



Comhairle Ceantair  
**an Iúir, Mhúrn  
agus an Dúin**  
**Newry, Mourne  
and Down**  
District Council

September 25th, 2018

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 1st October 2018** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

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## **9.0 Correspondence received from Home Office regarding Use of Cannabis for Medicinal Purposes**

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## **10.0 Correspondence received from NI Strategic Migration Partnership seeking a Council nomination to a Cross-Council Sustainable Communities and Demographic Working Group**

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### *Notices of Motion*

## **11.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hyland**

This Council condemns the unwarranted arrest and detention of two journalists who were instrumental in helping to uncover the truth behind the Loughinisland massacre. We believe that this is an attack on press freedom and can only be perceived as nothing more than a shameful attempt to silence investigative journalism.

## **12.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray**

'People's Vote: This Council acknowledges the result of the EU Referendum of June 2016, but asserts that no one in Newry, Mourne and Down voted for a bad deal, or no deal, that could wreck our economy and jeopardise our peace process.

The Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State and to the Prime Minister expressing its support for the growing demand for a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal.'

## **13.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillors Taylor, Macauley and Burgess**


That this Council notes that Northern Ireland has the highest suicide rate in the UK and that over the last 10 years there have tragically been 255 lives lost and families devastated in the Newry & Mourne & Down District Council areas as a result of it; reminds anyone who may be in distress or despair that support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; urges anyone who may be experiencing suicidal ideations to immediately contact their GP or any one of our brilliant mental health charities; notes that funding on mental health services across Northern Ireland remains wholly inadequate and expresses outrage that the ongoing political impasse at Stormont has meant that Protect Life 2 - the new strategy and action plan to reduce our suicide rate – has still not been published due to the absence of a local Minister; agrees to write to the Secretary of State to emphasize to her that the current situation is unacceptable and to urge her to intervene to secure the immediate publication of the strategy.

*Items Restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014*

## **14.0 Report from Chief Executive regarding Councillor's**

## attendance at meetings

This item is deemed restricted by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to an individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

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*Not included*



# Invitees

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**ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/138/2018	Chairperson's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following items to be referred to the Health Trusts and NI Ambulance in advance of the Health Working Group meetings and the Special Council meeting 22.10.2018:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>break down in function of CT scanner at Daisy Hill Hospital</li> <li>unacceptable delays in ambulance transfers, including emergency transfers (incident involving transfer from Daisy Hill hospital to RVH)</li> <li>major delays in elective surgery</li> <li>unacceptable standard of ambulance cover</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E Devlin D Services		
C/141/2018	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 August 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	<b>Adopted</b>	
C/142/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2018	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p> <p><b><u>ERT/129/2018 – Golf Tourism:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers to investigate production of a brochure on golf courses located within the rural area, akin to that produced by Causeway Coast and Glens Council</li> <li>Local courses should be promoted to Golf Societies in the Republic of Ireland to encourage spend and increase bed nights in the District.</li> </ul>	M Ward  M Ward	<b>Adopted</b>	

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		<b><u>ERT/119/2018 – PLATO Report:</u></b> Information on the PLATO Programme be circulated to all Councillors for their information.	M Ward		
C/144/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2018	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A review of the Community Planning Process be undertaken</li> </ul> <p><b><u>AHC/164/2018 – Proposal for the Introduction of Breastfeeding Welcome Here Scheme to NMD Public Buildings (Phase 1)</u></b></p> <p>Information on a Breastfeeding Peer Support programme being launched in Ballynahinch Market House on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be shared on the Council's social media outlets.</p> <p>Southern Health Trust be contacted to ensure a similar level of support would be provided to Breastfeeding Mothers across the whole District.</p>	<p>M Lipsett</p> <p>J McBride</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>M Lipsett</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p> <p><b>Review has commenced and proposals are currently being developed. To be presented to Elected Members in due course</b></p> <p><b>Actioned</b></p> <p><b>Southern Trust confirmed they offer a similar breast feeding peer support programme.</b></p>	
C/145/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2018	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p> <p><b><u>RTS/108/2018 – Action Sheet of the RTS Committee held on 20 June 2018:</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Taylor advised he had asked for an update regarding a meeting with Regen Waste.</p>	<p>R Moore</p> <p>R Moore/M Ward</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p> <p><b>A date for the Regen meeting has been set. Cllr Taylor has been advised.</b></p>	

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		<p>Mr Moore to follow up and revert to the Councillor as soon as possible.</p> <p><b><u>RTS/109/2018 – Notice of Motion – Fly Tipping:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council also write to the neighbouring Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council as part of the motion.</li> <li>• Mr Moore advised the access arrangements for household recycling centres were being reviewed this financial year, and he would include letters to Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council also.</li> <li>• Consideration be given to incentivising schemes for local clubs and groups to adopt an area to maintain and keep clean.</li> <li>• Litter pickers, plastic bags and gloves be left in Kilkeel Leisure Centre in order that local people could organise litter picks.</li> <li>• A letter be sent to Road Service asking why weed spraying had not taken place in a timely manner.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>RTS/111/2018 – Pedestrianizing a Section of Kings Lane, Warrenpoint:</u></b> Council write to the Chamber of Commerce and consult with local people about this scheme and Mr Moore to revert to Councillor Carr on the issue.</p>	R Moore	<b>Letter sent on 10 September 2018</b>	
			R Moore	<b>To be undertaken in 2018/19 year</b>	
				<b>Complete</b>	
			R Moore	<b>Letter sent on 10 September 2018</b>	
				<b>A formal written request has been made to the Department and officers have written to Warrenpoint Chamber of Commerce and Trade as requested</b>	

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		<b><u>RTS/110/2018 – Notice of Motion – Clanrye River, Newry:</u></b> Officers to continue with surveys of some identified car parks to identify the most suitable locations for litter bins.		<b>Complete</b>	
C/146/2018	Correspondence from The Executive Office regarding Historical Clerical Child Abuse	Noted			Y
C/147/2018	Correspondence from DfI regarding Shimna River Flood Alleviation Scheme	Noted			Y
C/148/2018	Correspondence received from NAC re Conference	Noted			Y
C/149/2018	Correspondence received from NAC regarding advance notice of NAC UK Conference/AGM	Referred for discussion to Party Representatives Meeting on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018.	Democratic Services	<b>Discussed at PRF 05/09/18 and agreed all Members representing Council on NAC be eligible to attend.</b>	
C/150/2018	Correspondence received from Rural Community Network regarding nominations for the Board of Directors	Councillor Byrne be nominated for the Board of Directors of Rural Community Network 2018-2020.	Democratic Services	<b>Nomination submitted</b>	

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C/151/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Devlin – Newcastle Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to allow officers to investigate the possibility of erecting a temporary beach structure at the promenade or seafront in Newcastle and the provision of sand at Warrenpoint with costings and options being brought back.</li> <li>It was also agreed that NIEA be invited to ERT Committee to discuss the possibilities of sand provision at both Newcastle and Warrenpoint.</li> </ul>	M Ward		
C/152/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Enright – funding of Community Festivals	Referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the next meeting of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee.	M Ward		
C/153/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ruane – Post Brexit Democratic Rights	Agreed on the proposal that this Council acknowledges commitments made in the Brexit negotiations (both the Joint Report and the Draft Agreement) where Irish/EU citizens in the north of Ireland 'will continue to enjoy, exercise and have access to rights, opportunities and benefits as EU citizens'; recognises that this body of rights includes democratic rights i.e. the right to vote and stand as candidates in EU elections; calls on the Irish Government to facilitate this right given that Ireland has been allocated two additional MEP seats; calls on the Irish Government to amend the legislation, allocate those seats to the north of Ireland and allow citizens in the north to vote for candidates for these seats in order that they may be represented in the EU Parliament; calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government	L Hannaway	<p><b>Letters sent 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></p> <p><b>Holding letters received from Taoiseach and Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.</b></p>	

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		requesting this and additionally writes to the EU Parliament, UK Government and NI Government seeking their support in facilitating the requests contained within this motion.			



