

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber and in Remote Locations on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 9.35 am.

PRESENT IN CHAMBER:

Alderman J Tinsley (Chairman)

Aldermen W J Dillon MBE, O Gawith and A Grehan

Councillors U Mackin and A Swan

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Councillor John Palmer (Vice-Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service Transformation
Head of Planning & Capital Development
Principal Planning Officer (RH)
Senior Planning Officer (RT)
Member Services Officers (RN & EW)

Mr B Martyn (Cleaver Fulton Rankin) – Legal Advisor
(Attending Remotely)

Mr S Cash - DFI Roads Service

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, welcomed those present to the Special Meeting of the Planning Committee which was actually the last meeting of the current mandate. The Chairman pointed out that, unless the item on the agenda was considered under confidential business, the meeting would be audio recorded. The Head of Planning & Capital Development outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies** (00:01:47)

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Alderman D Drysdale; Councillors D J Craig and M Gregg.

2. **Declarations of Interest** (00:02:22)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee held on 3 April 2023** (00:02:38)

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on the 3rd April 2023 be confirmed and signed.

4. Report from the Head of Planning & Capital Development (00:02:57)

The Legal Advisor, Mr B Martyn, highlighted paragraphs 43-46 of the Protocol for the Operation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Planning Committee which, he advised, needed to be borne in mind when determinations were being made.

4.1 Schedule of Applications (00:04:15)

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, advised that there was one major application on the schedule for consideration at the meeting.

4.1.1 Application to be Determined (00:04:53)

- (i) LA05/2022/0727/F – A new two chapel crematorium (two 200 seat ceremony rooms) and associated works to provide landscaping, car parking and access. The proposed new vehicle access off the Ballygowan Road will serve the proposed crematorium and associated infrastructure. The existing access on the Ballygowan Road will be retained and will serve existing uses and plots. At Roselawn Cemetery, 127 Ballygowan Road, Belfast. (00:04:53)

The Senior Planning Officer (RT) presented the above application as outlined within the circulated report and advised that a very few minor elevation changes to the design of the building would be made.

The Committee received on a remote basis, Mr Andrew Gibson from AECOM who spoke in support of the application. Mr Seamus McBride, Ms Sabine Kalke and Mr Nick Brennan from Belfast City Council; and Ms Paula Lavery, Ms Rachel Devine and Mr Simon Tomlinson from AECOM were also available with Mr Gibson to respond to questions as necessary. A number of Members' queries were addressed.

A number of Members' queries were responded to by Planning Officers and the Roads Service official.

The Director of Service Transformation left the Chamber during the question and answer session with the Planning Officers and the Road Service official.
(10.25 am)

Vote

Having considered the information provided within the report of the Planning Officer, the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation to approve planning application LA05/2022/0727/F, subject to the applicant confirming that the traffic management model that had been used to assess the speed of traffic on the Ballygowan Road adjacent to the site location was that as prescribed by the DFI Road Service.

The Chairman, Alderman J Tinsley, expressed his thanks to the officers for the considerable amount of work involved with the processing of this major application and also the other major applications which the Committee had considered during its mandate.

5. Any Other Business (01:14:24)

5.1 Thanks to Committee (01:14:55)

The Head of Planning & Capital Development expressed his thanks to the members of the Planning Committee and to all staff associated with the Committee for their diligence and contribution to the operation of the Committee during the current mandate.

5.2 Thanks to Committee and Officers (01:15:39)

Alderman W J Dillon expressed his thanks to the officers and staff associated with the Planning Committee who had afforded him courtesy and advice over the time when he had served on the Planning Committee. Alderman Dillon paid particular thanks to the Head of Planning & Capital Development, Mr Conor Hughes, with whom he had worked over many years both within the Council and also within the previous Planning Service.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Councillor John Palmer, expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Committee, and also the officers associated with that committee, for their assistance and support during the past year when he had served as Vice-Chairman.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting concluded at 10.55 am.

Chairman/Mayor