

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2014 AT 6.45 PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Bloxham), Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson, Atkinson, Bainbridge, Bell, Betton, Boaden, Bowditch, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Cape, Collier, Craig, Dodd, Earp, Ellis, Forrester, Ms Franklin, Mrs Geddes, Glover, Graham, Harid, Layden, Lishman, Mrs Luckley, McDevitt, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), Mrs Martlew, Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Ms Patrick, Mrs Prest, Ms Quilter, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Mrs Southward, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard, Tickner, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, Weber and Whalen

Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Director of Governance

C.43/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gee, Mrs Riddle and Wilson.

C.44/14 MINUTE'S SILENCE

It was with some regret that the Mayor reported the death on 3 March 2014 of Mr Victor George Henry Davis, who was Mayor of Carlisle 1987/88. Mr Davis had 20 years' continuous service with Carlisle City Council from 1979-1999, representing Harraby Ward from 1979-1983 and Botcherby Ward from 1983-1999. Mr Davis served his country during the Second World War and was a Korean War veteran, as evidenced by the Medals displayed on his Official Portrait in the Civic Suite and was a former employee of RAF Carlisle.

The Mayor added that the thoughts and prayers of the Council were with Mr Davis's family at this sad time.

Members stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr Davis.

Councillor Glover (Leader of the Council) stated that it was with great sadness that he had received the news of Mr Davis's passing. Mr Davis had been unwell for some time.

Councillor Glover's first year on the City Council coincided with Mr Davis's last year of service. As a new Member he recalled watching Mr Davis, a stalwart of the Group, and his committed service to the Council. Mr Davis was Chairman of the Direct Services Organisation (DSO) and immensely proud of the high quality services provided at that time. He had also taken great pride in the Personnel Sub-Committees whose work involved looking after staff and ensuring that they were well equipped to undertake their jobs, and was committed to community service.

As highlighted by the Mayor, Mr Davis was also justifiably proud of his war service to both the City and the nation. He was a dedicated politician who worked hard to achieve the very best for the people he served; a very strong trade unionist, which attribute shone through in Council meetings.

Mr Davis could certainly tell a tale and Councillor Glover had enjoyed listening to some of those tales. It had been a great privilege to know him.

In conclusion, Councillor Glover said that the Council had lost a number of Members over recent years. Mr Davis's passing was indeed a great loss and it was a privilege to remember him.

On behalf of the Conservative Group, Councillor J Mallinson rose to add condolences to those expressed by the Leader. Although not having served on the Council with Mr Davis, Councillor Mallinson remembered him vividly from the 1990s as a blunt man, unwaivering in his commitment to do the best for the people of Carlisle. It was with sadness that Members had learned of this death.

Councillor Mrs Geddes commented that her encounter with Mr Davis was on the DSO. They both felt passionately about the organisation and had great respect for each other when it came to that service.

Councillor Mrs Martlew stated that she had known Mr and Mrs Davis for a number of years, having served with Mr Davis during the 1980s. Mr Davis was a very proud war veteran and told tales of his experiences during the Second World War.

Councillor Mrs Martlew added that Mr Davis had a very broad southern accent, but later became an adopted northerner. As stated above, Mr Davis was a very committed Trade Unionist and loyal Member of the Labour Group. He always had a twinkle in his eye and would be greatly missed by all.

C.45/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 7 January and 4 February 2014 were received and signed as a true record of the meeting.

C.46/13 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

C.47/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Forrester declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 21(i) – Carlisle District Local Plan Preferred Options Stage 2. The interest related to the fact that Councillor Forrester owned a property abutting a preferred site in Wetheral.

Councillor Mrs Warwick declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 21(i) – Carlisle District Local Plan Preferred Options Stage 2. The interest related to the fact that a piece of land abutted Councillor Warwick's house in Cummersdale.

C.48/14 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Mayor

1. The Mayor announced that he had received a number of telephone calls expressing concern regarding security at the Solway Aviation Museum (which was based at Carlisle Airport) and also the current signage directing tourists to the Airport. The Museum had taken custody of two very old velum parchments donated by the City and, due to security concerns, those may not be available for public display.

