

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 6.45 PM**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Riddle), Councillors Alcroft, Allison, Bell, Betton, Mrs Birks, Bloxham, Bomford, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Brown, Carrigan, Coleman, Collier, Crawford, Currie, Earp, Ellis, Mrs Ellis-Williams, Finlayson, Glendinning, Glover, Graham, Harid, Higgs, Layden, McDonald, Mrs McKerrell, McNulty, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Paton, Patrick, Robson, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff, Sidgwick (S), Sidgwick (T), Southward, Stothard, Dr Tickner, Tinnion, Mrs Vasey and Mrs Warwick

Councillor Bainbridge (from Item 17(e): Notice of Motion – Sands Centre Redevelopment)

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive  
Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services

Members of the public who had submitted questions on notice

### **C.151/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Christian, Mitchelson, Ms Quilter and Watson.

### **C.152/18 MINUTES**

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the City Council held on 11 September and 8 October 2018.

In response to questions raised at the 11 September 2018 meeting (Minute C.135/18), the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder advised that he had, at that time, provided a full verbal response to Councillor Collier's question regarding refuse collection in the Burgh area. A written response could, however, be provided.

The Mayor gave an undertaking that a response would be provided to Councillor Earp regarding the limited range of stationary (e.g. notelets) available at the Tourist Information Centre for purchase by tourists to the city.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 11 September and 8 October 2018 be received and signed as a true record of the meetings.

### **C.153/18 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

## **C.154/18      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Development Control Committee was scheduled to consider planning applications concerning the Sands Centre Redevelopment on 23 November 2018.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the undernoted declarations of interest were submitted in respect Item 17(e) – Notice of Motion – Sands Centre Redevelopment for the reasons stated:

- Councillor Tinnion – Member of the Development Control Committee
  - Councillor Mrs Parsons – Member of the Development Control Committee
  - Councillor Earp – Member of the Development Control Committee. He was undecided and may take part in the debate
  - Councillor Collier – substitute Member of the Development Control Committee
  - Councillor Bowman (S) – substitute Member of the Development Control Committee
  - Councillor Bloxham – Member of the Development Control Committee
  - Councillor Sidgwick (T) – Chairman of the Development Control Committee and therefore would take no part in decision
  - Councillor Sidgwick (S) – substitute Member of the Development Control Committee and would take no part in debate or voting
  - Councillor Mrs Warwick – Member of the Development Control Committee and would not take part
  - Councillor McDonald – Member of the Development Control Committee and would not take part
  - Councillor Graham – Member of the Development Control Committee and would not take part in any discussion
  - Councillor Nedved – substitute Member of the Development Control Committee
  - Councillor Shepherd – Member of the Development Control Committee and would not speak nor take part in the vote
  - Councillor Betton – is a member of the Sands Centre and pools leisure complex
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- Councillor Glendinning – Member of the Development Control Committee, indicated that she would not be in attendance at the 23 November 2018 meeting of the Committee. Accordingly there was no need to declare an interest.

Councillors Currie and Carrigan declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 17(a) – Notice of Motion – Stony Holme and Swifts Golf Course Facilities. The Councillors stated that they used Stony Holme Golf Course.

Councillor Paton declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 17(a) – Notice of Motion – Stony Holme and Swifts Golf Course Facilities. The Councillor stated that he served on the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and would speak on the matter.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the undernoted declarations of interest were submitted in respect Item 17(c) – Notice of Motion – Universal Credit for the reasons stated:

- Councillor Patrick – was in receipt of child benefit and child credit
- Councillor Brown – was in receipt of benefits

## **C.155/18     ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **(i)     The Mayor**

There were no announcements from the Mayor.

### **(ii)     The Leader of the Council**

The Leader announced the nomination of Councillor Brown to serve on the following Committees:

- Development Control Committee (full Member)
- Audit Committee (substitute Member)

In light of the above and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor Brown declared an interest in respect of Item 17(e) – Notice of Motion – Sands Centre Redevelopment due to the fact that a planning application on the matter was scheduled for consideration by the Development Control Committee on 23 November 2018. She would not take part nor vote on the matter.

