



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, MOSSLEY MILL ON THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2016 AT 6.30 PM

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Councillor T Hogg)
- Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, W Ball, P Barr, T Burns, T Campbell, W DeCourcy, M Cosgrove, M Girvan and R Swann
- Councillors - A Ball, T Beatty, J Blair, P Brett, L Clarke, H Cushinan, B Duffin, T Girvan, M Goodman, P Hamill, N Kells, N Kelly, R Lynch, M Magill, M Maguire, J Montgomery, N McClelland, V McWilliam, P Michael, M Rea, S Ross, J Scott and W Webb
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon
Director of Operations - G Girvan
Head of Governance - L Johnston
Head of Media & Communications - T White
Legal Advisor - P Casey
Environment Manager - Michael Laverty
Media & Marketing Manager - N McCullough
Recycling Manager - L Mayne
ICT Officer - A Cole
Senior Mayor & Member Services Officer - K Smyth
- In attendance** : NOARC21 Community Group Representatives:
- Mr C Buick
 - Mr C Thompson
 - Mr E Scullion
 - Mr J Fullerton
- Becon Consulting Representatives:
- Mr J Ahern
 - Ms J Keaney
 - Mr C O'Hanlon
 - Mr R Hart

MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Special Council Meeting and reminded all present of the audio-recording protocol.

Condolences were extended to Councillor Hollis and family circle, on the death of his Sister-In-Law.

1 APOLOGIES

Aldermen - J Smyth

Councillors - D Arthurs, J Bingham, D Hollis, B Kelso, A Logue, D Ritchie

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

At this point the Mayor asked all present in the public gallery to withdraw from the Chamber and advised that each group presenting would be invited in separately in the order of NOARC21, followed by Becon.

The Mayor advised Elected Members that although this part of the Special Council Meeting was In Committee, it would still be audio recorded for noting purposes, but would not be made available to the public.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Duffin

Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct the remainder of Council business 'In Committee'.

IN COMMITTEE

3 (a) PRESENTATION - NOARC21

TABLED: copies of the powerpoint presentation (representatives confirmed permission for these to be kept in the possession of Elected Members).

IN COMMITTEE

The Mayor welcomed the undernoted representatives from NOARC21:

- Mr Colin Buick (Chair)
- Mr Charlie Thompson (Vice-Chair)
- Mr Eamon Scullion (Energy and Infrastructure Spokesperson)
- Mr John Fullerton (Strategic Planning)

The representatives overviewed the composition and remit of NOARC21, relevant background information, their activities to date, community and political objections (over 3,600 public objections to date), key objection points (location, health, traffic/visual impact, infrastructure and value for money), the planning appeals process, lack of consultation, trends and targets associated with need and future landfill requirements.

Lengthy discussion ensued and the representatives responded to various enquiries from Members elaborating as necessary.

There being no further questions, the Mayor thanked the NOARC21 representatives for addressing Council and they withdrew from the Chamber at 7.25pm.

3 (b) PRESENTATION - BECON CONSULTING

TABLED: (1) letter dated 27 May 2016 from Becon Consortium to Mr J Quinn;
(2) copies of the powerpoint presentation (representatives confirmed permission for these to be kept in the possession of Elected Members).

The Mayor welcomed and introduced the undernoted representatives from Becon Consulting:

- Mr John Ahern
- Ms Jackie Keaney
- Mr Colin O'Hanlon
- Mr Richard Hart

The representatives overviewed their remit and consortium composition, key advantages of the project, key advantages for Councils, local community gain, the need for the project, potential alternatives, traffic impact concerns, proposed roads infrastructure upgrade, public procurement process and next steps.

A lengthy discussion ensued with the representatives responding to various enquiries from Members elaborating as necessary.

There being no further questions, the Mayor thanked the Becon Consortium representatives for addressing Council and they withdrew from the Chamber at 8.45pm.

IN COMMITTEE

4 WM/WM/2; G/LEG/25 CONSIDERATION OF A COMMITMENT TO ARC21 RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT

The Chief Executive provided an update on legal advice and advised that a comprehensive report covering all issues would be brought before Members for consideration incorporating clarification on the undernoted issues relating to the project.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove

RESOLVED: that -

- **The Council defer its decision regarding the Residual Waste Treatment Project in order to seek clarification about recent information received by the Council in respect of the project. This will enable Council Members to make a more fully informed decision which will be in the best interests of its ratepayers.**
- **The Council to remind arc21 that no hearing before the Planning Appeal Commission can proceed without the prior approval of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.**
- **The Council advise arc21 that, given that the procurement process and discussion about this project have gone on for some time, much of which pre-dates the establishment of the new Council, the Council's legal advice is that it is an appropriate time to determine the Council's commitment to the project. To facilitate this, the Council requires arc21 to provide clarity around the following points in relation to the procurement exercise, specifically:**
 - **Duration of the Contract**
 - **Gate Fee**
 - **Minimum guaranteed tonnages**
 - **Also provide clarity around certain other information as part of the process.**

NOTED: that -

(1) a Press Release be issued;

(2) the Chief Executive write to Members about surcharging.

ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon / Paul Casey

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Maguire
Seconded by Councillor Beatty and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct any remaining business 'In Public'.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business on the Agenda the Meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

MAYOR

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