In response to those concerns, the Mayor advised that he would endeavour to seek the Leader's permission for the matter to be considered by the Executive in order that it may be resolved.

2. The Mayor further announced that, as previously reported, the Leader and himself had written to a number of Local Authorities devastated by the recent flooding events.

Responses had been received from the Chairman of Kent County Council and the Assistant to the Chairman of Wiltshire Council thanking the City Council for their kindness and thoughtfulness in commiserating with their plight.

(b) The Leader of the Council

Speaking in response to the Mayor's request (detailed at point 1. above), the Leader stated that the parchments constituted a very important part of the City's heritage and it was therefore reasonable that consideration be given to what could be done to assist in the matter.

The issue of signage could be raised with the Highways and Transport Working Group.

(c) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from Members of the Executive.

(d) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

There were no announcements from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

RESOLVED – (1) That Members of the Executive would give consideration to the issue of security at the Solway Aviation Museum as requested by the Mayor.

(2) That the issue of signage to Carlisle Airport be raised with the Highways and Transport Working Group.

C.49/14 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS – 2013/14

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance (GD.13/14) regarding the re-allocation of seats on Committees and Panels following the resignation of Councillor Craig as a Member of the Conservative Group, and his notification that as from 17 February 2014 he would be joining the Independent Group on the City Council.

The report advised Members that the entitlement to seats had been adjusted so that the Labour Group gained one seat as did the Independent Group, whilst the Conservative Group and the Liberal Democrat Group each lost one seat. The report and accompanying schedules set out the revised entitlement of the Groups on the Committees and Panels.

Councillor Glover moved receipt of the report and associated schedules; and that the Council approve the changes to the allocation of seats on, and the appointment of Members to, the various Committees and Panels, as set out therein.

RESOLVED – (1) That the City Council noted the resignation of Councillor Craig from the Conservative Group as from 17 February 2014, and his subsequent standing as an Independent Member of the City Council.

(2) That Council received and approved the changes to the allocation of seats on, and the appointment of Members to, the various Committees and Panels, as set out in Report GD.13/14 and the amended Schedule.

C.50/14 COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

The Mayor announced that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 17.4, a recorded vote would be taken on this item of business.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Resources (RD.93/13 - amended) setting out the relevant calculations which the City Council, as Billing Authority, was required to undertake in order to set the overall amount of Council Tax for 2014/15.

The report recorded that the Parish Council Precepts for 2014/15 totalled £424,140. The total amount payable to Parishes would be £478,024, the difference of £53,884 being made up of the grant from Local Support for Council Tax Scheme.

The City Council, Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria had calculated their Council Tax requirements for 2014/15 and the County Council had issued a precept upon the City Council in the sum of £36,023,098 which resulted in a Band D Council Tax of £1,161.50 (no increase from 2013/14).

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria had issued a precept on the City Council in the sum of £6,470,201 which resulted in a Band D Council Tax of £208.62 (an increase of 1.93%).

The report set out the calculations to be made by the City Council in setting:

- a) The level of basic Council Tax in 2014/15 in respect of City Council Services at £207.11 and the amount to be levied in non parished areas at £193.43
- b) The level of Basic (City) Council Tax which would be charged in different parts of the City Council's area to reflect Special Items (Parish Precepts)
- c) The Basic amount of (City) Council Tax applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area
- d) The total amount of Council Tax to be levied in 2014/15, inclusive of Cumbria County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria Precept, applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area
- e) Details of how the Council Tax surplus had been calculated

It was noted that the City Council had held its share of Council Tax at the same level as 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 (i.e. no increase for 2014/15). The County Council had also held its share at 2013/14 levels and the Police Authority had raised their Council Tax rates for 2013/14 by 1.93%.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the amended Report RD.93/13.