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3 September 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**In the Chair:** Councillor M Murnin**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor JJ Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor B Walker

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C/138/2018

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Clarke, Doran, Harte and Stokes.

- The Chairperson expressed his condolences to the family of Darren Hogg from Ballykinler who lost his life in a motorcycle accident over the weekend.
- The Chairperson stated August had been a very busy time with events including Footsteps in the Forest; Festival of Flight, which although had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather had a very successful STEM village which could be expanded upon next year; Men's Shed and SPACE in Newry represented the District at the Pride of Place Awards in Cork; Wake the Giant in its new format; 2 golf tournaments – Summer of Golf and Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Trophy; a

trip to Kinsale to the unveiling of the Lusitania Davit where it was great to see the appreciation the local community had for the Council for returning the Davit; official opening of Warrenpoint Park and the launch of Saintfield Community Centre.

- Councillor Casey raised an issue regarding health matters and asked that a meeting be organised as soon as possible with the Health Forum. The Chief Executive advised a meeting was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> October as per the new format and health forum meetings would be held prior to this meeting. He suggested that Members with any issues should forward these through to Democratic Services to be passed onto the relevant officers. The following items were raised to be passed on:
  - break down in function of CT scanner at Daisy Hill Hospital (raised by Councillor Casey)
  - unacceptable delays in ambulance transfers, including emergency transfers (incident involving transfer from Daisy Hill hospital to RVH - raised by Councillor Casey)
  - major delays in elective surgery and difficulties this creates for people who then have no idea when their procedures may be scheduled (raised by Councillor Reilly)
  - unacceptable standard of ambulance cover (raised by Councillor Quinn)

#### **C/139/2018            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **C/140/2018            ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2018**

Read:                    Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 August 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:                The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 August 2018 was agreed.**

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

#### **C/141/2018            MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2018**

Read:                    Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 August 2018 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:                The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 August 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION****C/142/2018      MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2018**

Read:                      Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2018 (copy circulated).

**ERT/129/2018 – Golf Tourism:**

Councillor Byrne welcomed the golf familiarisation trip as an excellent opportunity for the District however asked that a brochure be produced to acknowledge the golf courses contained within the rural area, akin to that produced by Causeway Coast and Glens Council who had a 10 point publication brochure which was distributed to businesses to identify golf courses.

Mrs Ward advised a similar brochure had been compiled prior to the Irish Open and she would have officers investigate the production of a similar brochure.

The Chairperson stated many Golf Societies in Northern Ireland would have their outings in the Republic of Ireland and that local courses should be promoted to Golf Societies in the Republic of Ireland to encourage spend and increase bed nights.

**ERT/119/2018 – PLATO Report:**

Councillor Craig asked that the information on the PLATO Programme be circulated to all Councillors for their information.

Mrs Ward stated she would forward the information to all Members.

**ERT/124/2018 – Dfl Letters of Offer for further Greenway Project Development Work:**

Councillor McMurray asked for an update on the establishment of the steering committee.

Mrs Ward advised the actions arising from the meeting would progress following approval of the minutes at the Council Meeting.

**ERT/123/2018 – Belfast Region City Deal Update:**

The Chief Executive provided an update on the City Deal stating Council was still working towards the deadline of 21 September 2018 to reach a final agreed prioritised list of investment proposals.

Councillor Harvey asked for an update on which projects were being considered.

The Chief Executive advised the main projects were Southern Relief Road, Newry City Regeneration, Newcastle Gateway Project, Digital 5G testbed, expansion of broadband and targeting screen.

**AGREED:                      The Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2018 were agreed as**

**an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor McMahon.**

**C/143/2018      MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2018**

**Read:** Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2018 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** **The Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess.**

**C/144/2018      MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2018**

**Read:** Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor Fitzpatrick congratulated the Director and his team on the delivery of a fantastic play park in Warrenpoint which has been very well used since the gates opened.

Councillor Craig proposed that a review of the Community Planning process be undertaken in order to discover how well it was working, what obstacles were in place and how better outcomes can be achieved. This was seconded by Councillor Trainor.

The Chief Executive this issue had been raised and the functions of working groups was being looked at prior to the new Council following elections.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Trainor that a review of the Community Planning Process be undertaken.**

**AHC/164/2018 – Proposal for the Introduction of Breastfeeding Welcome Here Scheme to NMD Public Buildings (Phase 1)**

Councillor Devlin welcomed the scheme and advised support was vitally important for those mothers who make the choice to breastfeed. She stated she had met with South Eastern Trust to discuss the lack of support in the area and a Breastfeeding Peer Support programme was being launched in Ballynahinch Market House on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 10am-1pm. She asked if she sent the information through to Democratic Services if this could be shared on the Council's social media outlets.

Councillor Quinn asked that Southern Health Trust be contacted to ensure this level of support would be available across the whole District.

**AHC/156/2018 – Play Strategy Upgrades/Transformation Schemes**

Councillor McAteer queried whether the Ballyholland consultation had been completed and whether further visits following the consultation would be taking place.

Mr Haughey advised the playground at Ballyholland would be coming to the September Committee Meeting and Playboard had completed the community consultation with the design coming to committee in September and they would then go back to the community with the proposals.

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Quinn.**

**C/145/2018                    MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2018**

Read:                            Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2018 (copy circulated).

**RTS/108/2018 – Action Sheet of the RTS Committee held on 20 June 2018:**

Councillor Taylor advised he had asked for an update regarding a meeting with Regen Waste and had not received an update as yet.

Mr Moore advised he would follow up with the officers involved and revert to the Councillor as soon as possible.

**RTS/109/2018 – Notice of Motion – Fly Tipping:**

Councillor Larkin asked for an update on the issue of fly tipping and whether there were any attempts to bring those that fly tip to justice.

Mr Moore advised the actions arising from the meeting would progress following approval of the minutes at the Council Meeting.

Councillor Byrne stated he would like the Council to exhaust all avenues in its power to stop domestic dumping. He stated the household recycling centre rules need relaxed to ensure people can dump domestic rubbish that was too large for cars. Sites need to become more tolerant and relax the red tape.

Councillor Taylor proposed that Council also write to the neighbouring Antrim, Banbridge and Craigavon Council as part of the motion. This was seconded by Councillor Larkin.

Mr Moore advised the access arrangements for household recycling centres were being reviewed this financial year and he would include letters to Antrim, Banbridge and Craigavon Council also.

Councillor Reilly stated Council should introduce some incentivising schemes for local clubs and groups to adopt an area to maintain and keep clean. He also asked that litter pickers, plastic bags and gloves be left in Kilkeel Leisure Centre in order that local

people can organise litter picks.

Mr Moore advised neighbourhood services project would look at promoting positive relationships in the community and there were already initiatives such as Down Your Street that were very successful.

Councillor McAteer queried whether enforcement staff were curtailed in their ability to address dog fouling. He also asked that a letter be sent to Road Service asking why the weed spraying had not taken place on time.

**RTS/113/2018 – Car Park Tariff Review – Update:**

Councillor Sharvin asked why officers had not implemented the review immediately as agreed in June.

The Chief Executive advised that officers had begun work to carry out consultancy and do the review and this had been expedited as it would not have been originally due to begin until October 2018. He stated the process could not be carried out in weeks and officers had implemented the Council's decision immediately following ratification of the minutes.

Councillor Trainor stated the development of car parks needed to be addressed as people need to see upgrades if they were expected to pay for parking.

**RTS/111/2018 – Pedestrianising a Section of Kings Lane, Warrenpoint:**

Councillor Carr stated consultation needed to be carried out with the public and businesses in the area before any pedestrianising the area.

Mr Moore advised the officers involved would write to the chamber of commerce and would consult with local people, he stated he would revert to Councillor Carr on the issue.

**RTS/110/2018 – Notice of Motion – Clanrye River, Newry:**

Councillor Savage asked why there were no Council litter bins placed within the Council car parks as this would enable people to dispose of their rubbish rather than littering.

Mr Moore advised some of the car parks were recently transferred but officers had been tasked with undertaking surveys to identify the most suitable locations for bins.

