



September 3rd, 2018

Notice Of Meeting


You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 3rd September 2018** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 6 August 2018

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6.0 Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2018


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7.0 Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2018


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8.0 Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2018

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Correspondence and Conferences

9.0 Correspondence received from The Executive Office regarding Historical Clerical Child Abuse

10.0 Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure re: Shimna River Flood Alleviation Scheme

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11.0 NAC Conference - Tackling Austerity through Innovation

The Crowne Plaza, Harrogate September 28th-30th 2018

£350+VAT

Accommodation £60+VAT per night

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12.0 NAC UK Conference/AGM - Advance Notification

23-25 November 2018, Crowne Plaza, Chester

£350 per delegate plus £60 per night delegate rate accommodation

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13.0 Correspondence received from Rural Community Network regarding Nominations for the Board of Directors of Rural Community Network 2018-2020

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Notices of Motion

14.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Laura 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.

15.0 Notice of Motion received from 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"

16.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Ruane

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.

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ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 6 AUGUST 2018

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/126/2018	Chairperson's Remarks	<p>Congratulations to be sent to Shauna O'Callaghan from Crossmaglen, Julie Shaw from Saintfield and Roisin Murphy from Silverbridge.</p> <p>Congratulations to be sent to Ballynahinch Olympic.</p> <p>Condolences to be sent to Harold McKee and his family on the recent passing of his son Thomas.</p> <p>Catherine McGrath from Rostrevor to be included in the civic reception for "The Four of Us" when organised later in the year.</p>	Democratic Services	Letters sent	
C/129/2018	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2 July 2018	<p>Information on tourism events funding to be circulated to Members prior to the next ERT Committee Meeting.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p>	<p>M Ward</p> <p>D Services</p>	Adopted	
C/130/2018	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 June 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	<p>Sent minutes to representatives from Cuan Mhuire and South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust</p> <p>Adopted</p>	
C/131/2018	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 5 July 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Services	Adopted	
C/132/2018	Correspondence from Department for Communities regarding Benefit Sanctions.	The correspondence was noted.	D Services	Noted	
C/133/2018	Correspondence from Lusitania	It was agreed that the invitation to the dedication ceremony be accepted and any Member invited who	Members	Actioned – event took place 24 August 2018	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	Museum to Dedication Ceremony	wished to attend to advise Democratic Services as soon as possible.			
C/134/2018	Correspondence received from Derry & Strabane District Council re: PIPS Motion	It was agreed to support the joint Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association campaign.	D Services	Letter sent to Secretary of State, and Derry and Strabane Council updated.	
C/135/2018	Correspondence received from Derry & Strabane District Council re: Medical Cannabis	It was agreed to support the campaign to urge the Home Office to withdraw its prohibition on the use of Medical Cannabis, when assessed as beneficial to the wellbeing of a recipient by their GP, and also urging the Northern Ireland Department of Health to explore licensing options of the same.	D Services	Letters sent to Home Secretary; Permanent Secretary DoH, and Derry and Strabane Council updated.	
C/136/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Savage and Stokes – Condition of Clanrye River, Newry	The motion was referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6, to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.	D Services	On agenda for August meeting	
C/137/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray	It was agreed that the Council write to both the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Irish Air Corps, to thank them in recognition for the efforts they have put into containing the forest fires that affected our district. Further to this, a summary report will be presented which details Newry, Mourne and Down Council's planned response to Forest Fire incidents. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mourne Heritage Trust.	D Services	Letters sent to NIFRS; Irish Air Corps and Mourne Heritage Trust. D Carville advised of request for summary report.	

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

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

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 S Doran	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 M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

C/126/2018**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Clarke and Harte.

The Chairperson advised that Jean Dickinson who worked in Building Estates was retiring on Friday and asked that Council's thanks and appreciation be forwarded to her for her help and assistance over the years. He stated a bun worry was being held on Friday morning at 10.30am in the breakout area.

The Chairperson congratulated Shauna O'Callaghan from Crossmaglen on winning her 7th Irish boxing title.

The Chairperson congratulated Julie Shaw from Saintfield who was involved in the over-50s

Ireland Hockey Team who recently won a gold medal at the EXIN Masters World Cup. He also congratulated Roisin Murphy from Silverbridge who was the physiotherapist for the Ireland Ladies Hockey Team who recently played in the World Cup Final.

The Chairperson congratulated Ballynahinch Olympic on winning the inaugural Be Active Cup.