The following Members voted for the motion of Councillor Tickner:

Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson, Atkinson, Bainbridge, Bell, Betton, Bloxham, Boaden, Bowditch, Bowman S, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Bradley, Cape, Collier, Craig, Dodd, Earp, Ellis, Forrester, Ms Franklin, Mrs Geddes, Glover, Graham, Harid, Layden, Lishman, Mrs Luckley, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson J, Mrs Martlew, McDevitt, Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Ms Patrick, Mrs Prest, Ms Quilter, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Mrs Southward, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard, Tickner, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, Weber and Whalen

[Councillors Gee, Mrs Riddle and Wilson were not in attendance at the meeting]

It was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED:

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 4 March 2014 the City Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15:-
 - a) For the whole Council area as 31,014.29 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (The "Act"), and;
 - b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as below:

Parish of:	£
Arthuret	660.29
Askerton	53.88
Beaumont	189.25
Bewcastle	133.63
Brampton	1,447.99
Burgh By Sands	460.69
Burtholme	80.70
Carlatton & Cumrew	54.69
Castle Carrock	131.76
Cummersdale	211.93
Cumwhitton	130.07
Dalston	1,012.98
Denton Nether	100.98
Denton Upper	32.57
Farlam	212.78
Hayton	813.97
Hethersgill	129.56
Irthington	310.80
Kingmoor	290.45
Kingwater	63.05
Kirkandrews	150.41
Kirklington	136.94
Midgeholme	23.54
Nicholforest	131.55
Orton	164.13
Rockcliffe	288.45
Scaleby	137.09
Solport & Stapleton	141.07
Stanwix Rural	1,191.70
St Cuthbert Without	1,307.77
Walton	102.96
Waterhead	49.47
Westlington	133.74
Wetheral	2,249.89
& for the urban area of CARLISLE	18,283.56
Total	31,014.29

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £5,999,094
3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the City Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):-
 - (a) 13,090,899 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
 - (b) £6,167,665 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
 - (c) £6,423,234 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the

Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year. (Item R) in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).

- (d) £207.11 Being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1 above) calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
- (e) £424,140 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £193.43 Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept relates.

- 4. To note that the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
- 5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES APPLICABLE TO EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	165.17	192.71	220.23	247.76	302.81	357.88	412.93	495.52
BEAUMONT	147.94	172.60	197.26	221.91	271.22	320.54	369.85	443.82
BEWCASTLE	146.07	170.42	194.77	219.11	267.80	316.49	365.18	438.22
BRAMPTON	162.17	189.21	216.23	243.26	297.31	351.38	405.43	486.52
BURGH BY SANDS	147.70	172.32	196.94	221.55	270.78	320.02	369.25	443.10
BURTHOLME	143.44	167.35	191.26	215.16	262.97	310.79	358.60	430.32
CARLATTON & CUMREW	147.64	172.26	196.86	221.47	270.68	319.90	369.11	442.94
CASTLE CARROCK	150.54	175.63	200.72	225.81	275.99	326.17	376.35	451.62
CUMMERSDALE	147.82	172.46	197.10	221.73	271.00	320.28	369.55	443.46
CUMWHITTON	147.14	171.67	196.19	220.71	269.75	318.80	367.85	441.42
DALSTON	155.86	181.85	207.82	233.80	285.75	337.71	389.66	467.60
DENTON NETHER	152.92	178.41	203.90	229.38	280.35	331.33	382.30	458.76
DENTON UPPER	148.87	173.69	198.50	223.31	272.93	322.56	372.18	446.62
FARLAM	138.28	161.34	184.38	207.43	253.52	299.62	345.71	414.86
HAYTON	140.68	164.13	187.58	211.02	257.91	304.81	351.70	422.04
HETHERSGILL	161.16	188.03	214.89	241.75	295.47	349.20	402.91	483.50
IRTHINGTON	139.87	163.19	186.50	209.81	256.43	303.06	349.68	419.62
KINGMOOR	145.18	169.39	193.58	217.78	266.17	314.57	362.96	435.56
KINGWATER	139.33	162.56	185.78	209.00	255.44	301.89	348.33	418.00
KIRKANDREWS	156.85	183.00	209.14	235.28	287.56	339.85	392.13	470.56
KIRKLINTON	137.85	160.83	183.81	206.78	252.73	298.68	344.63	413.56
NICHOLFOREST	146.43	170.84	195.25	219.65	268.46	317.27	366.08	439.30
ORTON	143.77	167.74	191.70	215.66	263.58	311.51	359.43	431.32
ROCKCLIFFE	135.26	157.82	180.36	202.90	247.98	293.08	338.16	405.80
SCALEBY	152.70	178.15	203.60	229.05	279.95	330.85	381.75	458.10
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	141.53	165.13	188.71	212.30	259.47	306.66	353.83	424.60
STANWIX RURAL	150.32	175.38	200.43	225.48	275.58	325.69	375.80	450.96
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	140.17	163.54	186.90	210.26	256.98	303.71	350.43	420.52
WALTON	158.80	185.28	211.74	238.21	291.14	344.08	397.01	476.42
WATERHEAD	141.98	165.66	189.32	212.98	260.30	307.64	354.96	425.96
WESTLINTON	138.26	161.31	184.35	207.39	253.47	299.56	345.65	414.78
WETHERAL	159.14	185.68	212.20	238.72	291.76	344.82	397.86	477.44
All other parts of the City Council's area	128.95	150.45	171.94	193.43	236.41	279.40	322.38	386.86