**AGREED:**                    **The Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES**

**C/146/2018**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE REGARDING HISTORICAL CLERICAL CHILD ABUSE**



**Read:** Correspondence dated 11 July 2018 from The Executive Office stating that the PSNI was currently carrying out investigations into clerical abuse at St Colman's College and the investigation was also looking at safeguarding policies and procedures. It also provided an update on the work of the Inter-Departmental Working Group's work on mother and baby homes/Magdalene asylums and clerical child abuse, stating the work was continuing as directed. (copy circulated).

**NOTED:** **The correspondence received regarding historical clerical child abuse was noted.**

**C/147/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGARDING SHIMNA RIVER FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 22 August 2018 from Mr I Coulter, DfI Rivers, Lusitania Museum inviting representations from Members regarding the publication of an Environmental Statement for the Shimna River Flood Alleviation Scheme, with a closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (copy circulated)

**NOTED:** **The correspondence received regarding Shimna River Flood Alleviation Scheme was noted.**

**C/148/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS REGARDING NAC CONFERENCE – TACKLING AUSTERITY THROUGH INNOVATION**

**Read:** Correspondence dated 15 August 2018 received from National Association of Councillors regarding NAC Conference – Tackling Austerity Through Innovation being held on 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in The Crowne Plaza, Harrogate (copy circulated).

**NOTED:** **The correspondence was noted.**

**C/149/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS REGARDING NAC UK CONFERENCE/AGM**

**Read:** Correspondence received from National Association of Councillors regarding Advance Notice of their 2018 UK Conference and AGM being held from 23-25 November 2018 in Crowne Plaza, Chester. (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to discuss the issue of NAC UK Conference/AGM attendance at the Party Reps Meeting on**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**C/150/2018**      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Read:                      Correspondence dated 20 August 2018 received from Rural Community Network seeking nominations for the Board of Directors of Rural Community Network 2018-2020. (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**              **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Curran that Councillor Byrne be nominated for the Board of Directors of Rural Community Network 2018-2020.**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**C/151/2018**              **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR DEVLIN**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Devlin:

**"This Council acknowledges that NIEA have determined, along with other coastal erosion experts, that due to the construction of the promenade, sand is naturally depleted from Newcastle beach and there will never be enough sand to form a usable beach, and efforts to place sand on the beach would be counterproductive. As such, Council will commit to investigate the creation of an artificial beach such as the one developed in Paris, in order to maximise the tourism potential of the area and provide a recreational space for local people as well."**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Devlin stated Newcastle was missing a sandy beach over the summer months and asked that officers examine the seafront and area on the promenade and report back to Council with costings and options in order to improve outdoor amenity in the Newcastle area.

Councillor Hanna seconded the motion stating Newcastle was a tourist coastal village and should have a sandy beach perhaps closed in with protection from the elements.

Members spoke in support of the motion with Councillor Ruane proposing an amendment to add that the provision of sand at Warrenpoint should also be investigated along with an invitation being extended to NIEA to attend a meeting to have a discussion around putting sand on the beach.

**AGREED:**              **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Hanna to allow officers to investigate the possibility of erecting a temporary beach structure at the promenade or seafront in Newcastle and the provision of**



sand at Warrenpoint with costings and options being brought back. It was also agreed that NIEA be invited to ERT Committee to look at the possibilities of sand provision at both Newcastle and Warrenpoint.

**C/152/2018**  
**ENRIGHT**

**NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR**

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Enright:

**"Council recognises that a small number of community festivals running for 20 years or more - especially in the Old Down Council Area - are also important markers on the tourism trail. Council recognises that current annualised funding arrangements make funding for these festivals precarious and uncertain from year to year and inhibit festival organisers booking in advance to get best prices or tie up time that might be used to get matching funding elsewhere. Council resolves to create a multi-annual funding mechanism similar to that for Service Level Agreements used for community centres to allow recognised festival committees to enhance and expand their work secure in the knowledge that they have core funding"**

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hyland and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the next meeting of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

Councillor Ruane queried why the previous motion had been allowed to be discussed when it should have been sent to a committee. The Chairperson advised the last motion straddled three different committees therefore he decreed, as Chair, to allow the motion to be heard.

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed to refer the motion to the ERT Committee Meeting.

**C/153/2018**

**NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR**  
**MULGREW**

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Mulgrew:

**"That this Council acknowledges the commitments made in the Brexit negotiations (both the Joint Report and the Draft Agreement) where Irish/EU citizens in the north of Ireland 'will continue to enjoy, exercise and have access to rights, opportunities and benefits as EU citizens; recognises that this body of rights includes democratic rights i.e. the right to vote and stand as candidates in EU elections; calls on the Irish Government to facilitate this right given that Ireland has been allocated two additional MEP seats; calls on the Irish Government to amend the legislation, allocate those seats to the north of Ireland and allow citizens in the north to vote for candidates for these seats in order that they may be represented in the EU Parliament; calls on the Chief Executive**

**to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government requesting this.”**

In proposing the motion, Councillor Mulgrew stated there should be no diminution of the rights of the people of the North of Ireland and one of those rights identified that they had the right to stand and elect members of the European Parliament. She stated that the reallocation of the British seats within the EU means that Ireland will receive two new seats and these should be allocated to the North of Ireland.

Councillor Casey seconded the motion.

Councillor McAteer stated it was SDLP policy and the current position of the party to support the motion however he asked for an amendment to the motion stating it should also contain that Council write to the EU Parliament, UK Parliament and NI Assembly as it would only be possible to have the seats if at the agreement of Ireland, NI, EU and the UK governments.

Councillor Mulgrew did not accept the amendment as she stated her understanding was that the additional seats were being given to the Irish Government therefore the first port of call should be to write to them and depending of their response then contact the other institutions.

Councillor Byrne seconded the amendment stating the two additional seats were being given to one of the underrepresented counties and if the Irish Government support the sentiment of the motion but do not have the structures in place to back up the decision then this would not be possible.

The Chairperson put the amendment to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	11
AGAINST:	9
ABSTENTIONS:	9

The motion as amended was carried.

Councillor Craig stated the DUP would not support the motion as amended as it was an attempt to re-write the Belfast Agreement and this did not confer voting rights to someone living in Northern Ireland holding an Irish passport.

Councillor Byrne stated he was in support of the amended motion stating the Irish Government need to be less restrictive in terms of voting for those diaspora who live outside the country.

Councillor Taylor stated the UUP would not support the motion as it was an attempt to change the constitutional status of Northern Ireland.

Councillor Walker questioned whether legally Council could write to the Irish Government.

The Chief Executive stated there was no reason why Council could not write to the Irish Government on any issue as had been done in the past.

The Chairperson put the motion, as amended to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	20
AGAINST:	6
ABSTENTIONS:	1

The motion was carried.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Byrne that this Council acknowledged the commitments made in the Brexit negotiations (both the Joint Report and the Draft Agreement) where Irish/EU citizens in the north of Ireland 'will continue to enjoy, exercise and have access to rights, opportunities and benefits as EU citizens; recognises that this body of rights includes democratic rights i.e. the right to vote and stand as candidates in EU elections; called on the Irish Government to facilitate this right given that Ireland has been allocated two additional MEP seats; called on the Irish Government to amend the legislation, and this Council also writes to EU Parliament, UK Government and NI Government seeking their support in facilitating their requests contained in this motion and allocate those seats to the north of Ireland and allow citizens in the north to vote for candidates for these seats in order that they may be represented in the EU Parliament; called on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government requesting this.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Signed:

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Chairperson

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Chief Executive

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL****NMC/SC****Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 August 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

**In the Chair:** Councillor M Murnin 6 pm – 6.20 pm  
Councillor O McMahon 6.20 pm – 7.55 pm

**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor C Casey	Councillor D Curran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mrs M Ward, Director Community Planning & Performance  
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Human Resources  
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration  
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr G McLaughlin, Service Delivery Manager, Translink  
Mr C McHugh, Service Delivery Manager, Translink  
Ms A Connor, Area Scheduler, Translink

**SC/26/2018****APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Burgess, Carr, Clarke, Doran, Fitzpatrick, Harte, Harvey, Quinn and Stokes.

An apology was also received from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities.