The Chairperson stated it had been a busy month with the festivals getting underway, starting with the Skiffies at Strangford Lough and the Footsteps in the Forest in Slieve Gullion. He stated unfortunately the GI Jive Festival succumbed to the bad weather but the Soma Festival and Ulster Fleadh in Castlewellan were very well supported.

Councillor Sharvin asked that condolences be sent to Harold McKee and his family on the recent passing of his son Thomas.

Councillor Tinnelly asked that Council acknowledge and recognise the achievements of Catherine McGrath from Rostrevor who had recently launched her debut album in HMV in Belfast and whom people in the industry were expecting to become a worldwide superstar. The Chairperson advised he was holding a civic reception later in the year for a group called "The Four of Us" on their 40th Anniversary and it would be an opportunity to recognise Catherine at that reception also.

C/127/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/128/2018 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2018

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 2 July 2018 (copy circulated).

AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 2 July 2018 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/129/2018 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2018

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2 July 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne asked that the information on tourism events funding be circulated to Members prior to the next ERT Committee Meeting.

Mr Hannaway advised this would be actioned, as requested.

AGREED: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 July 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

C/130/2018 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2018**

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 June 2018 (copy circulated).

AGREED: The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 26 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Craig.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/131/2018 **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2018**

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 5 July 2018 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 5 July 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Councillor Sharvin left the meeting at this stage – 6.20pm

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/132/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES REGARDING BENEFIT SANCTIONS**

Read: Correspondence dated 3 July 2018 from Department for Communities stating that the Department's benefit decision making activities take place within a carefully monitored and controlled statutory framework to ensure that fair, lawful, accurate and consistent decisions were made. They advised that any new policy approach, including the allocation of additional resources, would be a matter for incoming Ministers. (copy circulated).

NOTED: The correspondence received regarding Benefit Sanctions was noted.

C/133/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM LUSITANIA MUSEUM TO DEDICATION CEREMONY TO UNVEIL THE LUSITANIA DAVIT**

Read: Correspondence dated 6 July 2018 from Mr C Hayes, Lusitania Museum inviting the Chief Executive, Councillors Murnin as current Chairperson and Mulgrew as previous Chairperson and the Mournes Councillors, to a dedication ceremony to unveil the Lusitania Davit on Friday 24th August 2018 at 6pm in Kinsale, Co Cork (copy circulated)

AGREED: **The correspondence received regarding invitation to dedication ceremony to unveil Lusitania Davit was noted and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess that the invitation be accepted. Any Member invited who wished to attend to advise Democratic Services as soon as possible.**

C/134/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DERRY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: PIPS MOTION**

Read: Correspondence dated 11 July 2018 from Derry & Strabane District Council, asking for support from Council for the joint Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association campaign highlighting the deep concern about the impact of the current definition of terminal illness used for eligibility for benefits including Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in Northern Ireland. (copy circulated).

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, to support the joint Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease Association campaign.**

C/135/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DERRY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Read: Correspondence dated 11 July 2018 from Derry & Strabane District Council, asking for support from Council for their campaign to urge the Home Office to withdraw its prohibition on the use of Medical Cannabis, when assessed as beneficial to the wellbeing of a recipient by their GP, and also urging the Northern Ireland Department of Health to explore licensing options of the same. (copy circulated).

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to support the campaign to urge the Home Office to withdraw its prohibition on the use of Medical Cannabis, when assessed as beneficial to the wellbeing of a recipient by their GP, and also urging the Northern Ireland Department of Health to explore licensing options of the same.**

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/136/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS
SAVAGE AND STOKES – CONDITION OF CLANRYE RIVER,
NEWRY**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Stokes:

"That this Council assembles a task force to include all relevant bodies to improve the condition of the Clanrye River in Newry City and that this task force explore all options in the short and long term including the provision of a weir. In the short term Council will work with all agencies to coordinate an immediate clean-up of the River."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Savage and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

Councillor Reilly left the meeting at this stage – 6.24pm

C/137/2018 **NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR
MCMURRAY**

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor McMurray:

"That this Council will write to both the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Irish Air Corps, to thank them in recognition for the efforts they have put into containing the forest fires that have affected our district. Further to this, a summary report will be presented which details Newry, Mourne and Down Council's planned response to Forest Fire incidents".

