

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 6.45 PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Bloxham), Councillors Atkinson, Bainbridge, Betton, Boaden, Bowditch, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Cape, Collier, Craig, Dodd, Earp, Ellis, Forrester, Ms Franklin, 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, Mrs Riddle, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Mrs Southward, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard, Tickner, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, Weber, Whalen and Wilson

Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Director of Governance

C. 118/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Geddes.

C.119/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 16 July 2013 were received and signed as a true record of the meeting.

C.120/13 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

C.121/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

During consideration of Agenda Item 1, Councillor Mrs Luckley declared that she was a member of Carlisle Civic Trust.

C.122/13 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) The Mayor

The Mayor indicated that he had a number of announcements to make this evening:

i) The Mayor reported that the 2013 Town Twinning Civic Exchange had taken place over the bank holiday weekend in Carlisle. Delegations from Flensburg and Slupsk visited the City to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the three way twinning agreement. He drew Members' attention to the gifts received from the delegations that were set out in the Council Chamber.

ii) The Mayor had been delighted to represent the Council at the centennial motorcycle ride. Nearly 200 motorcyclists from across the world had taken part in the rally which started in Carlisle. The motorcyclists had been delighted with the reception the people of Carlisle had given them.

iii) Stanwix had retained the Best Urban Community Cumbria in Bloom award for the third year running for which they received a certificate and silver rose bowl. Barn Close, Stanwix had also won the Best Residential Home award. The Mayor congratulated the community and Members in Stanwix on their achievements.

iv) The Mayor was proud to welcome back the Tour of Britain on 16 September 2013.

v) The Mayor announced with regret the resignation of Mrs Nicola Clarke as Ward Councillor for Dalston. He wished her every success in her move to join her family. He also welcomed Councillor Dodd to his first Council meeting.

vi) The Mayor reminded Members of the extremely successful Carlisle Pageant week and played a video which highlighted the events of Pageant.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

The Leader thanked Mrs Nicola Clarke for her service to the Council and to the community and also welcomed Councillor Dodd to Council.

The Leader reported two changes to committee places following the change to the Executive:

Councillor Wilson to replace Councillor Bradley as a Member on Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Dodd to replace Councillor Wilson as a Substitute Member on Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Dodd to replace Councillor Bradley as a Member on Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED – That :

Councillor Wilson to replace Councillor Bradley as a Member on Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Dodd to replace Councillor Wilson as a Substitute Member on Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Dodd to replace Councillor Bradley as a Member on Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

(iii) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from Members of the Executive.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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

C.123/13 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.124/13 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no petitions or deputations had been submitted by members of the public.

C.125/13 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.126/13 EXECUTIVE

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor Mrs Martlew seconded the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 15 July and 5 August 2013.

The Leader and the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder then responded to Members' questions on those Minutes.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 15 July and 5 August 2013 be received and adopted.

(2) That the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder arrange to provide a written response to the question raised by Councillor Bainbridge concerning Minute Excerpt EX.80/13 – Purple Sacks Review; namely

- Had the Council received a response to the consultation from the Cumbria Fire Service on the storage of waste receptacles at the front of houses.

C.127/13 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

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

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

Whilst moving his report the Leader highlighted the success of the recent Town Twinning exchange and the productive meeting that was held during the weekend. The main theme of the meeting had been Economic Regeneration and Youth Provision. All three cities felt strongly that the Youth Exchange was the most important part of the Town Twinning and provisionally agreed that ways to increase the Youth Exchange be explored further and

that the Civic Exchange be moved a bi-annual basis to allow resources to be moved to the Youth Exchange.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report, highlighting in particular the successful partnership agreement with Lovells and Riverside Carlisle.

In moving her report, the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder thanked Erica London and Keith Poole for their annual parking report. She reported that the Council was still awaiting a response from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding resources for the CCTV and she highlighted the recent use by the Police.

She expressed her disappointment that local football teams had been leaving football pitches littered following matches and as a result the Green Spaces Team were in the process of contacting local referees and Clubs to ensure that pitches were left in pristine condition.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder was pleased to report that the Council had been awarded the maximum 75% grant for the Cenotaph and two commemorative paving stones to commemorate Second Lieutenant Joseph Collin and Rear Admiral Edward Boyle would also be purchased, the position of which had not yet been decided.