**SC/27/2018****DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM****ITEM RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014****SC/28/2018      ON-GOING INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**Agreed:**            On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 4 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Council or a government department and employees of, or office holders under, the Council.

**Agreed:**            On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed the Council come out of closed session.

**Agreed:**            When the Council came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised the update provided on on-going industrial relations was noted.

Councillors Hyland and Larkin joined the meeting during the above discussion – 6.10pm and 6.15pm respectively.

Councillor Murnin left the meeting at this point and Councillor McMahon assumed the Chair – 6.20pm.

Councillor Trainor left the meeting during the following discussion – 6.25pm.

**SC/29/2018      PRESENTATION FROM TRANSLINK**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Ciaran McHugh, Mr Greg McLaughlin and Ms Avril Connor from Translink to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr McHugh thanked the Chairperson for the opportunity to present to Council once again and confirmed all actions taken from the last meeting had now been completed. A copy of these actions would be forwarded for circulation to Members for their information.

Mr McHugh highlighted the following points from the Downpatrick and Newcastle area:

- An increase in the frequency of Saturday 215 Express Services from Downpatrick to Belfast, now offering 8 return trips from 0745-1845.
- 240 Newry Service had been aligned to connect with the new X5 Services improving Dublin connection with Strangford/Lecale. From September 2018 there would be 2 additional connections on the timetable with X5 and X1 in Newry on the 0655 and 1800 departures from Downpatrick.

- A trial of the Midnight Movers from Belfast to Downpatrick and Newcastle had taken place and it was anticipated that by late November, early December in the run up to Christmas, these would be replicated.
- The 237 Express departing Newcastle at 1300 and 1430 had run throughout the summer however this had to be reduced due to resources implications. The plan would be to reintroduce early 2019.
- There had been an introduction of two additional return trips to/from Killyleagh on a Sunday, departing at 1205 and 1745, and to/from Strangford at 1205 and 1745.
- Following a review of the Ballykinalr 16c Service it would now provide a connection to the Clough Medical Centre from September 2018 under the 16g Service .
- Translink meets three times a year with a passenger focus group and from this Ballynoe had now been added as a point on the 16d Services to Ballylucas from September 2018.
- The timings for the 16a Service for Ardglass had changed from 1100 to 1105, Monday to Friday to allow better connection with the Belfast Service.
- The Saturday departure time from Killyleagh had been changed to 0830 as a direct response from a customer enquiry enabling customers to get to work for 9am.
- Plans were in place to trial a bus service every Thursday to Sprucefield, Lisburn from Downpatrick early/mid November to December.
- Intend to review services from Newcastle and Downpatrick to achieve a more streamlined service through Carryduff.
- There was a new URB service which would operate the 622 from Cairnshill Park n Ride site.
- Review the possible introduction of a service to Downpatrick using the motorway in the evening similar to the current 237a Newcastle Service.
- Reference was made to a you tube production called 'Roadshare' which demonstrated the effectiveness of double decker bus services and Members were urged to watch it.

Mr McLaughlin then provided an update on services within the Newry Area including the following:

- Newry had its own dedicated service following the development and implementation of a new direct Newry to Dublin service from June 2018. This Express Service to Dublin (X5) was operating from 0715 to 1815. Outside these hours the service was operated by Belfast (X1).
- Belfast Express Services were near capacity and Translink were looking to run a more direct service to Belfast. The morning and evening peak services would bypass Dromore and Hillsborough reducing the travelling time to/from Belfast. This would be introduced by November 2018.
- It was hoped the Goldline fleet which operated to Belfast and Dublin would be replaced with higher capacity and specification buses next year.
- Work was ongoing with Council in a joint initiative to pilot late night services from November in the lead up to Christmas for Newry to Crossmaglen, and Newry to Kilkeel, on Friday nights. This pilot would operate from 5 October 2018, for 12 weeks, with each bus leaving Newry at 2130.
- Translink were hoping to introduce two additional Belfast services on Saturdays to cater for the increasing demand.
- It was hoped late night services would operate from Belfast on a Friday & Saturday night from mid-November on in the lead up to Christmas.



- Service 39 Warrenpoint/Rostrevor was to be reviewed with a view to building in extra capacity as we envisage growth on this route.

Representatives from Translink then responded to queries as follows:

### **Downpatrick DEA**

Councillor Enright asked that Translink revisit the original Downpatrick (via Newcastle) to Dublin Service which had stopped despite being successful approx 10 years ago. He also highlighted issues with traffic congestion in Strangford due to Ferry traffic and commented that both Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service had appealed to have this matter resolved.

### **Rowallane DEA**

Councillor Walker commended the team at Translink for all their efforts throughout the area and appealed to them to closely monitor bus routes for children commencing the new school year.

Councillor Walker also highlighted the need for a Park n Ride facility for the Downpatrick to Belfast route with ever increasing volumes of traffic parking in villages such as Crossgar.

### **Newry DEA**

Councillor Savage thanked Translink for the provision of the late night service which was so valuable to the night time economy of Newry.

Councillor Savage asked Translink to examine the route from Derrybeg, the Meadow, Father Cullen Park, Bessbrook and Camlough Road and asked if it could work in reverse as many found the route took too long.

In response to a query from Councillor Hyland regarding the advertising of services and changes to services, Mr McHugh explained another department dealt with advertising and that it was mostly done through the website, various social media platforms and journey planners.

Councillor Hyland enquired about the harmonization of passes for people 60 years+. Mr McHugh explained it was a cross border issue with passes made available to those 60 years+ in Northern Ireland and to those 65 years+ cross border.

### **Slieve Gullion DEA**

Councillor Hearty raised concerns regarding transport between Crossmaglen and Newry, particularly in the evenings. He welcomed the introduction of the Friday night service however expressed concern around the timing of its implementation being October. He commented there was a missed opportunity of enabling people, especially younger people to avail of this service during the summer months.

Councillors Hearty and Byrne asked that the service be well advertised and that Translink ensure it was provided next summer to give people access to the new leisure centre, cinema and city centre facilities.

Mr McHugh undertook to examine the points raised. He highlighted there was now a pathway for Council to have input on such issues with funding partially provided by Council and Translink providing the resources on pilot schemes.

### **Crotlieve DEA**

Councillor Tinnelly enquired about a bus stop at the Victoria Lock following the recently opened Greenway.

Mr McLaughlin confirmed that it was Bus Eireann that would be required to seek an application for a bus stop at that point, and that Bus Eireann would also need to liaise with Roads Service.

Councillor McAteer enquired if Translink would extend the Mourne Rambler Service to include the Carlingford Ferry and Greenway as it would be an opportunity for developing these areas.

Mr McHugh advised the Mourne Rambler Service was always under review due to the level of tourism and confirmed he would take the matter forward for further consideration.

Councillor McAteer also enquired about the potential to provide services to places such as universities in Dublin.

Mr McHugh explained it was doubtful that licences would be granted to pick up outside of the Express Service to Dublin and Dublin airport.

In response to a query from the Chairperson, Councillor McMahan, Mr McHugh agreed to provide an update at a later time in relation to a bus shelter at Spelga Park, Hilltown.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their attendance and extended the thanks of the Council to the team across the whole District.

Mr McHugh confirmed Translink had scheduled a 'Meet your Manager' Event to take place at the Downpatrick Bus Station on Friday 21 September 2018 from 10.30am-12.00pm and extended an invitation to any Councillors who wished to attend.

Councillors Howell, Curran, Enright, Taylor, McAteer, Rice, Byrne and Loughran left the meeting during the above discussion – 6.55pm, 7.00pm, 7.05pm, 7.05pm, 7.17pm, 7.20pm, 7.20pm and 7.20pm respectively.

**SC/30/2018**

### **BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL – UPDATE ON EMERGING PROPOSITION**

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 28 August 2018, regarding an update on Belfast Region City Deal (copy circulated).

Mr Hannaway delivered a presentation providing an update on the Investment Proposition for the Belfast Region City Deal (copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes).