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cumbria County Council	774.33	903.39	1,032.44	1,161.50	1,419.61	1,677.72	1,935.83	2,323.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria	139.08	162.26	185.44	208.62	254.98	301.34	347.70	417.24

Aggregate of Council Tax requirements

AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX TO BE LEVIED IN 2014/15 IN RESPECT OF EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS				BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D				
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	1,078.58	1,258.36	1,438.11	1,617.88	1,977.40	2,336.94	2,696.46	3,235.76
BEAUMONT	1,061.35	1,238.25	1,415.14	1,592.03	1,945.81	2,299.60	2,653.38	3,184.06
BEWCASTLE	1,059.48	1,236.07	1,412.65	1,589.23	1,942.39	2,295.55	2,648.71	3,178.46
BRAMPTON	1,075.58	1,254.86	1,434.11	1,613.38	1,971.90	2,330.44	2,688.96	3,226.76
BURGH BY SANDS	1,061.11	1,237.97	1,414.82	1,591.67	1,945.37	2,299.08	2,652.78	3,183.34
BURTHOLME	1,056.85	1,233.00	1,409.14	1,585.28	1,937.56	2,289.85	2,642.13	3,170.56
CARLATON & CUMREW	1,061.05	1,237.91	1,414.74	1,591.59	1,945.27	2,298.96	2,652.64	3,183.18
CASTLE CARROCK	1,063.95	1,241.28	1,418.60	1,595.93	1,950.58	2,305.23	2,659.88	3,191.86
CUMMERSDALE	1,061.23	1,238.11	1,414.98	1,591.85	1,945.59	2,299.34	2,653.08	3,183.70
CUMWHITTON	1,060.55	1,237.32	1,414.07	1,590.83	1,944.34	2,297.86	2,651.38	3,181.66
DALSTON	1,069.27	1,247.50	1,425.70	1,603.92	1,960.34	2,316.77	2,673.19	3,207.84
DENTON NETHER	1,066.33	1,244.06	1,421.78	1,599.50	1,954.94	2,310.39	2,665.83	3,199.00
DENTON UPPER	1,062.28	1,239.34	1,416.38	1,593.43	1,947.52	2,301.62	2,655.71	3,186.86
FARLAM	1,051.69	1,226.99	1,402.26	1,577.55	1,928.11	2,278.68	2,629.24	3,155.10
HAYTON	1,054.09	1,229.78	1,405.46	1,581.14	1,932.50	2,283.87	2,635.23	3,162.28
HETHERSGILL	1,074.57	1,253.68	1,432.77	1,611.87	1,970.06	2,328.26	2,686.44	3,223.74
IRTHINGTON	1,053.28	1,228.84	1,404.38	1,579.93	1,931.02	2,282.12	2,633.21	3,159.86
KINGMOOR	1,058.59	1,235.04	1,411.46	1,587.90	1,940.76	2,293.63	2,646.49	3,175.80
KINGWATER	1,052.74	1,228.21	1,403.66	1,579.12	1,930.03	2,280.95	2,631.86	3,158.24
KIRKANDREWS	1,070.26	1,248.65	1,427.02	1,605.40	1,962.15	2,318.91	2,675.66	3,210.80
KIRKLINTON	1,051.26	1,226.48	1,401.69	1,576.90	1,927.32	2,277.74	2,628.16	3,153.80
NICHOLFOREST	1,059.84	1,236.49	1,413.13	1,589.77	1,943.05	2,296.33	2,649.61	3,179.54
ORTON	1,057.18	1,233.39	1,409.58	1,585.78	1,938.17	2,290.57	2,642.96	3,171.56
ROCKCLIFFE	1,048.67	1,223.47	1,398.24	1,573.02	1,922.57	2,272.14	2,621.69	3,146.04
SCALEBY	1,066.11	1,243.80	1,421.48	1,599.17	1,954.54	2,309.91	2,665.28	3,198.34
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	1,054.94	1,230.78	1,406.59	1,582.42	1,934.06	2,285.72	2,637.36	3,164.84
STANWIX RURAL	1,063.73	1,241.03	1,418.31	1,595.60	1,950.17	2,304.75	2,659.33	3,191.20