The Portfolio Holder expressed her dissatisfaction regarding the lack of accountability and progress made with the weed spraying within the City. She had written to Cumbria County Council seeking assurance that the contract would be well managed in the future and that the work be carried out properly.

Speaking on behalf of the Stanwix Ward Members, Councillor Nedved commended Officers of the Green Spaces Team, the Portfolio Holder and Members for their support in achieving the Cumbria in Bloom awards in Stanwix.

In response, the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder paid tribute to the residents of Stanwix for their hard work and congratulated them in achieving the two awards.

The Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder moved her report highlighting the opening of the new Business Interaction Centre and the successful Start up Britain Tour which had visited Carlisle. The Tour had been well attended and Carlisle had been awarded Top Town of the Tour. She thanked the staff at the University of Cumbria and the City Council staff who helped organise the visit to Carlisle.

Whilst moving her report, the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder commented in particular upon the position with regard to new technology being introduced to the Benefits Advice Centre. Nellbooker was an electronic referral system and Telly Talk enabled residents in rural areas to access the services on offer and to scan and send documents as well as conferencing facilities.

She also highlighted the self serve kiosk pilot at Yewdale Community Centre. Funding had been secured from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to improve community technology and the introduction of the kiosk would link into the priorities of the PCC funding and the Customer Access Strategy.

Councillor Betton highlighted a motion that was agreed by Council on 30 April 2013 calling on the Coalition Government to abandon its policy on 'the Bedroom Tax' and further calling on the two Members of Parliament for Carlisle District to publically disassociate themselves from this 'Bedroom Tax' proposal. He was disappointed to discover that the motion had not been progressed and asked for clarification on the matter.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive apologised for the substantive delay in the letter being sent from his office due to an oversight. The letter had gone out and a response had been received from Penrith and The Border MP and that had been circulated to Members.

In moving her report, the Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder congratulated everyone who had been involved in the Carlisle Pageant and hoped that the event would grow in the future. She added that the replica cake of the Old Town Hall had been voted star bake on the Great British Bake Off website. She added that Tullie House had received the Sandford Award for Excellence in Heritage Education 2013 and the Curious Minds Award.

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 provide details of the damage which had been caused by recent flooding to Tullie House, the Enterprise Centre and Community Centres in response to the request from Councillor Earp.

(3) That the Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder provide written details of the cost of the Carlisle Story and information on its target audience in response to the request raised by Councillor Earp.

(4) That the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder provide written details of:
- the ten community projects which had been identified under the Design Out Crime Projects in response to the request raised by Councillor Morton;
- how much funding was available from Section 106 Agreements for offsite affordable housing in response to the question raised by Councillor Mrs Prest.

C.128/13 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

(a) Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Luckley moved and Councillor Mrs Prest seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 11 July 2013 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Luckley also presented her Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 11 July 2013 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(b) Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Watson moved and Councillor McDevitt seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 18 July 2013 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 18 July 2013 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved and Councillor Nedved seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 25 July 2013 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 25 July 2013 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

C.129/13 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 7 August 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory Panel held on 7 August 2013 be received and adopted.

C.130/13 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 5 and 7 June; and 17 and 19 July 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 5 and 7 June; and 17 and 19 July 2013 be received and adopted.

C.131/13 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 22 July 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 22 July 2013 be received and adopted.

C.132/13 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Councillor Boaden moved and Councillor McDevitt seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 7 June 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 7 June 2013 be received and adopted.

C.133/13 APPEALS PANEL

Councillor Harid moved and Councillor Wilson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel No. 1 held on 19 June 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel No. 1 held on 19 June 2013 be received and adopted.

C.134/13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of the following Motion submitted on notice by Councillor Bainbridge:

Carlisle-born Victoria Cross Holders

“This Council in preparation for the up coming Centenary of World War I recognises the two Carlisle born holders of the Victoria Cross: Second Lieutenant Joseph Collin and Rear Admiral Edward Boyle. In agreeing this Motion, Carlisle City Council resolves to undertake the following:

1. To contact Woking Crematorium and Vielle-Chapelle Military Cemetery to enquire as to the condition of any gravestones relating to these two people and, if in a state that requires repair, to investigate how they could be restored.
2. To notify the Director of Economic Development that should any developments wish to adopt Edward Boyle’s name that Carlisle City Council would have no objection.
3. To investigate whether street signage for the development named after Joseph Collin could carry an additional sign explaining information about him. “

Councillor Bainbridge moved and Councillor J Mallinson seconded the motion.

