

Appendix 1: City of Belfast golf course: Chronological list of council decision making

Date	Type of Meeting	Agreed Minute and additional comments (as relevant)
13 June 2000	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A report on the condition of the club house at the City of Belfast Golf club course was minuted.
11 December 2001	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An item was raised by a member for the sub committee to consider the disposal of the City of Belfast Golf course and the Head of Parks confirmed that the council were currently examining various options for managing the golf course and that an advertisement had recently been placed in the press. The information was noted by the sub committee.
5 February 2001	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A report on the future development of the clubhouse and consideration of a facility management arrangement was presented and discussed.• It was agreed that the report was noted and the recommendation adopted which was to “carry out market testing of the outdoor leisure service in relation to the City of Belfast golf course.
02 January 2002	Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment declared lost to the sale of the City of Belfast golf course.
12 March 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Belfast golf course report deferred.
16 April 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option 3 – Closure of the site at the end of 2002/03 financial year was agreed and adopted.
23 April 2002	Client Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parks and Amenities Sub-Committee minutes of 16 April agreed

1 May 2002	Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future management arrangements • Presentation by Mallusk golf club members. • Minute requests the item is taken back to Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee.
14 May 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report reconsidered and a delegation from Mallusk golf club was permitted to make a presentation. • It was resolved that any decision would be deferred until a report from Legal services could assess the issues raised during the presentation namely an inhibition notice, planning status of the site and the council's section 75 obligations.
13 June 2002	Special Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of the issues raised namely:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the inhibition notice was incorrectly attached to the City of Belfast golf course and (2) Planning issues were considered and the site is still in the green belt area. Access was recommended to be resolved and minuted accordingly. (3) The section 75 obligations were reviewed and any future proposed policy would require screening however it was considered unlikely that any proposal to dispose have any significant impact on the 9 equality dimensions as defined. • Subsequently the decision on 16 April was rescinded with the recommendations from the legal services report agreed and adopted.

13 August 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item deferred to a special meeting September 2002
5 September 2002	Special Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 agreed and to continue with the current arrangements for the management of the City of Belfast Golf course at Mallusk.
1 October 2002	Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute omitted from approved set and referred back to sub committee
15 October 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omitted minute noted and report deferred as a financial report on costs and implications of the site remaining open was requested.
12 November 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal agreed to give notice to Mallusk golf club that the facilities located at the City of Belfast Golf course site will not be provided by the council subsequent to the 2003 summer season and that any decision in respect of the disposal of the golf course site is deferred until the Belfast Metropolitan area plan process was completed. • An amendment was suggested but failed when a vote was taken and the above minute was agreed.
19 November 2002	Client Services Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the matter was referred back to Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee
10 December 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed the Mallusk Golf Club be permitted to continue using the existing facilities at the City of Belfast Golf Course and that any decision in respect of the disposal of the site be deferred until the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan process was completed.
06 January 2002	Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved and adopted

21 January 2002	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as a savings exercise it was agreed to close the golf course to public from 31 October 2003
03 February 2002	Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved and adopted
11 March 2003	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the City of Belfast golf course public closure would be tabled on the next committee agenda.
19 March 2003	Client Services Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved and adopted
08 April 2003	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are sought by public advertisement from those organisations wishing to enter into a Facility Management Agreement with the Council in respect of the City of Belfast Golf Course. • The Sub- Committee agreed further not to take a decision in respect of the clubhouse facility on the site at this point in time.
15 April 2003	Client Services Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes adopted
06 May 2003	Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes passed
10 August 2004	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following receipt of applications from parties to enter into a facility management agreement culminating in the receipt of 1 submission, committee agreed option2: Administration and management of the golf course, maintenance of the club house, car park area etc plus part of the ground maintenance work.

08 February 2005	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement in principle to transfer the management and operation of the city of Belfast golf course to the Mallusk golf club subject to a further report outlining the details of the proposed transfer agreement being submitted for the sub committee noted also that the three members of staff employed currently at the golf course had accepted voluntary redundancy.
08 March 2005	Client Services (Parks and Amenities) Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision deferred to ratify the decision
15 March 2005	Client Services Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Facility management agreement was amended and resolved for Mallusk golf club and the transfer of the City of Belfast golf club site to them.
10 April 2008	Parks and Leisure Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute note of the claims received to date from errant golf balls and agreement to compile feasibility into option 1 the erection of a ball net.
14 January 2010	Parks and Leisure Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee agreed not to provide a one-off payment to the City of Belfast Golf Club in connection with the installation of a ball stop net and agreed also that a report in relation to the operation and possible future use of the facility be submitted for its consideration in due course.