

**LISBURN CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy Sub-Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Monday, 11th May 2009 at 4.47 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor W M Ward (Acting Chairman)

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Councillor R Crawford

Alderman S P Porter

Councillors A G Ewart and P J Givan

**OTHER MEMBERS:** Councillor D J Craig

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive  
Assistant Director Corporate Services – Mrs C Bethel  
Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Cultural Services)  
Sports Development Officer  
Tourism Development Officer  
Committee Secretary

**Chairman**

In the absence of the Chairman, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R Crawford, it was agreed, on a proposal by Councillor P J Givan, that Councillor W M Ward take the chair and conduct the business on the agenda.

1. **Apology**

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R Crawford, who subsequently arrived prior to the meeting's conclusion, and the Deputy Mayor, Alderman E C Poots.

2. **Report of the Chief Executive**

Councillor D J Craig arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.14 pm), as did The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R Crawford (5.29 pm).

Members had been furnished with further progress reports from the several departments of the Council regarding the ongoing programme of events/projects in connection with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

The relevant Officers of the Council who had responsibility for progressing their departmental events/projects were in attendance at the meeting and answered Members' queries regarding their papers.

Having noted the progress of previously agreed events/projects, the following decisions were taken in relation to amended and new proposals, as outlined in the Officers' reports:

2. Report of the Chief Executive (Contd)

- (a) It was agreed that £10,000 be allocated to 'Hillsborough's Taste of Summer', with the organisers being requested to consider if the first three events could be held on Saturday rather than Sunday in order to maximise numbers.
- (b) It was proposed by Councillor P J Givan, seconded by Alderman S P Porter and agreed that funding of £20,000 be granted to the Hillsborough Oyster Festival, it being made clear that this increased funding was available for this year only because of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, subject to representatives of the Festival Organising Committee making a suitable presentation to the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee regarding the long-term sustainability of the event.
- (c) It was agreed that additional funding of £5,000 be allocated to the All Ireland Strong Man Competition, it being noted that the event had already been granted £5,000 by the Economic Development Committee.
- (d) It was proposed by Councillor P J Givan, seconded by Alderman S P Porter and agreed that the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DVD be not proceeded with.
- (e) Following advice received from the Environmental Health Unit and given that the Mayor's Parade had already happened, it was agreed that lapel pins not be circulated to children.
- (f) It was proposed by Councillor A G Ewart, seconded by Alderman S P Porter and agreed that additional funding of £5,000 be awarded to the Twilight Nights event, which would be the 'City for Children' event listed in the draft programme and replaced the 'Big Picnic in Wallace Park' idea.
- (g) It was agreed to approve a breakdown of the allocation of the £20,000 costs associated with the 'City Fest' Festival.
- (h) It was agreed to approve the additional expenditure of £3,740 relating to sporting and cultural events.
- (i) It was agreed that 400 free tickets to the LeisurePlex pools be given out in November (100 per week) in a promotion to mark the Leisureplex's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as well as the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.
- (j) Following a verbal request by the Assistant Director of Leisure Services, it was agreed that £2,000 be allocated to provide additional film of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Lisburn on the Lisburn Museum's new website to reinforce the age and identity of Lisburn.

The Chief Executive advised that discussions were ongoing with the BBC regarding logos to be used for the Proms in the Park event, with the BBC reluctant to use both the Lisburn City Council and 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logos. It was agreed that, should the outcome of discussions be that only one logo could be incorporated, the Lisburn City Council logo would be used.

The Chief Executive circulated to those Members present a copy of an email dated 27 April, 2009 from a resident of Lisburn, Pennsylvania, Mr G Hosey. It was agreed that the correspondence be referred to the Mayor's Office for the Mayor to respond as he considered appropriate, including consideration of any suitable 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event that the Mayor of Lisburn, Pennsylvania, could be invited to, it being noted that Lisburn City Council would not be responsible for associated costs.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 5.30 pm.