Mr Hannaway advised the Belfast City Deal Councils were still working towards the deadline of 21 September 2018 to reach a final agreed prioritised list of investment proposals.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Savage to approve the contents of the report and presentation provided and agree to Council continuing to work on the Belfast Region City Deal Proposition and that the City Deal Councillor Reference Group be delegated the power to oversee the progress on the economic proposition and take decisions in relation to the Council's interests in the Deal and decide on the need for further Council Meetings to consider any major changes to the proposition.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to circulate a copy of the presentation to all Members for their information.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.55pm.**

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 1 October 2018.

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

### Minutes of City Deal Councillor Reference Group held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 1pm in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

**In attendance:**           **(Councillors)**  
 Councillor R Mulgrew  
 Councillor M Ruane  
 Councillor H Reilly  
 Councillor D Taylor  
 Councillor J Tinnley

**(Officials)**  
 Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
 Mrs M Ward, Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration  
 Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration  
 Mrs Amanda Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Byrne and Murnin

### **UPDATE REPORT FROM LIAM HANNAWAY ON BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL**

Mr Hannaway outlined that at the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Special Council meeting, the City Deal Councillor Reference Group was delegated the power to oversee the progress on the City Deal proposition and take decisions in relation to the Council's interests in the Deal. It was agreed that the need for further Council meetings would be reviewed if there were any major changes to the proposition. As no major changes have been made to the proposition from the last presentation at full Council; an update report was presented and circulated.

Mr Hannaway highlighted the following points:

- City Deal Consultants, KPMG have completed cost and economic benefit analysis on the projects
- Strategic Outline Business Cases have been completed for each project as required by the lead UK Department, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)
- Late September, City Deal Council's will submit the proposition to MHCLG and commence negotiations for a £1 Million City Deal for the Belfast Region
- Under the key City Deal Themes the current funding ask is as follows:
  - Infrastructure: £230 million
  - Regeneration: £80 million
  - Tourism: £140 million
  - Digital & Innovation: £450 million
- Requested funding split for the Investment deal is 45% MHCLG, 45% NIO and 10% NI Councils. The contribution from UK Government will be allocated to the digital and innovation initiatives.
- The proposition for investment in this Council region has remained as was presented at the Full Council meeting on 28th August 18; this includes
  - The Southern Relief Road,
  - Newcastle Gateway to the Mournes: Thomas Quarry Visitor Centre, and Gondola Infrastructure
  - Newry City Regeneration: Theatre & Conference facility, Grade A office provision and public realm works

- A Maker Space / Innovation Space
  - Connectivity (includes high speed broadband)
  - 5G Testbed
- The capital requirement for Council against the above projects is £22 million, with approximately £161.5 million funding request to the UK Government and the NIO.
- Mrs M Ward highlighted that costing presented includes optimism bias/contingency in line with all capital projects within the BRCD as applied by the cost consultants working on behalf of all BRCD partners.

**Agreed: It was agreed to approve that Newry, Mourne and Down, with other City Deal Councils, submit the investment proposition to Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government and enter a period of negotiation to achieve a City Deal for the Belfast Region by November 2018**

**It was agreed to approve the current investment proposals for the Council area, and associated capital requirements which will be required in future years**

**It was agree to approve the contents of the report which sets out the proposed Investment Proposition to be submitted to MHCLG and the next steps in the progression of the Belfast Region City Deal**

**Addendum to minutes of Special Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

As part of the Belfast Region City Deal negotiations and wider engagement with stakeholders, the Belfast Region City Deal partners will host an event in Westminster to meet with politicians and businesses and update them on the proposals for the City Deal. This engagement is a critical element in the negotiations, in order to reinforce the importance of a City Deal for driving forward inclusive economic growth across the region.

**It is recommended that the City Deal Councillor Reference Group and officers attend the Belfast Region City Deal Westminster briefing on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 September 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Ruane

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**

Councillor P Byrne  
Councillor M Carr  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor D Curran  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor O McMahon  
Councillor B Quinn

**Officials  
in Attendance:**

Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism  
Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration  
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/136/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Burgess, Stokes, Tinnelly and Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director Tourism, Culture & Events.

**ERT/137/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ERT/138/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM MEETING OF MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2018**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 August 2018. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 August 2018.

### **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS**

#### **ERT/139/2018: AONBs UPDATE – RING OF GULLION, STRANGFORD LOUGH & LECALÉ**

**Read:** Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration regarding the AONBs Update on Ring of Gullion, Strangford Lough & Lecale. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked what the review entailed and said he had concerns relating to the wording contained in the report where it referred to 'All 3 AONBs within the boundaries of NMDDC are undergoing significant change in terms of funding, staffing and major projects coming to an end' He said whilst he accepted there would be changes to funding, he didn't want to see any changes in terms of staffing and major projects and that staff, particularly the staff of the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership did an excellent job and Slieve Gullion was a major tourism success story for the Council.

Ms Ward stated that it would not be appropriate to discuss staffing matters as the Committee was in open session, however she said there was no intention to make any significant changes to these areas. With regard to the review, Ms Ward said it was to be undertaken at the request of Ards and North Down Council with emphasis on Strangford Lough and Lecale, the main purpose of the review was to assess how best to manage and protect the AONBs in the district.

Councillor Byrne asked that the wording in the report relating to changes in staffing and major projects be amended. Ms Ward agreed that this would be done.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed that:

- **Carry out an independent review of the management of the Ring of Gullion and Strangford Lough & Lecale AONBs, and the relationship between NMDDC and ANDBC in managing Strangford Lough & Lecale AONB.**
- **Review the management of the relationship between NMDDC and Mourne Heritage Trust in managing the Mourne AONB.**
- **Assess the relationship of the aspiring Geopark and the AONBs. Through the AONBs much of the Geopark**

- requirements are being delivered.
- **Remove any references to changes to staffing and major projects contained in the AONBs Update Report dated 10 September 2018.**

**ERT/140/2018: NEWRY CHAMBER VISIT TO CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN EVENT 3/4 DECEMBER 2018**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Newry Chamber visit to Construction and Design Event to be held on 3/4 December 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Carr asked if it would be beneficial for the Council to send a delegate to the event, Mr McGilly replied that although it had not been considered in discussions with Newry Chamber thus far, it could be raised at a future meeting with the Chamber.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed that:**

- **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree funding of £5,000 to Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade towards the London Construction and Design event 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. This is subject to there being a suitable application process to ensure wide participation of companies from the local area.**
- **Explore the potential benefit of sending a Council delegate to the Construction and Design Event on the 3/4 December 2018 with Newry Chamber.**

**TOURISM, CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS**

**ERT/141/2018: CAPITAL WORKS AT DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Capital Works at Down County Museum. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to go to procurement for a supplier to install two replacement switchboards.**

**ERT/142/2018: GREENWAY TRANSPORT**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Greenway transport. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Quinn said there was a need for a toilet block at Victoria Lock and asked if this had ever been considered.

Councillor McAteer referred to a previous Full Council Meeting at which Translink was present, he said the need for providing 'round the lough' public convenience services had been discussed at that meeting and he asked that the provision of these services be included in future meetings with Translink.

Ms Ward said she would ensure that this was included in future discussions with Translink.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed that:**

- **Council Officers engage DfI/Translink Officials to progress the possibility of installing a bus stop at the Victoria Lock site, and in increasing the number of buses passing the site each day.**
- **The provision of 'round the lough' public convenience services be included for discussion at future meetings with Translink.**

#### **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION – FOR NOTING**

##### **ERT/143/2018: NEWRY PHASE III PUBLIC REALM**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Newry Hill Street Phase III Public Realm Scheme – Task and Finish Steering Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: The Newry Phase III Public Realm report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.**

##### **ERT/144/2018: SEAFLAG 2**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding SEAFLAG 2. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: The SEAFLAG 2 report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.**

##### **ERT/145/2018: LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK (LLFN) FUNDING BID**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Local Full Fibre Network (LLFN) Funding Bid. **(Copy circulated)**



Councillor Byrne referred to the LFFN funding and asked for more detail.

Ms Ward replied that a formal bid had recently been submitted by Council and DCMS had advised that the bid was successful and had progressed to the next stage. Ms Ward continued, saying Council was aiming for a £30m bid and she anticipated a special workshop for Councillors would be arranged in the next few weeks to update them on the details.

