

Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held Remotely via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 12th April, 2021
at 6.00 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Alderman McCoubrey) (Chairperson);
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor McCusker);
The High Sheriff (Councillor Long);
Aldermen Copeland, Dorrian, Haire, Kingston,
Rodgers and Sandford; and Councillors Baker, Beattie,
Black, Bradley, Brooks, Bunting, Canavan, Carson,
Cobain, Corr, De Faoite, Donnelly, Flynn, Garrett,
Groogan, Hanvey, Howard, Hussey, Hutchinson, T. Kelly,
Kyle, Lyons, Magee, Magennis, Maskey, McAllister,
McAteer, McCabe, McCullough, McKeown, McLaughlin,
McMullan, McReynolds, Mulholland, Murphy, Newton,
Nicholl, O'Hara, Pankhurst, Smyth, Spratt, Verner, Walsh
and Whyte.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillors Gormley and M. Kelly.

Motion of Condolence - His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Upon the commencement of the meeting, the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the High Sheriff each paid tribute to His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and extended their deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family.

In accordance with notice on the agenda, Alderman Kingston then proposed:

“This Council received the news of the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, with sadness and, on behalf of the City of Belfast, extends its most sincere condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family.

Having served with distinction during World War Two, the Duke has supported Her Majesty in undertaking royal duties at home and abroad for

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over seventy years. It was with The Queen that he last visited the City Hall in 2014, attending lunch in The Great Hall and signing the VIP visitor book.

Founded by His Royal Highness in 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has also offered important development opportunities to several generations of our young people in Belfast.

In recognition of his sustained, distinguished and impactful service, and mindful of the restrictions of this pandemic period, this Council with many others expresses its sympathy. Accordingly, the Council has opened an online Book of Condolence. As a further mark of respect, the City will observe eight days of mourning for His Royal Highness.”

The motion was seconded by Alderman Copeland.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Alderman Haire and Rodgers and Councillors Bunting, Garrett, Howard, T. Kelly, Kyle, Lyons, McAllister, O'Hara and Pankhurst.

The motion was then put to the Council and passed.

Lord Mayor
Chairperson