In proposing the motion, Councillor McMurray said he had witnessed, first hand, the response to the forest fires in the district and wished to publicly acknowledge those who had responded – NI Fire and Rescue Service, the Irish Air Corps, Mourne Heritage Trust and other unseen helpers. He said without their help and prompt response, Tollymore Forest could have been lost. He stated he felt it was imperative that the Council have a clear policy as to how it responded to such incidents as forest fires, with social media being used to advise public that fire hazards were in place. He said that inter-agency conversations should be held in terms of how to respond to such incidents in the future.

Councillor Hanna seconded the motion stating the amount of working hours put in by fire personnel was phenomenal and the community rose to support these fire personnel in their work.

Members spoke unanimously in support of the motion praising the work of the Fire Service, Irish Air Corps and Mourne Heritage Trust as well as thanking the local businesses and communities for supporting the Fire Service in their role.

The Chairperson advised he had met with the Air Corps and Fire Service with regard to the fires in the Mournes and Slieve Gullion and recognised the huge amount of personnel

involved in both incidents. He explained it would not be possible to host a reception due to the large numbers of people involved and the wide geographical area from which they had come, however he would meet some fire cadets in Newry later in the year.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Hanna that the Council write to both the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Irish Air Corps, to thank them in recognition for the efforts they have put into containing the forest fires that affected our district. Further to this, a summary report will be presented which details Newry, Mourne and Down Council's planned response to Forest Fire incidents. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mourne Heritage Trust.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.36pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 August 2018 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Officials
in Attendance:**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director, Tourism Culture & Events
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance: Councillor T Andrews
Councillor W Walker

ERT/116/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Mulgrew

Councillor Ruane acknowledged the very positive tourism figures that had recently been announced and invited Ms Ward to expand. Ms Ward advised that recent tourism figures published showed an increase in spend into the local economy from £48m in 2015 to £90m in 2017 and said this was a very significant increase that would have a positive impact for local businesses.

ERT/117/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

ERT/118/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM MEETING OF MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 June 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 June 2018.**

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION**ERT/119/2018: PLATO REPORT**

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the PLATO Programme Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked if a breakdown of the types of businesses that was included in the programme for last year could be made available, Ms Ward agreed to make this information available to Members.

Councillor McAteer asked for more information on the PLATO programme and who the point of contact was. Ms Ward replied that the programme was managed through PLATO and although she did not have more detailed information to hand, she would ensure that Members would be updated on the detail of the PLATO programme in advance of the next Council Meeting on 3 September 2018.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that:**

- **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree funding of up to a total of £8,000 to implement the Plato Programme in the District.**
- **Members are provided with a breakdown of the types of businesses that were included in the PLATO programme last year.**
- **More detail on the PLATO programme to be made available to Members in advance of the next Council Meeting on 3 September 2018.**

ERT/120/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to:**

- **Note the contents of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 13.06.18**
- **To proceed with procurement of consultant to carry out an Economic Appraisal at Castlewellan Forest Park**
- **To approve and adopt contents of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 06.07.18**
- **Proceed with submission HLF and DAERA applications based on the costs that have been provided by Consultants reports.**
- **NMDDC to proceed with procuring a Multi-Disciplinary Team for DAERA and HLF works in Walled Garden and Bothy Yard in Castlewellan.**
- **NMDDC to identify and explore element of HLF Development works that can be undertaken prior to December 2018.**

ERT/121/2018: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN PROGRAMME UPDATE

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Social Enterprise Newry, Mourne and Down Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the additional activity and outputs for the Social Enterprise Newry, Mourne and Down Programme.**

ERT/122/2018: DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Downpatrick Regeneration Project **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed that:**

- **Council offices continue to progress land purchase to include the additional property at No.39 Irish Street which is adjacent to Former Police Station.**
- **Officers explore with relevant government departments any issues that may arise due to Heritage Merit of the site**

- **As the site was purchased on the basis that the link road not being included in the brief. DEA Cllrs request via DEA officers a meeting with Transport NI**
- **Officers bring back to council via ERT suitable governance structures for the project**

ERT/123/2018: BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Liam Hannaway Chief Executive regarding Belfast Region City Deal – Update on Emerging Proposition.
(Copy circulated)

In updating Members on the Belfast Region City Deal, Mr Hannaway advised that projects were being prioritised in terms of which would achieve the most significant impacts for economic growth in the area.