### **(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.156/18     QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the undernoted questions submitted on notice by members of the public:

Councillor Ellis raised a point of order in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.12 in relation to Item 7(a) – Questions by Members of the Public – Racism and Hatred. Councillor Ellis indicated that the incident referred to was the subject of an ongoing case scheduled to reach the Courts in December 2018. He was, therefore concerned that any comment made by the Council may be construed as contempt of Court.

In response, the Mayor emphasised that the question to be answered was “What do Carlisle City Council intend to do to challenge the growing racism and hatred in the city?” as opposed to the preamble set out on the Summons.

### **(a)     Racism and Hatred**

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, a member of the public asked the following question:

"On August 25th, during Carlisle Fringe and the Continental Market, we saw a race related assault in the city centre, triggered by the appearance of a stall offering Qur'ans and religious literature to the public. The attack was fomented online, as locals shared pictures

of the stall across social media and news sites. The scenario is familiar to anyone who has read the comment section of our local newspapers stories of refugees on social media etc. The comments (indicative of a mindset which holds no tolerance or understanding of the 'other') build up and incite hatred, and in this instance incited violence. The main protagonists seem to be working class whites between 25 and 40, who one would have assumed had the benefit of an equality education at school and of living in a multicultural environment in adulthood, but who bear a great deal of resentment towards society. There is a growth in hate crime locally, and many vulnerable city residents live in fear. What do Carlisle City Council intend to do to challenge the growing racism and hatred in the city?"

The Mayor thanked the lady for her question.

In response, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder explained that the Council, alongside the Police and other key agencies monitored crime via the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership (which she chaired) and Carlisle Community Hub, based here at the Civic Centre. It was understood that the incident which occurred on 25 August was still under investigation and, as such, it was not considered appropriate to comment on that specific case.

A small rise in hate crime incidents had been noted during 2018 and those incidents subsequently recorded as crime. Racist incidents made up the majority of those occurrences. In total the district had recorded 208 such incidents during the past 12 months. There were 36 hate incidents reported in October; 30 of those resulted in crime records. In the financial year to date almost 8000 crimes had been reported, when averaged monthly hate crime amounted to approximately 2.7% of crimes reported.

The Portfolio Holder advised that the City Council worked alongside the Police, Housing Associations, County Council and others to find ways of combating hate crime and racist attitudes. Examples of the work being undertaken included:

- seeking to have a workforce which was representative of communities in Carlisle.
- conducting equality impact surveys to ensure that services were accessible to all and also publicly took account of individual and community needs.
- supporting local events that promoted diversity and community spirit. Examples included:

the Carlisle Unity Festival, hosted by AWAZ Cumbria to celebrate diversity and community networks, with a focus on empowering the voices of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) people and other marginalised groups living in Carlisle.

Cumbria Pride celebrated LGBT communities through music and performances.

A Chinese New Year Festival (February 2018).

Black History month at Tullie House, which was well received and attended by a number of Councillors.

The Jewish Living Experience at Tullie House where the Chief Rabbi for Cumbria was in attendance. Schools from all over Cumbria were invited to learn more about Jewish customs and culture. It was attended by, she believed, the previous Mayor as well as the current Mayor and Councillor colleagues.

The Cultural Bazaar (February 2018) which offered a mixture of different cultures within Carlisle.

Moving Mountains (March 2018) which promoted the work of churches across Carlisle with crafts and activities in the city centre.

Multicultural Conference at Harraby Community Centre, supported financially by Harraby Councillor colleagues and herself through their community project pots of money. Additional funding was awarded through the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership, attended by herself, the Mayor and colleagues from Castle Ward.

A Divali celebration was scheduled to take place on 17 November at the Race Course which the Mayor was hoping to attend.

Work was ongoing to improve the Private Rented Sector -Tackling Rogue Landlords (2017-19). Funding had been secured from the Controlling Migration Fund to support that project and improve compliance levels for businesses and landlords. One of the actions for the project was to deliver food hygiene training for food businesses where English was a foreign language. The project would be delivered in partnership with Cumbria Fire and Rescue Services, Cumbria Constabulary and the Local UK Border Agency and Immigration Compliance and Enforcement team.

