

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure and Community Development Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, and remotely, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 5:30pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Councillor S Skillen (Chairperson)
	The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, and Deputy Mayor Councillor T Mitchell
	Aldermen A Grehan and J Tinsley
	Councillors D J Craig and A McIntyre
<b><u>PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:</u></b>	Councillors N Anderson, R T Beckett, M Guy, John Palmer and Hon N Trimble
<b><u>OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY:</u></b>	Councillors C McCready and J Laverty
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	<u>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh City Council</u> Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing (via Zoom) Head of Communities Head of Parks and Amenities Head of Sports Services Member Services Officers (BF & EW) Technician IT Support

**Commencement of Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor S Skillen, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded attendees that, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, unauthorised recording was not permitted. The Head of Parks and Amenities read the safety announcement and the Member Services Officer read out the names of the Elected Members and officers in attendance.

**Councillor A Gowan**

The Chairperson referred to the passing of Mrs Pearl Gowan, the mother of Councillor Andrew Gowan, and it was agreed that, on behalf of the Committee, she would forward a letter of condolence to Councillor Gowan and his family circle.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors R Carlin, A Gowan, D Honeyford, S Hughes and Jenny Palmer.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. Report of the Head of Communities

### 3.1 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group, which was held on 23rd March, and was provided with an update on the meeting of the Working Group which had taken place on 27th April.

The Head of Communities advised the Committee that, at its meeting on 27th April, the Working Group had been informed that, should it wish to proceed with the purchase of approximately 78 additional trees and plaques as part of the programme, the additional cost would be in the region of £21,000. In addition, the Working Group, at that meeting, had recommended also that an additional £5,000 be allocated to support activities associated with a beacon-lighting event to be held in Royal Hillsborough on 2nd June. She added that provision for the additional funding outlined had been identified from within the Council's Covid-19 funding.

The Committee was informed further that the Working Group had agreed also, given the extensive number of civic events scheduled for May, that the dates for the pop-up events in parks would now take place on 18th and 19th June.

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed that the Committee note the minutes of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group of 23rd March, and approve the revised amendments to the programme, together with the additional funding, as outlined by the Head of Communities.

## 4. Report of the Head of Sport Services

### 4.1 District Electoral Area (DEA) Investment Plan – 'Keep the Ball Rolling' 2022

The Head of Sports Services reminded the Committee that the DEA Investment Plan had been endorsed by the Council in February 2021, as a means of providing support to local sporting organisations which had been impacted upon by the Covid-19 epidemic. He added that, as part of that plan, the Committee had endorsed the 'Keep the Ball Rolling' scheme, which had supported 47 clubs in 2021/22 in the total amount of £104,408.54.

He reported that it was recommended that the funding allocated for a similar-type scheme in 2022/23 would be £100,000. He then outlined the criteria that would be applied in considering applications to the fund and indicated that a number of information sessions would be held to provide guidance and clarity to potential applicants. The Committee was given an overview of the types of funding that would be available, with a minimum amount of £1,000, and a maximum of £3,000, provided for costs incurred from 1st April 2022. The scheme, he added, would open for applications in June, and close in August, with a report seeking Committee approval for awards being submitted to the meeting scheduled for September, 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Committee approve the District Electoral Area (DEA) Investment Plan – ‘Keep the Ball Rolling’ 2022 scheme, as outlined by the Head of Sport Services.

## 5.0 Confidential Report of the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing

The Chairperson advised that the reasons for confidentiality were by virtue of the Local Government Act (2014) Northern Ireland, specifically for the reasons as set out in the agenda.

“In Committee”

It was proposed by The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Alderman S Martin, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the confidential report of the Director of Leisure and Community Wellbeing be considered “in committee” in the absence of members of the press and public.

### 5.1 Christmas Community Programme 2022

(Report to be made available following ratification at the Council meeting in May)

It was moved by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor M Guy, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendations as set out within the report. The Director clarified that the overall corporate programme would be evaluated following implementation and that a report in this regard would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

The Director agreed also that any updates to the 2022 Christmas Programme would be emailed to Members and/or updated online once the webpage had become live.

### 5.2 British Museum Touring Exhibition – ‘Unlocking Ancient Egypt’

(Report to be made available once embargo was lifted)

It was proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the Committee note the update provided in relation to the above-mentioned matter and congratulate officers for their work in this regard.

### 5.3 Social Enterprise Café at Moneyreagh Community Centre

(Report to be made available following ratification at the Council meeting in May)

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendations as set out within the report regarding the development of a social enterprise café on lands adjacent to the main entrance to Moneyreagh Community Centre.