Councillor Hanna referred to the Newcastle Gateway project being on the reserve list and asked what this meant. Mr Hannaway replied that strategic outline cases were being undertaken for each project and that although work on Newcastle Gateway was still progressing, it was less developed than the Southern Relief Road project which was at an advanced stage with DFI leading on it. Mr Hannaway continued, saying that Council was still committed to progressing both Kilkeel and Ardglass harbours however they would not be included within the City Deal proposition.

Ms Ward said Newcastle Gateway was a £63m project and that although Tourism NI was committed to the development of the project, it could not commit to any funding. Ms Ward continued, saying a detailed business case would need to be done and Officers would continue to work to try and deliver this project.

Councillor Clarke said it was very important that the Newcastle Gateway Project remained at a high level on the reserve list. He welcomed the inclusion of the Southern Relief Road in the proposal but said it was important to ensure that capital projects such as this would provide employment locally and this should be built in at early development stage.

Councillor Byrne asked if there could be more focus on digital infrastructure, employment and skills. Mr Hannaway replied that a full fibre network was proposed with additional funding that would enhance the broadband facility and improved regional connectivity.

Councillor McAteer referred to both Warrenpoint Marina and Narrow Water Bridge and said they both delivered GVA in terms of tourism. Mr Hannaway replied saying that the development of the Southern Relief Road would be critical for the future of Warrenpoint Port in terms of connectivity and business development and additionally, it would be fully funded by Department for Infrastructure.

Councillor Carr expressed disappointment that Warrenpoint Marina had been removed from the list. Ms Ward replied in order to fit the criteria for inclusion in the City Deal proposal the GVA must have an impact across the region, not just locally. She continued, saying that Council would continue to liaise with Harbour Authorities regarding progressing this project.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and progress on the proposition in from Belfast Region City Deal.

ERT/124/2018: DFI Letters Of Offer for further Greenway Project development work.

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding DFI Letters of Offer for further Greenway Project development work.

Councillor Hanna asked for more detail on who would be included on the Steering Group and who would represent Council on it and also whether the proposed route would impact the railway line at Downpatrick. Ms Ward replied that the work carried out so far was at a very high level and that public meetings had taken place. She said she had met with Ulster Farmers Union and was aware of the deep concerns within the farming community and she said more meetings were needed at local level.

Councillor Clarke said a positive proactive approach was needed and it was important that the opportunities for establishing businesses should be pointed out to the farming community he continued, saying that it might be beneficial to invite people to a future local level meeting who had set up new businesses and who have already benefitted from the development of greenways such as on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Councillor Burgess said there was opposition from farmers due to the concern surrounding animal insurance and people crossing their land. With regard to laneways and Rights of Ways, he said there were issues in the Down area where some were being closed to facilitate housing development and referred to a list that was being compiled by Council officials and asked if this had been completed and if he could be updated on it. Ms Ward replied that this work was being undertaken by Corporate Services and she would ensure this information was made available to him.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that:

- **Council accept both DFI Letters of Offer for the Downpatrick to Newcastle and Downpatrick to Comber proposed Greenways.**
- **Council proceed to appoint Consultants, via Scape Framework to assist in Project Bid/Detail Design stages.**
- **Council work in Partnership with Ards & North Down Borough**
- **Council to establish a steering committee to oversee this next stage of the projects to ensure that all interests particularly those of local landowners are being considered.**
- **Councillor Burgess to be sent updated list on the Rights of Ways in the Down area.**

ERT/125/2018: Changchun Region Friendship Agreement

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding Visit to Changchun October 2018 – Changchun Region Friendship Agreement.

In response to a query from Councillor Byrne as to the benefits to be gained from this visit, Mr Hannaway replied that this friendship agreement was about building relationships, it was not a twinning arrangement. He said the Council would be joined by a representative from Newry Chamber of Commerce and one member of staff representing Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College. A Business and Education Cooperation Agreement would be signed. He continued, saying it was a very structured trip and that Council and other delegates would make a presentation on the Newry, Mourne and Down District at a Business Conference that was to be held in Changchun.

Councillor Carr asked if Council was only funding the cost of the trip for their own officers, Mr Hannaway replied that the services of a translator from the Confucius Institute would be required and that Council would fund this.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hanna to note contents of the report and agree to the following recommendations:

- **The attendance of the Chair, Chief Executive and one other officer to attend the Leaders' Summit in Dalian and agree future working relationships with Changchun City and Region.**
- **To sign the Friendly Cooperation Cities Agreement.**

ERT/126/2018: C8 Eastern Economic Corridor Conference

Read: Report dated 13 October 2018 from Marie Ward regarding C8 Eastern Economic Corridor

Councillor Byrne said he was in full support of the report although he was not aware of the existence of the Steering Group. Mr Hannaway said the Steering Group had been set up as a result of a meeting he had had with the CEO of Fingal County Council. He continued, saying it was in the very early stages and the primary focus of the group was planning for the future and a vision for 20 years time.

