

Council

MONTHLY MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 3rd March, 2014
at the hour of 6.00 p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Ó Muilleoir) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford);
the High Sheriff (Councillor L. Patterson);
Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, McCoubrey,
R. Patterson, Robinson, Rodgers and Stoker;
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie,
M. E. Campbell, Carson, Clarke, Convery,
Corr, Cunningham, Curran, Garrett, Groves,
Haire, Hanna, Hargey, Hendron, Hussey,
Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy,
Kingston, Kyle, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, Mallon,
McCabe, McCarthy, McKee, McNamee, McVeigh,
Mullan, A. Newton, Ó Donnghaile, L. Patterson,
Reynolds, Thompson, Verner and Webb.

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.

Apology

An apology was reported on behalf of Alderman Ekin.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Alderman Robinson and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 3rd February be taken as read and signed as correct.

Change of Membership on Committees

The Chief Executive reported that notification had been received from:

- Sinn Féin indicating that it wished Councillor M. E. Campbell to replace Councillor McCabe on the Strategic Policy and

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Resources Committee with Councillor McCabe replacing Councillor M. E. Campbell on the Town Planning Committee; and

- the Democratic Unionist Party advising that it wished Alderman Patterson to replace Councillor Spence on the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The Committee approved the aforementioned changes.

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 Hargey that her sister had been appointed to the post of Young People Co-ordinator within the Development Department.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Alderman Robinson,
Seconded by Alderman Stoker,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 7th and 21st February be approved and adopted.

Amendment

Leisure Transformation Programme

Moved by Councillor McVeigh,
Seconded by Councillor Attwood,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February under the heading "Leisure Transformation Programme" be amended to provide that the Council agrees also to set aside a sum of £10,000 to assist the Trades Unions to explore and work up an in-house model alongside the Council exploring the non-profit distributing organisation (NPDO).

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

Amendment

Moved by Alderman Robinson,
Seconded by Alderman Stoker and

Resolved – That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February under the heading "Leisure Transformation

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Programme” be amended to provide that the Council agrees also to set aside a sum of £10,000 to assist the Trades Unions to explore and work up an in-house model alongside the Council exploring the non-profit distributing organisation (NPDO), *with that work to be carried out within a six week period.*

Amendment

Capital Programme – Memorabilia Project

Moved by Councillor Kennedy,
Seconded by Alderman Rodgers,

That the decision of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st February under the heading “Capital Programme – Memorabilia Project” be amended to provide that a report providing a broad outline of the costs and the indicative budget for Stage 2 of the Memorabilia Project be not submitted to the Committee at this stage.

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

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment in relation to the Leisure Transformation Programme, the minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 7th and 21st February were approved and adopted.

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor McKee,
Seconded by Councillor Convery and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 13th February be approved and adopted.

Arising from discussion on the minute under the heading “Loughside Sports Educational Village”, the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, agreed that Seaview Enterprises be requested to establish formal mechanisms in order to undertake community consultations in respect of its proposals for the development of the facility at Loughside.

Development Committee

Moved by Councillor Hargey,
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 30th January and 18th February be approved and adopted.

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Health and Environmental Services Committee

Moved by Councillor Corr,
Seconded by Councillor Hendron and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 5th February be approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor M. E. Campbell,
Seconded by Councillor Ó Donnghaile and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 19th February, 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 Alderman M. Campbell,
Seconded by Councillor Hendron and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 6th and 20th February, omitting those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Notices of Motion

Stained Glass Window

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

“This Council agrees to the installation of a stained glass window in the City Hall to commemorate the sons of our City who fought in support of the democratically elected Government of Spain against the forces of Fascism.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Webb.

In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the motion was referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

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**Centenary of the Death of
Robert James McMordie**

In accordance with notice on the Agenda, Councillor Kingston proposed:

“This Council notes that this month marks the centenary of the death of Robert James McMordie, Lord Mayor of Belfast 1910 – 1914, Freeman of the City, MP for East Belfast in the fifth year of his Mayoralty, which encompassed significant historic events, including the signing of Ulster’s Solemn League and Covenant and the formation of the Young Citizen Volunteers of Ireland and the Ulster Volunteers, whose statue, funded by public subscription, stands in the grounds of the City Hall and whose widow, Julia McMordie, subsequently entered politics and was elected as a Councillor, MP and the first female High Sheriff of Belfast, and agrees that this centenary be marked with a commemorative event in the City Hall.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Haire.

In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the Motion was referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

(The Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Stalford, in the Chair.)

Mr. David Jeffrey

In accordance with notice on the Agenda, Alderman Patterson proposed:

“This Council wishes to give recognition to the significant contribution made to Irish League Football by Mr. David Jeffrey, in particular his remarkable achievement of winning, to date, 30 trophies over 17 years as Team Manager of Linfield Football Club, including a clean-sweep of domestic trophies in 2005-2006, six league and cup doubles in seven years and a Setanta Sports Cup, as well as the contribution made through his character and his enthusiasm for Irish League football.”

(The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ó Muilleoir, in the Chair.)

The motion was seconded by Alderman Rodgers.

In accordance with Standing Order 11(e), the Motion was referred to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Lord Mayor
Chairman