It was agreed also that a draft heads of terms agreement be negotiated for a rental agreement which would be presented to a future meeting of the Council for agreement and sealing in line with the key principles as outlined in the paper.

5.4 Killynure Community Needs Assessment and Community Development Action Plan  
(Report to be made available following ratification at Council meeting in May).

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the Committee note the extension to the long-stop agreement with Choice Housing Association and the up-to-date position in respect of the assistance provided to Killynure Community Association by Council officers in the development of a Community Needs Assessment and associated Development Action Plan. It was agreed also that a report be submitted to the Committee when the 'Your School Your Club' funding stream re-opened which would detail the required financial information for the consideration of the furtherance of an application.

The Committee requested also that officers be congratulated on their work in progressing this project.

5.5 Stewarding and Crowd Control - Tender  
(Report to be made available following ratification at Council meeting in May)

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by Alderman J Tinsley, and agreed that the Committee note the outcome and award of a contract in respect of the above-mentioned tendering exercise.

5.6 Ulster Grand Prix 2022  
(Report to be made available following ratification at Council meeting in May)

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the Committee adopt, in principle, the recommendations as set out within the report, subject to the Head of Parks and Amenities circulating to all Members of the Council a breakdown of the anticipated costs for the event in advance of ratification of the minute at the meeting of the Council scheduled for Tuesday, 24th May.

5.7 Carryduff Greenway – Linkages Update  
(Report to be made available following completion of planning process)

It was moved by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor M Guy, and agreed that the Committee adopt the recommendations as set out within the report.

(Councillor A McIntyre left the meeting at 6:41pm and returned at 6:44pm)

5.8 Procurement of Civic and Community Harvested Christmas Trees  
(Report to be made available following ratification at Council meeting in May)

It was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the Committee note the outcome and award of a contract in respect of the above-mentioned tendering exercise.

“Resumption of Normal Business”

It was proposed by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed to come out of Committee and normal business be resumed.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1 Antisocial Behaviour at Tom Robinson Park

In response to a query from Councillor D J Craig, the Head of Parks and Amenities provided an update on the steps which had been taken, in conjunction with the PSNI, local residents and relevant stakeholders, to address antisocial behaviour at the above-mentioned site. It was reported that fencing would be erected to enable the site to be secured and locked to prevent groups from gathering in the park and that the situation would be monitored.

It was proposed by Councillor D J Craig, seconded by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, and agreed that the Committee endorse the course of action as outlined by the Head of Parks and Amenities.

### 6.2 Sporting Achievements within the District

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, placed on the record his congratulations to Lisburn Hawks Softball Club, which had played its inaugural league game at Wallace Park earlier that week.

He extended congratulations also to Lisburn Distillery Ladies' Football Club, which had enjoyed a comprehensive victory over Belfast Ravens Reserves FC in their inaugural league game at New Grosvenor Stadium.

He referred to the outstanding achievement of Lisnagarvey Hockey Club, which had won the Irish Senior Cup the previous weekend, completing a historic domestic treble, having claimed previously the EY Irish Hockey League and Champions Trophy, prior to beating Monkstown 3-1 in the cup final at Belfield. He wished Lisnagarvey well in their forthcoming Kirk Cup and European campaigns and indicated that it would be appropriate for the Council to mark the club's achievements at a later date.

### 6.3 Moira Methodist Church

With the permission of the Chairperson, Councillor C McCready addressed the Committee and indicated that he had been approached by representatives of Moira Methodist Church, who were planning to host a community event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the first Methodist Church in Moira. He reported that the representatives had enquired if the Council might provide barriers to ensure the safety of children attending the event, protecting them from accessing the adjacent road, which would take place from 28th to 31st July.

The Committee agreed that the Head of Parks and Amenities liaise with representatives of the church with a view to providing the infrastructure support as requested.

### 6.4 Dundonald Football Club

At the request of the Chairperson, Councillor S Skillen, it was proposed by Alderman J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor D J Craig, and agreed that the Committee authorise officers to liaise with the Irish Football Association, and other relevant stakeholders, regarding the feasibility of Dundonald Football Club relocating to Moat Park.

6.5 Councillor S Skillen

A number of Members paid tribute to the outgoing Chairperson who was attending her last meeting in that capacity. Members congratulated her on the manner in which she had conducted and overseen business throughout her year as Chairperson.

In response, Councillor S Skillen thanked the Members and officers for their support over the previous year.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:02pm.

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Mayor/Chairperson