Councillor Byrne referred to the Council contribution towards the Conference to include 50 delegates at a cost of £15,000 and asked if this had already been agreed. Mr Hannaway replied that it was still a very new concept and not formalised at this stage. and that it would be presented to all 8 Councils at the same time.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed that:

(1) A Study on the Eastern Corridor to be completed by Ulster University and Dublin City University that will analysis the real economic opportunities along the corridor and potential projects of economic merit that can be delivered in collaboration

- **Completion of the study is 5 months (draft: Early October,**

Final Dec 18)

- **The overall aim for the research is to profile the Eastern Economic Corridor on the island of Ireland and establish an evidence base for potential local government-led collaboration along the corridor.**
- **The specific objectives for the research project include:**
 - **To provide an evidence base for an economic corridor on the Eastern seaboard of the island of Ireland;**
 - **To identify the basis for collaboration and potential interventions and actions that might assist in the development of an Eastern Economic Corridor.**

(2) Early in 2019, a Conference will be held to look at the combined strengths of the 8 Council regions, and how the Dublin-Belfast economic corridor is the primary region on the island of Ireland with the potential to compete with the world's largest cities and metropolitan zones. The objective of this Conference is to highlight and explore in greater depth the significant economic potential and benefits of a cohesive Eastern Economic Corridor achieved through greater connectivity

- **The event will bring together an influential group of leaders, thinkers and investors from around the world, to show what the corridor can offer through investment in vastly improved connectivity and partnership growth.**
- **It will also see key figures from the private, public and third sectors from both sides of the border discuss how best to pool the resources of the corridor to compete on a global basis and address the diverse opportunities from across the investment community.**
- **It will explore how and where complementary skills can be combined along the Eastern Economic Corridor, where economies of scale can be found and where the joint efforts of both cities can produce a global force which is even more powerful than the sum of its parts. Critical to success is connectivity along the corridor and between the cities, both physical and digital**
- **Workshops Themes might include: (opportunity to each Council to lead on a Theme)**
 - **Infrastructure and accessibility**
 - **Social innovation**
 - **Sectoral cluster growth**
 - **Employability, skills and talent**
 - **The developing position on Brexit**
 - **Global competitiveness**
 - **Attracting investment**

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS**ERT/127/2018: NEWRY TOWN HALL/SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Expression of Interest sought for Provision of a Hospitality Service at Sean Hollywood Arts Centre and Newry Town Hall (Copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to seek approval for an Expression of Interest to provide a bar/hospitality service at the Sean Hollywood Arts Centre and Newry Town Hall on a set number of occasions throughout the year.

ERT/128/2018 MOURNES GATEWAY PROJECT – OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Mournes Gateway Project. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that approval be granted to appoint a suitably qualified provider to develop the Outline Business Case for the ongoing considerations for the Belfast Region City Deal bid.

ERT/129/2018: GOLF TOURISM

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Tourism, Culture and Events regarding 2019 Golf FAM Trip on conjunction with TNI. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne said all rural golf courses throughout the District should be identified and advised of the potential business opportunity of this initiative.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Carr it was agreed to hold an International Golf Familiarisation Trip to promote golf tourism, along with other tourism experiences within the region in conjunction with Tourism Northern Ireland as this will be will be excellent opportunity to target international golfing tour operators to further promote, showcase and grow the fantastic golfing product within the Newry, Mourne and Down region.

All rural golf courses throughout the district to be notified of opportunities of promoting the region in the lead up to

July 2019.

ERT/130/2018: DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK MASTERPLAN

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Andy Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Masterplan for Delamont Country Park

Councillor Walker said Rowallen Councillors were very keen to ensure the tourism potential of Delamont Country Park was realised and he was fully supportive of the Masterplan.

Councillor Burgess said some maintenance was required with the redistribution of woodchip in the play areas of the park. Mr Patterson advised this issue would be addressed.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that approval be granted to begin a comprehensive engagement process on the development of this Masterplan with local residents, user groups, stakeholders, and businesses, etc on the development of Delamont Country Park.**

Contact to be made with the relevant personnel of Delamont Country Park to address the need for the redistribution of woodchip in the play areas of the park.

