Order (11e), the Lord Mayor confirmed that the matter would be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

International Men's Day

In accordance with Notice on the Agenda, Alderman R. Patterson proposed:

“This Council:

1. recognises that the first ever event in Northern Ireland and Belfast to celebrate International Men's Day will take place on 19th November and that the theme will be ‘Working Together for Men and Boys’;
2. welcomes the fact that the day will highlight some serious issues such as domestic abuse/violence, poor educational attainment for some young boys and men, equality, a focus on men's health and well-being, a celebration of men's contribution in the work place, family life and society, discrimination against men, the bullying of men in the work place, the promotion of men as role models and improving gender relations and gender equality; and
3. notes that other organisations and individuals from the private sector, the public sector, charities, local celebrities, men, women and children are all taking part to promote this worthy and important event.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to consider setting aside funding in order to hold an event at the City Hall in November to celebrate International Men's Day in a similar way in which it has supported International Women's Day in previous years.”

The motion was seconded by Alderman Robinson.

In accordance with Standing Order (11e), the Lord Mayor confirmed that the matter would be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Lord Mayor
Chairman