**Agreed: The Local Full Fibre Network (LLFN) Funding Bid report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.**

**ERT/146/2018: STRANGFORD LOUGH AND LECALÉ PARTNERSHIP UPDATE - LIVE HERE AND LOVE HERE GRANT AWARD**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update – Live Here and Love Here Grant Award. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: The Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update – Live Here and Love Here Grant Award Report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.**

**ERT/147/2018: HALLOWEEN & CHRISTMAS SLAS**

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Halloween & Christmas SLAs. **(Copy circulated)**

Ms Ward advised that the dates for the Christmas illuminations events were incorrect on the report circulated and should read: The Council Christmas illumination events in Downpatrick and Newry will take place on Thursday 22 November (Newry) and Friday 23 November (Downpatrick)

**Agreed: The Halloween & Christmas SLAs report dated 10 September was 'noted'.**

**Amendment to the dates of the Christmas illumination events – Thursday 22 November 2018 (Newry) and Friday 23 November (Downpatrick) - 'noted'.**

**ERT/148/2018: LOUTH/NMD JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Read: Report of Joint Committee of Elected Members between Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Report dated 18 April 2018 in the Council Chamber, Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                **The Louth/NMD Joint Committee Report was 'noted'.**

**ERT/149/2018:    HOTEL DEVELOPMENTS IN DOWNPATRICK**

**Read:**                Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding hotel developments in Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                **The Hotel Developments in Downpatrick report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.**

**ERT/150/2018:    SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

**Read:**                Report on Scheme of Delegation. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                **The Scheme of Delegation was 'noted'.**

**ERT/151/2018:    ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET**

**Read:**                Action Tracker Update Sheet. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                **The Action Tracker Sheet was 'noted'.**

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**Agreed:**                **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

**ERT/152/2018:    LEASE OF WALLED GARDEN AT SLIEVE GULLION**

**Read:**                Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Lease of Walled Garden and Workshop, Slieve Gullion Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to enter into a Lease for a four-year minimum period, subject to annual review, on the basis of agreeing the terms of the lease and appropriate valuation.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on 1 October 2018.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor M Ruane**  
**Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ms M Ward**  
**Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL****Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor M Savage

**In Attendance:**

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Enright
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor Ó Muiri	Councillor J Rice
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

**Also in Attendance:**

Councillor T Andrews  
 Councillor G Craig  
 Councillor M Larkin  
 Councillor K Loughran

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
 Mrs M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism  
 Mr J McBride, Asst. Director Community Planning & Performance  
 Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy  
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer  
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

**SPR/111/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Clarke, Councillor Doran, Councillor McMahon and Mr L Hannaway.

Councillor Ruane stated that two Councillors were unable to make the meeting due to a DEA Meeting taking place at the same time and he said it was important that clashes in the diary, such as this, be avoided.

Mrs Carville said she would follow up on this matter.

**SPR/112/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**SPR/113/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 16 August 2018 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

## **PLANNING**

### **SPR/114/2018: PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING COMMITTEE SCHEME OF DELEGATION & OPERATING PROTOCOL**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer regarding proposed changes to the Planning Committee Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ruane said he had concerns regarding the call in procedure and proposed to defer making a decision until further discussions had taken place. Councillor Rice seconded this proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	2
AGAINST:	5
ABSTENTIONS:	3

The proposal was declared 'lost'.

Councillor Byrne said the Planning Workshop held on 5 September 2018 had addressed all issues of concern including the call in procedure and further discussion would therefore be counterproductive. Councillor Byrne proposed to approve the revised Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol. Councillor Walker seconded this proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	5
AGAINST:	2
ABSTENTIONS:	4

The proposal was declared 'carried'.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Walker it was agreed that the Committee approve the revised Planning Committee scheme of delegation and operating protocol.**

**EQUALITY AND POLICY****SPR/115/2018:      REPORT ON SECTION 75 POLICY SCREENING REPORT  
- QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD APRIL – JUNE 2018**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mrs Regina Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy regarding Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period April – June 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the Section 75 Policy Screening Report – Quarterly Report for period April – June 2018.**

**SPR/116/2018:      REPORT ON NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT  
COUNCIL PUBLIC AUTHORITY STATUTORY EQUALITY AND  
GOOD RELATIONS DUTIES ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT  
2017-2018**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy regarding Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Public Authority Statutory Equality and Good Relations Duties Annual Progress Report 2017–2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note Newry, Mourne and Down District Council’s Public Authority Statutory Equality and Good Relations Duties Annual Progress Report for the period 2017-18 for submission to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.**

**SPR/117/2018:      REPORT ON EQUALITY ACTION PLAN 2017-18**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy regarding Equality Action Plan 2017-18. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the contents of this Report and that following the closing of the 12 week public consultation period, Officers would now proceed to work to implement the positive actions identified in the Equality Action Plan 2018-2020.**

**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION****SPR/118/2018:      ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE 2017/18**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Johnny McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance regarding Assessment of Performance 2017-18. **(Copy circulated)**

In referring to the report Councillor Byrne raised the following issues:

- Community centre user groups had reported they were often 'locked out' from community centres for various reasons such as public liability insurance and he would like to see this advanced for the coming year.
- Community run events and festivals funded through Council financial assistance and the tourism fund should receive more recognition for the contribution they made in terms of increased direct spend and increased tourism figures, and these figures should be reported back to Council.
- Acknowledged the review that was on going into recycling centres in the area and said the dumping of domestic waste throughout the district was a cause for concern and he would like to see the rules relaxed at recycling centres.
- Commended the Council on the 14% decrease in the amount of black bin waste collected and district wide educational awareness scheme was excellent.
- The results of the employee stress audit to be made available to Councillors.

**Agreed:**                **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to agree:**

- **The Assessment of Performance 2017-18**
- **The publication of the Assessment of Performance by 30 September 2018, before full Council ratification, in order to meet the statutory deadline.**
- **The results of the employee stress audit to be made available to Councillors**

**SPR/119/2018:**        **DRAFT CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO NILGA "DEVOLUTION WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND" REPORT**

**Read:**                Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Johnny McBride Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance detailing a draft Consultation response to NILGA "Devolution within Northern Ireland" Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ruane said he was concerned groups had not had sufficient time to discuss the response in enough detail and asked that Council request an extension to the closing date for submissions, which was 28 September 2018.

Councillor Byrne said that prior to the collapse of the Assembly, there had been a commitment from the last Minister to explore a case for extending regeneration activities to settlements of less than 500 people and he agreed it was very important to explore this option as part of any future campaign for devolving local government.



Mr McBride asked that the respective party groups feedback any responses to him ahead of the next Council Meeting on 1 October 2018.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to write to NILGA to request an extension to the deadline date for responses.

**Party groups to feed back all responses directly to Mr McBride in advance of the next Council meeting on 1 October 2018 to facilitate the preparation of any additional content to the draft response.**

**SPR/120/2018: COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL ICO REGISTRATION FEES**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Dorinnia Carville, Director of Corporate Services regarding Councillor's Annual ICO Registration Fees. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed:

- Council pay the ICO registration fee on behalf of Members;
- Council amend its Scheme of Allowances in order to have the vires to reimburse this cost;
- Council reimburse the registration fee to any Member who had already paid same for the current year.

**SPR/121/2018: ACTION SHEET FROM SPWG MEETING RE: CCTV – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet from Special Strategic Projects Working Group re: CCTV dated 11 September 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed:

- To suspend the decision of the Council on 8 January 2018 in relation to public space CCTV.
- To authorise Officials to engage external technical assistance to complete a detailed scoping exercise, with key stakeholders, for the purposes of identifying future public space CCTV requirements. A final report to be presented to the SPWG in due course.
- To continue with the current arrangements in relation to public space CCTV, including essential maintenance, whilst the detailed scoping exercise is being undertaken.