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	1,053.58	1,229.19	1,404.78	1,580.38	1,931.57	2,282.77	2,633.96	3,160.76
WALTON	1,072.21	1,250.93	1,429.62	1,608.33	1,965.73	2,323.14	2,680.54	3,216.66
WATERHEAD	1,055.39	1,231.31	1,407.20	1,583.10	1,934.89	2,286.70	2,638.49	3,166.20
WESTLINTON	1,051.67	1,226.96	1,402.23	1,577.51	1,928.06	2,278.62	2,629.18	3,155.02
WETHERAL	1,072.55	1,251.33	1,430.08	1,608.84	1,966.35	2,323.88	2,681.39	3,217.68
All other parts of the	1,042.36	1,216.10	1,389.82	1,563.55	1,911.00	2,258.46	2,605.91	3,127.10
City Council's area								

C.51/14 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the public.

C.52/14 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Petition – Keep our Park!!

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of a petition submitted on behalf of residents of Belah urging the City Council to reconsider its decision to remove the play area equipment at Belah Parkside and work with the community to help refurbish and improve the play facilities for the children of Belah.

Report LE.05/14 prepared by the Director of Local Environment in response to the residents' petition was also submitted.

In accordance the above Procedure Rule and the Council's Scheme for the Submission of Petitions, Mr Mike Kingston had been invited to address the Council on behalf of the petitioners.

Mr Kingston began by emphasising that it was both an honour and a privilege to represent the residents of Belah and especially local children. His speech had reduced following the meeting last week between the Belah Parkside Residents' Committee, Councillor Ellis, the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder and Officers.

By way of background, Mr Kingston explained that several months before he and a close friend had got together to contact their local Councillor with a view to improving play equipment. Two weeks later they had become aware that the equipment was scheduled for removal. Residents were surprised and disgusted that the play area was earmarked for closure, knowing how well it was used and enjoyed despite the poor standard of play equipment. A decision was therefore taken to make a stand and within a short period a petition comprising 1200 signatures was raised.

Mr Kingston added that he and the local residents were in attendance to thank the Council for the opportunity to work together to improve Belah Parkside for the children. Grateful thanks were, in particular, conveyed to Councillor Ellis (Ward Councillor) and also to Councillor Mrs Martlew (Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder) for honouring her word regarding engagement with local communities / community groups to facilitate where possible the future management of play areas. Local children had been involved and would continue to be involved in decisions regarding what the park would look like when improved.

