

Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd. Shareholders' Committee

Monday, 16th January, 2023

MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BELFAST WATERFRONT AND ULSTER HALL LTD. SHAREHOLDERS' COMMITTEE HELD IN HYBRID FORMAT

Members present: Councillor Maghie (Chairperson);
Alderman Haire; and
Councillors Bradley, Flynn, Howard, Magee,
McCann, Nelson, Newton and Smyth.

In attendance: Ms. J. Corkey, Chief Executive, ICC Belfast
(Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd.);
Mr. I. Bell, Director of Finance, Risk and Corporate
Services, ICC Belfast (Belfast Waterfront and Ulster
Hall Ltd.);
Mr. S. Daniels, Non-Executive Chairperson, Belfast
Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd;
Mr. J. Greer, Director of Economic Development; and
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology was reported on behalf of Councillor McAteer.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1st December.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Introduction to Mr. S. Daniels, Non-Executive Chairperson, BWUH Ltd

The Director of Economic Development introduced Mr. S. Daniels, the new Non - Executive Chairperson of BWUH Ltd. Mr. Daniels provided the Committee with details of his background and career trajectory.

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Restricted Item

The information contained in the reports associated with the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the meeting during discussion of the item as, due to the nature of the item, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42(4) and Section 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

**Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd –
Performance Report for Quarter 2 Year to Date 2022/23**

The Chief Executive, ICC Belfast (BWUH Ltd) provided the Committee with highlights from Quarter 2 Year to Date 2022/23 and reported strong evidence of recovery and a return to business post pandemic. She reported that the application for the Autism Impact Award from Autism NI had been successful and the BWUH Ltd would be joining other key organisations in the city to have successfully trained team members in autism awareness. The team had appointed Autism Champions who were implementing an autism action plan which recently had seen the introduction of a sensory area and relaxed performances of the Pantomime.

She advised that BWUH Ltd continued to investigate opportunities for apprenticeship opportunities and leveraging the Higher-Level Apprenticeship programme as a way of identifying and developing new talent to support the hospitality and events sector. Senior leaders had recently conducted education outreach to promote the industry.

In relation to environmental activities, J. Corkey advised the Committee that BWUH Ltd's Green Team continued to work towards delivering the sustainability action plan.

The Director of Finance, Risk and Corporate Services provided the Committee with an update on Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd.'s (BWUH Ltd.) financial performance for Q2 YTD 2022/23. He reported a higher level of ticket sales which were reflected in the revenue stream. In relation to the Risk Register, he reported some improvement. He concluded that the year-to-date position had been promising which was a testament to the team's hard work.

Chairperson