- Diversity training for staff was being provided.

- Hate Crime Awareness Training, which would be delivered by Cumbria Police to frontline staff, was being accessed. That training had already been delivered to organisations such as People First and Carlisle College.

- Support for the constabulary media campaigns that had been running during this year continued.

Whilst it appeared that there had recently been a rise in hate crime, the belief was that people were reporting such incidents in greater numbers than had previously been the case. That was a good thing. There had also been a welcome growth in diversity in recent years which was good for the city.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the lady for her question, commenting that it was on occasion good to be able to stop and look at the work being done. That opportunity did not always present itself during busy periods, so to see it listed actually gave her confidence that proactive action was being undertaken.

It was recognised that, even with all of the good work taking place, incidents did occur that were beyond our control.

Nevertheless, work would continue in conjunction with other agencies and organisations, to promote community cohesion and make Carlisle a safe and welcoming place for all residents.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 10.8, the Mayor reminded the member of the public that she could pose a supplementary question should she so wish.

Whilst the member of the public appreciated what was said, she referenced a Community Safety Partnership report commenting that hate crime was not a priority in 2018/19 despite crime being highlighted as a problem by Cumbria Youth Commission. She questioned why it was not a priority.

The Portfolio Holder replied that, although not a major priority, hate crime was taken seriously from a Community Safety Partnership point of view. The partnership worked closely with the Police and people should report any incidences with a view to raising awareness.

**(b) Mack Golf**

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, members of the public asked the following questions:

- (1) "Were the Council and or their officers aware of Mack Golfs instruction in July 2018 to Stonyholme staff to reduce costs otherwise they would be out of a job by Christmas?"
- (2) "Were warning signs flagged up at the start of the contract with Mack Golf, when the staff were not allowed to purchase equipment?"
- (3) "Did the Council have provision in the contract with Mack Golf, to maintain the running of the Golf Course in the event of liquidation of said contract?"
- (4) "During the flood 2015 the golf course and grounds were flooded, was all the insurance monies reinvested directly into the golf course and it's facility?"
- (6) "Other councils have re-opened courses in their area which had been managed by Mack Golf. Why can't Stonyholme be opened by this Council as others have done?"

As requested by a member of the public, the Mayor put the following question on his behalf:

- (5) "Why was the decision to separate Stonyholme golf from the other leisure facilities. (This action means that Carlisle Citizens no longer get the benefit of an ultimate card)?"

The Leader thanked the parties for bringing their questions this evening. He advised that the Council was aware that the situation was extremely frustrating for members of the Club and those who played golf. It was, however, equally frustrating for the City Council which fully expected Mack Golf to honour the contract. Nevertheless the authority was in the situation it found itself in.

The Leader then responded to the questions in the following terms:

**Questions (1) and (2)**

No, the City Council had not been informed of any such rumour. Council officers had met with the site manager on a regular basis during the first year of the contract to review implementation of the Mack Golf plans and overall performance, at no time was that 'instruction' raised.

**Question (3)**

No, the contract with Mack would not have been an appropriate place to make those types of provisions.

The contract and lease arrangements did contain the right for the Council to terminate the contract on the forfeiture of the lease. That forfeiture occurred when Mack Golf went into voluntary liquidation and the Council was now in the process of terminating both arrangements.

**Question (4)**

The Council had an insurance settlement of £467,000 for reinstatement of the properties; total costs of £500,000 were incurred, as a consequence of which the authority ended up funding some of the works not covered by insurance. The Council did not utilise the Swifts settlement and no re-instatement work was completed to the hut on the car park. Insurance cover only provided cover to bricks and mortar, so nothing towards the courses themselves. Again, the Council picked up those costs.

**Question (5)**

The decision to separate golf from the main leisure contract was taken to allow the Council to fully understand the costs and income potential for the site. Potential operators had the option of bidding for both contracts or just golf or leisure.