Councillor Bainbridge then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion, expressing the hope that the City Council would lend their support.

Councillor Mrs Martlew moved an amendment to the Motion to ask that the Civic Trust be asked to place blue plaques on the homes of Second Lieutenant Joseph Collin and Rear Admiral Edward Boyle.

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 14.7, Councillor Bainbridge accepted the amendment to the Motion.

The substantive Motion would read:

“This Council in preparation for the up coming Centenary of World War I recognises the two Carlisle born holders of the Victoria Cross: Second Lieutenant Joseph Collin and Rear Admiral Edward Boyle. In agreeing this Motion, Carlisle City Council resolves to undertake the following:

1. To contact Woking Crematorium and Vielle-Chapelle Military Cemetery to enquire as to the condition of any gravestones relating to these two people and, if in a state that requires repair, to investigate how they could be restored.
2. To notify the Director of Economic Development that should any developments wish to adopt Edward Boyle’s name that Carlisle City Council would have no objection.
3. To investigate whether street signage for the development named after Joseph Collin could carry an additional sign explaining information about him.
4. To contact the Civic Trust and request that blue plaques are placed on the homes of Second Lieutenant Joseph Collin and Rear Admiral Edward Boyle “

The Mayor sought and received the consent of the City Council that the amendment of Councillor Mrs Martlew, as outlined above, be accepted.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED – That the Substantive Motion of Councillor Bainbridge as set out above be CARRIED.

C.135/13 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL’S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) EX.81/13 and EX.96/13 – Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/15 – 2018/19

Pursuant to Minute EX.81/13 and EX.96/13, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive regarding the Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/15 – 2018/19. A copy of Report RD.36/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the recommendation that the Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2014/15 to 2018/19 be approved.

RESOLVED – That the Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/15 to 2018/19, as attached to Report RD.36/13, be approved.

(ii) EX.82/13 and EX.97/13 – Capital Strategy 2014/15 – 2018/19

Pursuant to Minute EX.82/13 and EX.97/13, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive regarding the Capital Strategy for 2014/15 – 2018/19. A copy of Report RD.37/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the recommendation that the Capital Strategy for the period 2014/15 to 2018/19 be approved.

RESOLVED – That the Capital Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19, as attached to Report RD.37/13, be approved.

(iii) EX.83/13 and EX.98/13 – Asset Management Plan 2013 - 2018

Pursuant to Minute EX.83/12 and EX.98/13, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the Asset Management Plan for 2013 – 2018 be adopted. A copy of Report RD.40/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the above recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the Asset Management Plan 2013 – 2018, as attached to Report RD.40/13, be approved and adopted.

(iv) EX.80/13 – Release of Funding for Changes to Purple Waste Sack Collections

Pursuant to Minute EX.80/13, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive seeking the release of funding for changes to purple waste sack collections. A copy of Report LE.28/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Mrs Martlew moved; Councillor Glover seconded; and it was:

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved an increase to the capital programme in 2013/14 by £69,539 for the purchase of additional wheeled bins and gull sacks required to make the changes, funded by the available capacity within savings from Local Environment salary turnover savings and place orders for said equipment with immediate effect.

(v) EX.69/13 and EX.84/13 – Arts Centre Development

Pursuant to Minute EX.69/12 and EX.84/12, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the development of an Arts Centre for Carlisle. A copy of report CD.47/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Ms Quilter moved the recommendations, which was seconded by Councillor Glover.

Councillor Mallinson and Councillor Mrs Luckley spoke against the recommendation of the Executive

Following voting, it was -

RESOLVED – That that the City Council:

1. Approved the increase in the Capital Programme from £586,000 to £1,064,500, noting that the increase would be funded from additional capital receipts generated from the Asset Review Programme.
2. Approved the release of the current budget and re-profiling of the overall scheme, with £50,000 being incorporated within the 2013/14 Capital Programme and £1,014,500 in the 2014/15 Capital Programme.

**C.136/13 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.40/13) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

C.137/13 COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications or items of business brought forward by the Mayor as a matter of urgency to be dealt with at the meeting.

(The meeting ended at 8.55pm)