A number of local children had written individual letters of thanks and Mr Kingston read those out for the benefit of Members.

In conclusion, Mr Kingston commented that residents and himself loved where they lived and looked forward to working side by side with the Council to improve the play area for local children.

The Mayor considered it a real joy that the Council and the local community could work together in the manner highlighted.

Speaking in his capacity as Ward Member, Councillor Ellis expressed thanks to all the people involved in the campaign and those who had come along to support Mr Kingston in presenting the petition this evening. He further expressed thanks to a number of individuals, without whose help, enthusiasm and support tonight's celebration would not have been possible.

Councillor Ellis considered it an honour to represent the good people of Belah who had united as a community. Upon discovery of the Council's intention, there was a combination of disbelief, anger and outrage. Residents felt cheated and, within twenty four hours, a public meeting had taken place on the park where frank views were expressed. From that point on the community organised a campaign, the aim of which was to get the Council to change its mind, and change it did.

Councillor Ellis thanked the Deputy Leader for meeting with residents and himself and for supporting their ambitions to improve the play area. The Council had agreed to the continued provision of insurance and maintenance; the levelling out of the football fields at the bottom of Parkside and for consideration of residents' request for the Section 106 money from the Riverside development at Stainton Gardens. The local community had big ambitions for that piece of land. They also had local business on board and the support of national organisations.

In summary, Councillor Ellis stated that the community had stood up to be counted and demanded that the Council listen. Well done to the residents of Belah, Mr Kingston and Ms Joanne Newton, and Carlisle City Council.

In response to comments made by Councillor Betton, the Mayor cautioned that discussion on this item of business must be confined solely to the issue of play equipment at Belah.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder reiterated that the Council was faced with making some really hard decisions, which had resulted in what was a really difficult budget meeting on 4 February 2014.

At that time both the Leader and herself had given an assurance that the Executive would listen to communities. Immediately thereafter arrangements had been made to meet residents.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder informed Members that the meeting was one of the best meetings of her political career, since all those present had a common goal. A precedent had been set at Belle Vue whereby the Council had agreed to insure and inspect the play area, which action enabled the community to move forward. She also outlined details of the agreement reached concerning the play area at Belah Parkside, namely that:

- the Belah Community Group would provide funding for new play equipment in a move similar to an initiative in Belle Vue which saw a new revamped play area being installed with community and local authority support;
- the existing play area would remain untouched while fundraising got underway, with the City Council providing contacts for possible funding sources;
- the City Council would insure and inspect the new equipment;
- part of the larger playing field in the area would be levelled to provide another football pitch; and
- the onus would be on the community group to provide quality play equipment initially and in the future
- consideration be given to the use of Section 106 monies from the Riverside development at Stainton Gardens

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder paid tribute to Mr Kingston, Ms Newton and local residents for putting forward what was an excellent case. She added that, by working together, a good resolution had been achieved.

Councillor Glover rose to add this thanks to the children who had written to the Council, commenting that he was in the process of responding to those letters. The children were a credit to their parents, and their parents a credit to the community. The work undertaken

was an inspiration in terms of how things could be done differently. He expressed congratulations to all those involved.

The Mayor added his thanks to all those involved.

As an expression of their appreciation, local residents and children then presented a card and cake to the Mayor.

RESOLVED – That the City Council thanked Mr Kingston, local residents and children for their attendance at the meeting; and noted the agreement reached regarding the future provision of play facilities at Belah Parkside.

C.53/14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the City Council.

C.54/14 EXECUTIVE

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor Ms Quilter seconded the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 15 January; and 10 and 17 February 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 15 January; and 10 and 17 February 2014 be received and adopted.

C.55/14 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

Copies of reports from the following Portfolio Holders had been circulated prior to the meeting:

Leader's Portfolio
Finance, Governance and Resources
Environment and Transport
Economy and Enterprise
Communities and Housing
Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People

The Leader formally moved his report.