Mack Golf was the only operator to bid solely for the golf contract (GLL and SLM also bid for both contracts). Following a formal tender assessment process and a review of the recommendations undertaken at the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel on 12 October 2018 Mack Golf was chosen to be the new provider by the Executive on 20 November 2018.

That new arrangement necessitated a change in the membership arrangements, and the Council, GLL and Mack Golf worked together to manage that with some additional concessions to existing members.

**Question (6)**

It was understood that two Councils had re-opened courses in their area which were previously operated by Mack Golf.

One of those was Bowring Park, Knowsley: Open – the recent £2m HLF grant may have influenced the Council's decision

Heaton Park, Greater Manchester: Open - GLL operating for the short term

Southwood, Farnborough: Closed – was due to close this winter anyway.

All of the remaining courses were in a similar position to Stony Holme, where the Councils were analysing and considering available options, i.e. –

- Stanley Park, Blackpool;
- Knights Grange, Ellesmere Port, Chester West and Cheshire
- Moors Valley, Ringwood – closed

The current contract was in the process of being terminated, but that had not yet been completed.

Some of Mack Golf staff had already secured alternative employment and moved on. The Council did not have staffing resources currently available to operate the course.

The predicted costs of the Council re-opening Stony Holme and Swifts on a temporary basis would be in the region of £120k (up to £75,000 between now and April 2019). It was acknowledged that average income during the winter was lower and would result in requiring a significant subsidy for which there was no current budget provision.

The Leader indicated that the Council had discussed the short and longer term position with a representative of Stony Holme Golf Club, and it was understood that the Club had met to discuss the current position. He added that assurances had been given that essential maintenance would be carried out to prevent deterioration of the site while future options were under consideration.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 10.8 and at the invitation of the Mayor, the following supplementary questions were posed:

- (i) We were led to believe that Mack Golf had promised significant improvements. When that did not happen, what action did the Council take to prevent collapse?

The Leader acknowledged that Mack Golf had said that they would make significant improvements, and they had made some. He reiterated that the Council had met the site manager on a regular basis.

- (ii) What management controls were put in place in terms of expenditure, as funding was given as late as September this year?
- (iii) Did the contract make provision to maintain running of the course in the event of liquidation. If not, why was the contract approved?

The Leader replied that it was not appropriate to make that provision within the contract.

- (iv) Can the Council give an account of all money spent following the floods?

The Leader reiterated that he had provided a detailed response on how the insurance monies were spent earlier in the meeting.

- (v) Why could the Council not use reserves to fund re-opening of the course?



The Leader advised that such a decision was one for full Council. Officers were looking at all potential options, including what was best for the City.

In addition to the above mentioned comments, the Leader undertook to provide written responses to the supplementary questions.

Councillor Mallinson (J) asked that copies of the written responses be circulated to all Members.

The Mayor concluded this item of business by thanking all members of the public in attendance this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 7.25 pm and reconvened at 7.28 pm

#### **C.157/18      PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that no petitions or deputations had been submitted by members of the public.

#### **C.158/18      QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the City Council.

#### **C.159/18      EXECUTIVE**

Councillor Glover formally moved and Councillor Dr Tickner formally seconded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 17 and 25 September; and 15 October 2018 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 17 and 25 September; and 15 October 2018 be received and adopted.

#### **C.160/18      PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS**

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

Leader  
Finance, Governance and Resources  
Culture, Heritage and Leisure  
Communities, Health and Wellbeing  
Environment and Transport  
Economy, Enterprise and Housing

The Leader formally moved his report. In so doing, he provided an update on the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal informing Members that a meeting had taken place the week before with the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary, at which time the Borderlands deal submission was warmly received. It was hoped that good progress could be made on the Heads of Terms early in the New Year.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder; the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder; and the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder formally moved their reports.

In the absence of the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder, the Leader formally moved her report.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder formally moved her report highlighting, in particular, the work undertaken by the Homeless, Prevention and Accommodation Services. The Portfolio Holder asked that her congratulations on the award of the Advice Quality Standard Certification be conveyed to the staff concerned.

