

Council

MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and remotely, via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023 at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Black) (Chairperson);
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor M. Kelly);
The High Sheriff (Councillor Kyle);
Aldermen Copeland, Dorrian, Haire, Sandford and Rodgers;
and Councillors Beattie, Bradley, Bunting, Canavan, Carson, Matt Collins, Michael Collins, de Faoite, M. Donnelly, R. M. Donnelly, Doran, Douglas, Duffy, Flynn, Garrett, Gormley, Groogan, Hanvey, Heading, Howard, Hussey, T. Kelly, Long, Lyons, Magee, Maskey, McAteer, McCabe, McCann, McCullough, McCusker, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, McLaughlin, McMullan, Murphy, Murray, Newton, O'Hara, Smyth, Spratt, Thompson, Walsh and Whyte.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported for Alderman McCoubrey and Councillors Bower, Cobain, Ferguson, Hutchinson, Maghie, Nelson and Verner.

Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor declared an interest in relation to the item "Community Support Programme" within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that she worked for an organisation which had applied for funding.

Alderman Copeland declared an interest in relation to the items "Community Support Programme" and "Summer Community Diversionary Festivals Programme" within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that her daughter worked for the Greater Village Regeneration Trust.

Alderman Haire declared an interest in relation to the item "Request for the use of Barnett Demesne and the Cenotaph" within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that he was a trustee of the County Grand Orange Lodge, Belfast.

Councillor Beattie declared an interest in relation to the item "Community Support Programme" within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that he was employed by an organisation which had applied for funding.

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Councillor Bunting declared an interest in relation to the item “Community Support Programme” and “Summer Community Diversionary Festivals Programme” within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that she was a member of a group which had applied for funding.

Councillor Canavan declared an interest in relation to the item “Social Supermarket Funding – Update” within the People and Communities Committee minutes, in that she was a Board Member of an organisation which had applied for funding.

Councillor Gormley declared an interest in relation to the items “Community Support Programme” and “Summer Community Diversionary Festivals Programme” within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that he was a board member of LORAG which had applied for funding.

Councillor Groogan declared an interest in relation to the items “Community Support Programme” and “Micro and Medium Grants 2023/24” within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that she was employed by an organisation which had applied for funding.

Councillor McCabe declared an interest in relation to the items “Community Support Programme”, “Micro and Medium Grants 2023/24” and “Summer Community Diversionary Festivals Programme” within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that she worked for an organisation which had applied for funding.

Councillor Murray declared an interest in relation to the item “Micro and Medium Grants 2023/24” within the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee minutes, in that he was employed by an organisation which had applied for funding.

As none of the above items became the subject of debate, no Member left the meeting.

Minutes of the Council

Moved by the Lord Mayor
Seconded by Councillor Beattie

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

Official Announcements

Condolences

The Lord Mayor, along with a number of Members, offered their condolences to Councillor Kyle on the recent loss of his brother.

Councillor Bunting offered her condolences to Councillor Verner on the recent passing of her brother and to former Councillor Lee Reynolds, on the death of his father.

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Congratulations

The Lord Mayor congratulated Alderman Haire on his recent wedding.

Well Wishes

Several Members sent best wishes to those Members who were not standing in the upcoming election and thanked them for their hard work over the previous four years.

Minutes of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor McDonough-Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Heading,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st April, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor McLoughlin,
Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and

Resolved – “That the Council agrees not to progress with the Single Tender Action for the acquisition of a unique giant bubble art installation by Atelier Sisu.”

Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st April were thereupon approved and adopted.

Minutes of People and Communities Committee

Moved by Councillor Bunting,
Seconded by Councillor Garrett,

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the People and Communities Committee of 4th April be approved and adopted.

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Minutes of City Growth and Regeneration Committee

Moved by Councillor Spratt,
Seconded by Councillor Duffy, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee of 5th April be approved and adopted, subject to the omission of the minute under the heading Committee Plan 2023-24 and End of Year Report 2022-23, which was taken back to the Committee for further consideration.

Minutes of Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor Matt Collins,
Seconded by Councillor Smyth, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 12th April, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Minutes of Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Whyte,
Seconded by Councillor Groogan, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of 18th and 20th April, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be approved and adopted.

Minutes of Climate and City Resilience Committee

Moved by Councillor Walsh,
Seconded by Councillor McLoughlin, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Climate and City Resilience Committee of 6th April be approved and adopted.

Lord Mayor
Chairperson