Councillor Lishman raised a question concerning the use of Members' official photographs for political purposes and whether, as had happened in the past, those Members would be invoiced for the cost thereof.

In response, the Director of Governance advised that the Council was required to comply with the Local Authority Code of Publicity which required that the Council's resources could not be used for political purposes. Ownership of the photographs of Members organised by the City Council vested in the Council. They were, therefore, a council resource which could not be used for party political purposes.

Councillor McDevitt expressed concern from a personal perspective.

The Director of Governance suggested that Members approach him outwith the meeting to discuss the position.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder formally moved his report.

Whilst moving her report the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder, highlighted progress in respect of the historic quarter parking and loading improvements; the review of residents' parking zones; the Education and Enforcement Team; Rickerby Park; and the project to improve the gardens at Bitts Park being undertaken in conjunction with Eden Valley Hospice. Referring to the War Memorials Project, the Deputy Leader added that a temporary ramp would be available for people wishing to access the memorials subject to prior arrangement.

Councillor Craig expressed thanks to the Green Spaces Team for their response to the issue of fly tipping within his Ward.

Councillor Betton wished to place on record his thanks to the Green Spaces Team for co-operating with his constituents with regard to improvements to Melbourne Park and Durranhill Woods.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder then responded to Councillor Betton's comments regarding the funding and publicity of schemes at Melbourne Park and the tree management scheme in Durranhill.

The Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder moved her report. In so doing, the Portfolio Holder reminded Members that the City Council would be hosting a breakfast meeting for employers on Wednesday 5 March 2014 at Carlisle College as part of National Apprenticeship Week. Registration was from 7.45 am onwards.

The Leader formally moved the report of the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder in her absence.

The Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder formally moved her report.

Members questioned individual Portfolio Holders on details of their reports and it was:

RESOLVED – (1) That the reports of the Portfolio Holders be received.

(2) That the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder arrange for the provision of written responses in respect of the following:

- (a) Health and Safety – confirmation of the position concerning a recent injury sustained by a refuse collector (raised by Councillor Mrs Parsons)
- (b) Digital and Information Services – whether copyright legislation could be included as part of future IT Drop-in sessions (raised by Councillor Lishman)
- (c) Localism Act - clarification as to whether play areas can be registered as an asset under the Community Right to Bid process in order that such play areas are not lost (raised by Councillor Earp)
- (d) Defibrillator training / purchase of a third defibrillator – clarification of the specific type of defibrillator to be purchased for location within the Tourist Information Centre (raised by Councillor Cape)

(3) That the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder raise the issue of access for commercial vehicles (including trade waste) into waste disposal sites, with Cumbria County Council as requested by Councillor Craig.

(4) That the Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder arrange to provide a more detailed explanation of the position regarding allocation of the New Homes Bonus (Report RD.83/13 – page 403 referred) as requested by Councillor Allison.

(5) That the Mayor arrange for a letter of gratitude to be sent to the Homelessness Team in recognition of their work, particularly with regard to homelessness prevention.

(6) That the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder arrange for a written response to Councillor Mrs Luckley's request for details of the action which the City Council could take to aid the work currently being undertaken to increase public awareness of hate crime in the community; where people can go to report incidents of hate crime; and the action which will be taken in response to such reports.

(7) That the Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder provide Councillor Mrs Bowman with written details of the action being taken to address the issue of underachievement of income at the Old Town Hall.

C.56/14 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

(a) Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Luckley moved and Councillor Allison seconded that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 9 January and 13 February 2014 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Luckley also presented her Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 9 January and 13 February 2014 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(b) Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Watson moved and Councillor Allison seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 6 January 2014 be received and adopted.

Councillor Watson also presented his Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 6 January 2014 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved and Councillor Cape seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 16 January 2014 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Bowman also presented her Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 16 January 2014 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

C.57/14 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Councillor Scarborough moved and Councillor Whalen seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 6, 18 and 20 December 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 6, 18 and 20 December 2013 be received and adopted.