**FOR NOTING****SPR/122/2018: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP  
- MINUTES OF MEETING 13 APRIL 2018**

**Read:** Minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 13 April 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **The Local Development Plan Steering Group Meeting was noted.**

**SPR/123/2018: RESIDENTS' SURVEY**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Johnny McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance regarding an update on the Residents' Survey. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne said the questionnaire was very long and the quality of responses might not be suitably reflective if residents had to answer 59 questions.

Mr McBride replied that a pilot of the survey had been undertaken and no one would be required to answer all 59 questions.

**Agreed:** **The report giving an update on the Residents' Survey was noted.**

**SPR/124/2018: PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PILOT PROJECT**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Johnny McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance regarding Participatory Budgeting Pilot Project. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **The Participatory Budgeting Pilot Project report was noted.**

**SPR/125/2018: ACTION SHEET FROM SPWG MEETING  
- 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet from Strategic Projects Working Group dated 11 September 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Trainor seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve the Action Sheet from SPWG Meeting – 11 September 2018.**

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6  
OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**SPR/126/2018: ACTION SHEET FROM EFFICIENCIES WORKING GROUP  
- 3 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet from Efficiencies Working Group dated 3 September 2018.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to approve the contents of the Action Sheet of the Efficiencies Working Group meeting held on 3 September 2018.

**SPR/127/2018: ACTION SHEET FROM ALBERT BASIN TASK AND FINISH  
- 2 AUGUST 2018**

**Read:** Action Sheet from Albert Basin Task and Finish dated 2 August 2018.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Enright it was agreed to approve the contents of the Albert Basin task and finish action sheet of meeting held on 2 August 2018.

**SPR/128/2018: NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE, DOWN LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Conor Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management regarding an update on Newry and Down Leisure Centres. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation contained in para. 3.1 relating to the revised capital budget for the Down leisure centre scheme.

**SPR/129/2018: UPDATE ON BALLYEDMOND PROW**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Conor Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management regarding an update on Ballyedmond PROW. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report on progress with implementation of Terms of Settlement between the Council and the Ballyedmond Estate relating to a right of way.

**SPR/130/2018: UPDATE ON NEWRY DEA ASSETS**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mrs Dorinnia Carville, Director of Corporate Services. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Walker, by 8 votes to 3, to proceed to declare McCreesh Park, Newry as surplus and proceed to the D1 disposal process, as some of Council's statutory partners could potentially make use of the land for the benefit of the community.

**SPR/131/2018: USE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S POWER TO SETTLE A CLAIM**

**Read:** Report dated 13 September 2018 from Mr Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding the use of Chief Executive's power to settle a claim. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Trainor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that Members note the contents of the Officer's report relating to the settlement of a claim for damages against the Council.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 6.35pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 1 October 2018.

**Signed:**            **Councillor Michael Savage**  
**Chairperson**

**Signed:**            **Dorinnia Carville**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2018

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held  
on Monday 17 September 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,  
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor G Sharvin

**In attendance:** (Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor R Howell
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor D Taylor

**Also in attendance:** Councillor H Harvey

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing  
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure  
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/177/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Doran, Harte, Kimmins, Quinn and Walker and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement.

- The Chairperson advised there were 2 nominations shortlisted for final selection for the NILGA 2018 Local Government Awards from the AHC Department with Sean McKeivitt, Neighbourhood Renewal Officer being nominated for Employee of the Year and Newry Leisure Centre nominated for Best Local Authority Design and Build Capital Project.
- The Chairperson updated the Committee on the following projects which had been completed within the current financial year:
  - Kilbroney Park Tennis Courts - resurfacing;
  - Warrenpoint Milltown Tennis Courts – LED lighting of the courts;
  - Derryleckagh Football Pitch – fencing, dug-outs, ball-stops, football posts, pedestrian area, new entrances, pitchwork;
  - Donaghaguy Lake – new pathway around lake and 6 new fishing stands on lake;
  - Mayobridge Play Park;
  - Warrenpoint Bowling Green – new pavilion;
  - Hospital Road – new fencing;

- Saintfield Hockey Pitch – new synthetic surface, fencing, roadway, improved lighting;
- Ballyhornan Beach – fencing for sand dune restoration;
- Ballyhornan Beach Car Park – disability access;
- Dundrum – disability access;
- Rosconnor Playing Fields – fence improvements.
- The Chairperson advised an item had been referred from a recent Party Reps meeting regarding a request from Women's Aid Armagh/Down to address Council and it had been agreed that this be facilitated by an invitation to the AHC Committee. He stated in the past, officers had received a report from the organisation and this was then included on the agenda. Members were content to receive a report detailing the presentation from Women's Aid Armagh/Down.
- The Chairperson advised that Sinead Murtagh, Environmental Health Officer was selected to run for Ireland in the World Mountain Running Championships in Andorra where she helped the team achieve a credible 11<sup>th</sup> place.
- The Chairperson stated that Council had been granted membership of the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities which was a reflection of the ongoing efforts of the District's Age Friendly Strategic Alliance and will allow Council to share their experiences with other such localities across the world.
- The Chairperson congratulated former Kilmore Rec player, Dylan Boyle who made his debut for Fleetwood Football Club at the age of 16.
- The Chairperson congratulated Down Camogs who reached the All-Ireland final and unfortunately were unsuccessful on the day.
- The Chairperson praised Downpatrick and Slieve Croob DEAs on the hosting of their Walk for Life events recently.
- The Chairperson congratulated Eoin Taggart of Ballynahinch Youth who had recently signed a 2 year scholarship with Portsmouth Football Club.
- The Chairperson sent his congratulations to Downpatrick Football Club Ladies who recently completed the double in winning the league and the cup.

**AHC/178/2018:      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/179/2018:      ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2018**

Read:                      Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 August 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:                      It was agreed to note the action sheet.**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/180/2018:      DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT**



**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:**

- **Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 6 June 2018;**
- **The Mourne DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 26 June 2018;**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 26 July 2018;**

**AHC/181/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor McMurray, the following recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership were agreed:**

- **Capacity Building Programme for Groups – Procure and appoint relevant facilitator to deliver a cross community capacity building programme to Men’s Shed Groups across the District. Estimated cost: £50,937**
- **Shared History and Culture Programme – Procure and appoint a facilitator to deliver: Impact of the 1798 rebellion. To increase awareness of the roots, course and impact of the 1798 rebellion and the foundation/impact of the Society of United Irishmen in County Down. Estimated cost: £10,000 Procure and appoint a facilitator to deliver: Embroidering History Together – Making a cross community history embroidery for Newry, Mourne and Down. Estimated cost: £30,000**
- **Ethnic Minority Cultural and Integration Programme – 4 cross-border Intercultural Events to include venue, catering, transport and facilitators. Estimated cost: £5,100 per event. Total: £20,400.**

**LEISURE AND SPORT**

**AHC/182/2018: KITTYBANE AMENITY TOILETS**

**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Kittybane Amenity Toilets, as the toilet facility has fallen into disrepair a new toilet unit and installation costing in the region of £15/20k could be resourced from realigning current capital budget for other amenity areas. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed to approve the purchase and installation of a new toilet unit and the realignment of the overall capital budgets of £20k for the facility. The unit to be managed, maintained and cleaned by the local fishing club by way of an SLA.**

**AHC/183/2018: PLAY PARK PROPOSALS FOR KILLOUGH, NEWTOWNHAMILTON AND BALLYHOLLAND**

**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Play Strategy Upgrade Schemes for Killough, Ballyholland, Forkhill and Newtownhamilton. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Enright welcomed the schemes, particularly for Killough and proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, this was seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Councillor Ó Muirí stated there was some confusion among the community within Newtownhamilton following the public consultation as to the proposed siting of the new playpark and proposed an additional one-off public consultation meeting be held within the next two weeks in order to ensure the community are content with the siting of the playpark, without holding up any of the other playparks. This was seconded by Councillor Howell.

The Chairperson stated the process followed was a single-stage process as per agreement at June's AHC Committee and this had been completed for the Newtownhamilton playpark.

Councillor Ó Muirí's proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 2**  
**AGAINST: 4**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 3**

**The proposal was LOST.**

Councillor Enright's proposal to accept the officer's recommendation was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 7**

**AGAINST:** 2  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

The proposal was **CARRIED**.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to accept the recommendations from PlayBoard NI with regard to Killough, Ballyhollan, Forkhill and Newtownhamilton sites, design and cost as per details circulated with report.