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 Leader arrange to respond in writing to Councillor Shepherd's questions regarding the Christmas Programme:

- how many fee paying stallholders would attend?
- Certain events were organised by Sustainable Brampton, who collected fees which were handed to the City Council. What was the actual total fee negotiated?; and
- provide the Councillor with back catalogues / leaflets to demonstrate the variety of entertainment provided at the Old Fire Station

(3) That the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder arrange to:

- (a) raise the concerns expressed by Councillor Morton regarding night time violence in the City; and concerns regarding poor street lighting through the Community Safety Partnership / the Local Focus Group as a matter of urgency.
- (b) Respond in writing to Councillor Currie setting out details of the 22 partners who had participated in the Food Carlisle Action Plan workshop on 10 September 2018.

(4) That the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder arrange to:

- (a) Provide written details of the numbers of 'on the spot' fines imposed in response to littering offences, as requested by Councillor Bomford.
- (b) Provide Councillor Ellis with an update on the position regarding the Crindledyke Cycle Path links with Cargo.
- (c) Request that Officers investigate the concerns expressed by Councillor Mrs Mallinson (on behalf of residents of Stanwix) regarding the inability to remove dead branches from protected trees in the aftermath of recent storms and respond to the Councillor in writing.
- (d) Reply in writing to the questions raised by Councillor Shepherd, namely the costs associated with use of video / photographic / infrared equipment by enforcement officers in relation to dog fouling offences; how many prosecutions, if any, had

arisen from the use of that equipment; and how many fixed penalty notices / prosecutions had been brought about during 2018.

(5) That the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder arrange to provide Councillor Mrs Parsons with written details of those who are scheduled to attend the trip on 13 November 2018 to meet with the Bournville Village Trust; and who would be meeting the cost thereof.

## **C.161/18      SCRUTINY MINUTES AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS**

### **(a)      Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Paton moved and Councillor McDonald seconded that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 23 August and 4 October 2018 be received and adopted.

Councillor Paton presented his Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 23 August and 4 October 2018 together with the Chairmen's Report be received and adopted.

### **(b)      Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved and Councillor Mrs Mallinson seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel held on 6 September 2018 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Bowman also presented her Vice-Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel held on 6 September 2018 together with the Vice-Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

### **(c)      Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Coleman moved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel held on 30 August 2018.

Councillor Nedved moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel held on 21 September and 11 October 2018 be received and adopted.

Councillor Coleman also presented her Vice-Chairman's Report; and Councillor Nedved presented his Chairman's report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel held on 30 August, 21 September and 11 October 2018 together with the above Reports be received and adopted.

#### **C.162/18      REGULATORY PANEL**

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Mrs Ellis-Williams seconded that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 12 September and 17 October 2018 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 12 September and 17 October 2018 be received and adopted.

#### **C.163/18      LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Mrs Ellis-Williams seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 17 October 2018 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 17 October 2018 be received and adopted.

#### **C.164/18      DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Sidgwick (T) moved and Councillor McDonald seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 22 and 24 August 2018.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 22 and 24 August 2018 be received and adopted.

#### **C.165/18      AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bomford moved and Councillor Mrs Mallinson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 September 2018.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 September 2018 be received and adopted.

#### **C.166/18      APPEALS PANELS**

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Mrs Ellis-Williams seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of Appeals Panel 3 held on 28 August 2018.

Councillor Morton moved and Councillor McDonald seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of Appeals Panel 2 held on 4 September 2018.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Appeals Panel meetings held on 28 August and 4 September 2018 be received and adopted.

#### **C.167/18      NOTICE OF MOTION**

##### **(a)      Stony Holme and Swifts Golf Course Facilities**

*Councillors Currie and Carrigan, having declared an interest, took no part in discussion on this item of business.*

*Councillor Paton, having declared an interest, entered into the debate.*

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Betton:

“The closure of both Stony Holme and Swifts Golf Course facilities due to Mack Golf’s insolvency has had a devastating impact on the golfing community of Carlisle.