C.58/14 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillor Ms Patrick moved and Councillor Earp seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 January 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 January 2014 be received and adopted.

C.59/14 EMPLOYMENT PANEL

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor Atkinson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 20 January 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 20 January 2014 be received and adopted.

C.60/14 APPEALS PANEL

Councillor Collier moved and Councillor Boaden seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel No. 3 held on 20 January 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel No. 3 held on 20 January 2014 be received and adopted.

C.61/14 REGULATORY PANEL

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Ms Franklin seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory Panel held on 12 February 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory Panel held on 12 February 2014 be received and adopted.

C.62/14 LICENSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Ms Franklin seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 February 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 February 2014 be received and adopted.

C.63/14 NOTICE OF MOTION

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no motions had been submitted on notice by Members of the Council.

C.64/14 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) EX.09/14 and EX.15/14 – Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation Stage Two

Councillors Forrester and Mrs Warwick, each having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, left the meeting room during consideration of this item of business.

Pursuant to Minute EX.09/14 and EX.15/14, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015 – 2030 Preferred Options Stage 2 for public consultation.

A copy of Report ED.13/14 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Whilst moving the recommendation, Councillor Mrs Bradley stressed the importance and value placed upon comments submitted (either in writing or via e-mail). She wished to encourage everyone to take the opportunity to respond.

In response to a question from Councillor Earp, Councillor Mrs Bradley recognised the difficulties faced by Parish Councils in meeting consultation deadlines and confirmed that responses would be accepted from Parish Councils following the stated deadline.

Councillor Glover seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015 – 2030 Preferred Options Stage 2 for public consultation.

Councillors Forrester and Mrs Warwick returned to the meeting.

(ii) EX.17/14 – Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report – April to December 2013

Pursuant to Minute EX.17/14, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive that the City Council:

1. approve the transfer of £250,000 from overachieved Salary Turnover Savings to General Fund Reserves as detailed in paragraph 4.3; and
2. approve the funding of the non-recurring £1m savings in 2014/15 as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of Report RD.83/13.

A copy of Report RD.83/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the above recommendations.

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

1. approved the transfer of £250,000 from overachieved Salary Turnover Savings to General Fund Reserves as detailed in paragraph 4.3; and
2. approved the funding of the non-recurring £1m savings in 2014/15 as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of Report RD.83/13.

(iii) EX.18/14 – Capital Budget Overview and Monitoring Report – April to December 2013

Pursuant to Minute EX.18/14, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve reprofiling of £75,000 in relation to Public Realm Improvement Works from 2013/14 into 2014/15.

A copy of Report RD.82/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved reprofiling of £75,000 in relation to Public Realm Improvement Works from 2013/14 into 2014/15.

C.65/14 POLICY STATEMENT ON SENIOR OFFICERS' PAY 2014/15

Pursuant to Minute EMP.04/14, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Employment Panel that the City Council approve the Policy Statement on Pay for Senior Officers for the year 2014/15. A copy of Report RD.85/13 and relevant Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor Mrs Martlew seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the Policy Statement on Pay for Senior Officers 2014/15, as appended to Report RD.85/13, be approved by the City Council.

C.66/14 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES – RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to Minute AUC.09/14, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Audit Committee that the proposed changes to the Financial Procedure Rules with regard to the retention of documents, set out in Report RD.87/13, be adopted. A copy of Report RD.87/13 and Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Ms Patrick moved and Councillor Tickner seconded that the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the changes to the City Council's Financial Procedure rules, as detailed in Report RD.87/13, be approved and adopted.

**C.67/14 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES CALL-IN
AND URGENCY**

Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i), consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance (GD.11/14) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

C.68/14 COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor announced that a ceremony to mark “Fly A Flag for Commonwealth Day” would take place at 10.00 am on Monday 10 March 2014 at the Old Town Hall. He expressed a wish to see as many people in attendance as possible.

The Mayor further suggested that the cake, kindly presented by the residents of Belah, should be donated to the Women and Family Accommodation.

(The meeting ended at 8.25 pm)