

Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Steering Group

Tuesday, 8th January, 2025

CASTLE, CAVEHILL, ZOO AND NORTH FORESHORE STEERING GROUP MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING IN THE CONOR ROOM

Members present: Alderman Rodgers; and
Councillors Anglin and Cobain.

In attendance: Ms. S. Kalke, Client Manager;
Mr. S. Wilson, Estates Surveyor; and
Mr. B. Flynn, Committee Services Officer.

Election of Chairperson

Resolved - that Alderman Rodgers be elected to serve as Chairperson for the period to end on the date of the annual meeting of the Council in June, 2025.

(Alderman Rodgers in the Chair.)

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Nelson and Smyth.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13th May, 2024 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declaration of Interest

Alderman Rodgers declared an interest in the item relating to the development of the Giant's Park in that he was a member of the Council's Planning Committee, which would consider the application in due course. It was noted that the declaration would not preclude Alderman Rodgers from chairing the meeting.

North Foreshore - Update on Commercial-Led Leisure Development (GPBL)

Alderman Rodgers welcomed to the meeting Mr. K. Carlin, Director of Carlin Planning Limited, together with Mr. G. Kennedy of Kennedy Planning Management, and Mr. K. McKay of the Benmore Group, who were in attendance to provide a presentation in respect of the development at the North Foreshore.

The Working Group was informed that an initial planning application for the development had been submitted to the Council in December. The first phase of the project would see the development of a 160-acre portion of the site for the purposes of an adventure

park, with construction could potentially commencing in late-2025, subject to planning approval. Mr. Carlin outlined the further plans for the remaining 90 acres of the site, which would enable the creation of mixed-use, distribution, logistics and commercial zones. All plans relating to the site, he added, had been developed collaboratively, with the input of local communities, and would seek to balance the requirement of an outdoor nature park and ensure the management of the surrounding environment in a sensitive manner.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Chairperson