The aim of Carlisle City Council Local Plan 2015/30 and this present local government is to promote a healthy living lifestyle for all in this City. This includes encouraging and supporting all kinds of sporting health activities such as football, swimming, rugby, running, cycling and golf for many local families, the disabled, young and elderly in our communities.

Swifts and Stony Holme Golf Course have been Carlisle City Council municipal assets for 44 years since they first opened in 1974.

It is important that maintenance of the course and the routine club house upkeep continue to be upheld to stop deterioration of the greens and buildings so that people of this City, who have fully paid up membership, do not lose out and that the redundant staff jobs are saved.

It is imperatively important that Carlisle City Council and the ruling Local Government recognise this in their Carlisle City Council Local Plan 2015-30.

Regarding concern of the local job loss impact, and supporting our golfing community and managing our golfing community assets, it is asked that Carlisle City Council and the ruling local government agree to do the following:

1. Commit to re-open the golf course, range and facilities with immediate effect for the benefit of all members, putting together a valid interim business plan of action to safeguard and deliver forward rolling employment contracts to former staff of Stony Holme and Swifts golf course until a future is secured, whether in house or contracted out.
2. In this interim stage, further agree to look at and secure the longer term future of our golfing club, assets and services by inviting other company providers who would be interested in producing a valid business plan to secure the services mentioned.
3. Be transparent and release in writing to the golf club, for attention of all golf club users and interested parties, a statement of intent regarding the immediate longer term future for Stony Holme and Swifts golf course.”

Councillor Betton moved and Councillor Paton seconded the motion.

Councillor Betton then elaborated upon the reasons for submission of the motion.

Following substantial discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Betton, as set out above, be DEFEATED.

## **(b) Antisemitism**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Robson:

“Carlisle City Council resolves to follow the example of the UK Government, the Crown Prosecution Service, over 130 local authorities and over 30 other countries, by adopting in full, and without qualification or reservation, the International Holocaust Remembrance Association definition of antisemitism, as follows, and the eleven examples.

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective - such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.

- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel”

Councillor Robson moved and Councillor Glover seconded the motion.

Councillor Robson expanded upon the reasons for submission of the motion, requesting that all come together in support of the Motion.

Following debate, with input from a number of members of the City Council, it was:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Robson, as set out above, be AGREED.

### **(c) Universal Credit**

*Councillors Brown and Patrick, having declared an interest, participated in this item of business.*

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Patrick:

“This Council is concerned about the ongoing implementation (roll out) of Universal Credit, and the potential negative implications for many residents within the City of Carlisle district.

We call on the Government to both pause, and review, this process - to properly fund Universal Credit making it a progressive change to the benefit system; and our MPs John Stevenson and Rory Stewart to support this aim, and vote against proposed regulations for managed migration that do not effectively protect our residents from reduced income, lengthy waits for payment, and risk of debt, hunger and homelessness.”

Councillor Patrick moved and Councillor Brown seconded the motion.

Councillor Patrick then outlined in detail the reasons for submission of the motion, asking that Members lend their support.

Following substantial discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Patrick as set out above, be CARRIED.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

During consideration of the above item of business, it was noted that the meeting had been in progress for 3 hours.

The Mayor moved that Council Procedure Rule 9, in relation to the duration of meetings be suspended in order that the meeting could continue to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted.

In response to Members' comments, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services clarified the position, following which it was:

AGREED that the meeting should continue beyond three hours in duration to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted.

**(d) Cumberland Infirmary**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Alcroft:

"On 7th September 2018, the News and Star newspaper reported plans to close 16 beds at the Cumberland Infirmary permanently.

The closure of these beds comes as part of a wider plan to remove 100 beds in total across Whitehaven and Carlisle by 2020/21, including the closure of beds at Wigton, Maryport and Alston. It follows a winter where NHS England instructed hospitals across the country to cancel routine operations, leaving thousands of patients in pain or discomfort. And it comes not even two years after the Red Cross warned we were facing a 'humanitarian crisis' in the NHS.

We recognise the excellent work being done by NHS staff to maintain the best levels of patient care. We also recognise that getting patients home following treatment should be a priority. However, we are concerned that treatment under the new Integrated Care Communities (ICCs) is unproven.