**AHC/184/2018: LANGLEY ROAD PITCH UPGRADE**

**Read:** Report dated 19 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, outlining previous approval from Council in January 2018 for capital works at Langley Road Playing Fields, Ballynahinch of £40k with additional capital monies of £22,446 being required to complete proposed planned works at the site. This spend would be off-set against underspend on other capital projects. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, the new overall capital budget of £62,446 for essential works at Langley Road Playing Fields, Ballynahinch was agreed.

**AHC/185/2018: NEWRY CITY AFC**

**Read:** Report dated 19 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding request from Newry City AFC for Council assistance with financial outlay for enhancement works to meet studies and risk assessments. This was part of an initial planning application for the upgrade of Newry Back Field to 3G with additional drainage, fencing and car parking. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to a capital spend of £3450 for the Flood Risk Assessment and Topographical Survey for Newry Back Field as these would be advantageous to Council if any development works were to be carried out in the future by Council.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### **AHC/186/2018: FOOD SERVICE PLAN**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the requirement of the Food Standards Agency for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to have an up-to-date, documented food service plan, readily available to food business operators and consumers. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed that Council adopt the Food Service Plan 2018/19.**

### **AHC/187/2018: CONSULTATION ON FOOD LAW CODE OF PRACTICE**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the requirement of the Food Standards Agency for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to follow the Code of Practice in carrying out duties in relation to Food Law Enforcement. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor McMurray, it was agreed to return the consultation response on the Food Law Code of Practice to the Food Standards Agency.**

### **AHC/188/2018: FUNDING CALL FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the INTERREG VA Programme funding call for the creation of a cross-border Electric Vehicle (EV) network in order to promote cross-border, intermodal and sustainable transport in the eligible region. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed that the Health and Wellbeing Department seek suitable project partner and develop project applications under the INTERREG VA Funding Programme.**

### **AHC/189/2018: NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM December 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised Newry, Mourne and Down District Council were members of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) and had requested their AGM be held in the Council area.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Andrews to hold the NFLA AGM in the Boardroom of Monaghan Row, Newry on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

**AHC/190/2018: WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding World Mental Health Day 2018 and the proposal to host two coffee and connect events for post primary schools of Newry and Downpatrick **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Andrews to host two coffee and connect events for post primary schools of Newry and Downpatrick along with representatives from SERC and SRC to mark World Mental Health Day 2018.**

**DIRECTOR'S PAPERS**

**AHC/191/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION SCHEDULE**

Read: Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, dated 17 September 2018, regarding Scheme of Delegation Schedule **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: It was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation Schedule.**

**FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/192/2018: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report which

provided an update to the on-going work of the partnership.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

**AHC/193/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Social Investment Fund Update. **(Copy circulated)**

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

**FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORT**

**AHC/194/2018: SANDSA UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding SANDSA Update to deliver a generic training programme, and hold an awards evening.  
**(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked that officers investigate whether there would be block rates for training for members of SANDSA.

Mr Haughey advised he would look into the possibility of having block rates put in place.

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the report.**

**AHC/195/2018: INDOOR LEISURE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS**

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding Indoor Leisure Customer Satisfaction Survey Results with 657 surveys being received and 71.4% satisfaction level **(Copy circulated)**

**Noted:** **It was agreed to note the report.**

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion**

on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**AHC/196/2018: INDEPENDENT SURVEY FOR CURRENT HEATING SYSTEM AT BALLYHOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018, from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Independent Survey for Current Heating System at Ballyholland Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Taylor to engage with an independent consultant to review all aspects of the heating system at Ballyholland Community Centre.**

**AHC/197/2018: NO 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018, from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding No.16 The Square, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to agree option 3 contained within the officer's report, to lease a portacabin at current site and attempt to reallocate £90k in the current year's capital budget.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.51pm.



For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 1 October 2018.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin  
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities



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5 September 2018

Dear Mr Hannaway,

Thank you for your letter of 16 August to the Home Secretary about the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes. The Home Secretary receives a large amount of correspondence and unfortunately is unable to respond to each letter individually. Your letter has been passed to the Direct Communications Unit for a reply.

On 19 June, the Home Secretary announced that there would be a two part review into the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes.

Part one, published on 3 July, led by Professor Dame Sally Davies, the Chief Medical Advisor for the UK Government, considered the evidence available for the medicinal and therapeutic benefits of cannabis and cannabis-related products.

The full report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cannabis-scheduling-review-part-1>.

On 3 July, the Home Secretary commissioned the ACMD to carry out the second part of the review. This asked for a short-term review, which was published on 19 July, as well as a long-term review by July 2019. The ACMD considered how best to balance the potential risk of harm and diversion of cannabis and cannabis-related products. The review made four recommendations as follows:

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to promptly develop a clear definition of a cannabis-derived medicinal product.
- Once the definition of a cannabis-derived medicinal product has been developed, the ACMD advises that only products meeting this definition be moved into

Schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 (MDR) pending our further advice.

- In addition to the provisions of Schedule 2 of the MDR, the ACMD recommends that the DHSC, MHRA and Home Office should develop additional frameworks and clinical guidance for 'checks and balances' to maintain safe prescribing of cannabis-derived medicinal products.
- At present, synthetic cannabinoids should remain in Schedule 1 of the MDR pending the 'longer term' review by the ACMD.

The full report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-on-scheduling-of-cannabis-based-medicinal-products>.

Following this advice the Home Secretary confirmed that cannabis-derived medicinal products will be rescheduled, to ensure that they can be prescribed appropriately where there is a clinical need. We aim to make the necessary changes to legislation by the autumn.

The DHSC and MHRA are now developing a clear definition of what constitutes a cannabis-derived medicinal product so that they can be rescheduled and prescribed. Only products meeting this definition will be rescheduled. Other forms of cannabis will be kept under strict controls and will not be available on prescription. We will provide more details about this definition and the kinds of products that will be covered in due course.

As an interim measure, we have established an Expert Panel of clinicians to advise Ministers on any applications to prescribe cannabis-based medicines. Specialist clinicians will be able to apply to the independent expert panel on behalf of patients wishing to access these products. All licence fees for applications made to the panel will be waived, and no fees will be charged in respect of applications which have already been granted.

This is about making sure that we keep in step with the latest scientific evidence and that patients and their families have access to the most appropriate course of medical treatment.

This is absolutely not the first step in the legalisation of cannabis for recreational use. This Government has absolutely no plans to legalise cannabis and the penalties for unauthorised supply and possession will remain unchanged.

I hope that this clarifies the review process, who will lead the review and the interim measures we have in place.

Yours sincerely,



Mr B. Foley

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Liam Hannaway  
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24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Mr Hannaway,

The NI Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP), hosted by NILGA, is seeking nominations to a cross-council Sustainable Communities and Demographics working group.

NISMP is a regional body which provides an advisory and coordinating role in relation to migration in Northern Ireland. Councils are represented on the board through 5 elected members on a cross-party basis and the board also comprises senior representation from NI Departments, key non-governmental organisations and the Home Office.

The Sustainable Communities and Demographics working group will be instrumental in identifying and addressing council needs and concerns relating to changing demographics and ensuring that these are understood by decision makers at both Westminster and Stormont.

In the first instance, we propose that a primary focus for the group will be to determine the impact of migration on the economic and social priorities for each council. The group will also act as a forum for sharing of good practice among members on issues such as hate crime, support services and social cohesion.

The group will comprise both officers and elected members. We would be grateful if you could nominate an officer to this group and request council to nominate an elected member. Ideally both nominees will have a strategic understanding of your council's economic and social priorities, be an effective communicator within the council and have an interest in the themes under discussion. If you would like any further information about NISMP or the terms of reference of the Sustainable Communities and Demographics working group, the NISMP secretariat at NILGA will be happy to either meet with you or chat by phone, at your convenience.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Baird'.

Cllr Alex Baird  
Chair, NISMP



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