This council calls upon John Stevenson MP and North Cumbrian MPs to lobby the Government to ensure the North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust has the funding it needs to reopen Aspen Ward and to reverse the decision to close up to 100 beds."

Councillor Alcroft moved and Councillor Miss Sherriff seconded the motion.

Councillor Alcroft then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion, asking that Members stand in support thereof.

Following discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Alcroft, as set out above, be CARRIED.

**(e) Sands Centre Redevelopment**

*Councillors Bloxham, Bowman (S), Brown, Collier, Earp, Graham, McDonald, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Shepherd, Sidgwick (S), Sidgwick (T), Tinnion, Mrs Warwick, having declared an interest, did not participate in the debate on this item of business.*

*Councillor Betton, having declared an interest, took part in the debate on this item of business.*



Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Ellis:

“This Council shares the concerns of Carlisle Flood Action Group. That the proposed £19 million pound redevelopment at The Sands Centre is not only at risk of flooding itself but will add to existing problems on the River Eden and cause water to back up further in any future event along the River Petteril to Warwick Road and Botcherby to the east and Rickerby to the north.

We ask that alternative sites are explored further and reported on before we move to the next stage.”

Councillor Ellis moved and Councillor Bainbridge seconded the motion.

Councillor Ellis then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion.

Councillor Betton gave notice of an amendment, copies of which were tabled:

1. Line one first sentence after Flood Action Group add in at end : “and the people of Carlisle”.
2. Second sentence after Eden and cause delete “water to back up further in any future event along the river Petteril to Warwick Road and Botcherby to the East and Rickerby to the North”

And replace with: "even higher water level dispersal impact over a wider area of Carlisle's three main rivers and the surrounding communities".

3. Very last sentence, after "We ask that" add : "this Council look at" leave in place "alternative sites". Delete “are explored further and reported on” replace with: “making the findings accessible to the public domain” leave remaining “before we move to the next stage”.

The substantive motion would then read as follows:

“This Council shares the concerns of Carlisle Flood Action Group and the people of Carlisle. That the proposed £19m redevelopment at the Sands Centre is not only at risk of flooding itself but will add to the existing problems along the river Eden and cause even higher water level dispersal impact over a wider area of Carlisle's three main rivers and the surrounding communities.

We ask that this Council look at alternative sites making the findings accessible to the public domain before we move to the next stage.”

The meeting adjourned at 10.34 pm and reconvened at 10.45 pm

Councillor Betton moved the above amendment, which was duly seconded by Councillor Bomford.

Councillor Betton further outlined in some detail the reasons for submission of the amendment.

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 14.7, Councillor Ellis agreed to alter his Motion to reflect the amendment tabled by Councillor Betton. Consent to that course of action was given by the meeting.

There then followed substantial debate, with input from a number of Members of the City Council.

For the benefit of those Members of the Development Control Committee present, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reiterated the legal advice provided via email on 2 November 2018 concerning pre-disposition as opposed to pre-determination and participation in this item of business. He emphasised that the ultimate decision was one for each elected Member, but any member of the Development Control Committee voting on tonight's Motion must carefully consider the advice given when the said Committee were scheduled to consider the relevant planning applications.

For the avoidance of doubt, Councillor Earp clarified his position in terms of participation in this item and voted upon the Motion.

Following voting thereon, it was:

RESOLVED – That the substantive Motion, as set out above, be CARRIED.

#### **C.168/18      PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

##### Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 – Changes to Existing Housing Assistance Policy

Pursuant to Minute EX.73/18 and EX.93/18, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the revised Housing Renewal Assistance Policy. A copy of Report GD.84/18 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Miss Sherriff presented the report, before formally moving the recommendations contained therein; and it was:

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

1.      Approved the new Policy for Housing Assistance and the use of funds and the schemes, as described in Appendix 1 in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.
2.      Delegated responsibility for the use of funds and the schemes outlined at Appendix 1 to the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.

**C.169/18      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 Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services (GD.85/18) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive, and an Officer Decision, were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**C.170/18      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 11.24 pm]