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION - FOR NOTING

ERT/131/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – TOURISM EVENTS FUND SUMMARY

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Financial Assistance Programme: Tourism Events Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne pointed out that only 66% of the available 100% funding was paid out to the successful applicants and he said going forward, both Councillors and user groups needed clarity on how to secure 100% funding. Additionally, he said that there was a lot of ambiguity in the Guidelines. Mr Patterson replied that a financial assistance review was being undertaken, information workshops will be held before future funding calls and that he would be happy to meet with prospective groups to address any concerns they had prior to future financial assistance calls.

Councillor Carr agreed with Councillor Byrne and said that one of the factors that determined the level of funding granted to applicants was based on the number of visitors to an event, but Councillor Carr said it was impossible to answer this until after the event had been held.

Mr Patterson agreed to look at these points.

Agreed: **The Financial Assistance – Tourism Events Fund Summary was 'noted'.**

Mr Patterson to review the current guidelines for the Financial Assistance Programme.

ERT/132/2018: NEWCASTLE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Read: Report dated 13 August 2018 from Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Newcastle Harbour Development Proposals. **(Copy circulated)**

Discussion took place among Members regarding the proposed development of the harbour and it was generally agreed that careful consideration would have to be given to what would be included within the development and that Members and the local community should be involved in this process.

Ms Ward emphasised that Council was not in discussions with any developer at this stage and that proper procedure would be followed in that a development brief would be worked up that would go out as an Expression of Interest and that all comments made by Members would be noted.

Agreed: **The Newcastle Harbour Development Proposals report was 'noted'**

ERT/133/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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

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

ERT/134/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

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

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

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Harvey 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/135/2018 CITY OF MERCHANTS FESTIVAL

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding City of Merchants Festival. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Harvey 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 Hanna seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed that the City of Merchants Festival be moved (from the 22/23 September) to 1 – 4 November; and that event budget is reallocated as necessary.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.55pm

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 September 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
16 August 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,
Downpatrick.**

In the Chair:	Councillor M Savage	
In Attendance:	Councillor R Burgess Councillor M Carr Councillor C Enright Councillor O McMahon Councillor J Rice Councillor G Sharvin Councillor W Walker	Councillor P Byrne Councillor S Doran Councillor D Hyland Councillor Ó Muirí Councillor M Ruane Councillor J Trainor
Also in Attendance:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor G Craig Councillor M Larkin	Councillor C Casey Councillor G Hanna Councillor D McAteer
Officials in Attendance:	Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director, Finance Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration Mr P Preen, HR Policy & Projects Manager Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager Mr F O'Connor, Legal Advisor Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer	

SPR/094/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor McMurray and Chief Executive, Mr L Hannaway.

SPR/095/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**SPR/096/2018 ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND
RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2018**

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR)
 Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2018 (**Circulated**)

SPR/236/2016 – Right of Way Proposal at Ballyedmond, Killowen, Rostrevor

Mrs Carville advised as this item had been on the action sheet for a considerable length of time, officers intended to bring a report to the September SPR Committee on the matter.

Councillor Carr queried whether a planning application had been made on the pathway.

Mrs Carville advised she would have to revert to the Councillor on whether there was a planning application in the system.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 14 June 2018 be noted, and actions removed as marked.**

PLANNING

SPR/97/2018 PLANNING COMMITTEE SCHEME OF DELEGATION & OPERATING PROTOCOL

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018, from Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer, regarding proposed changes to the Planning Committee Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol. **(Copy Circulated)**

Mrs Ward provided some background to the movement of responsibility for Planning Committee stating she had decided to review all minutes from 1st April 2015 until 31st March 2018 in order to see how the Planning Committee had been operating. She stated the following:

- In 2015/16, 74 applications came to Committee with 61 decisions taken and 13 deferred. 60 applications approved the officer's recommendations with 1 being overturned.
- In 2016/17, 272 applications came to Committee, most probably due to holding 2 Committee Meetings a month, with 147 decisions taken and 113 deferred. 117 applications approved the officer's recommendations with 30 being overturned.
- In 2017/18, 199 applications came to Committee with 110 decisions taken and 85 deferred. 65 applications approved the officer's recommendation with 48 being overturned.
- There were 900 live applications currently in the system with 107 over 20 months old.
- There was a legacy backlog from DoE which was transferred to Council, however there was now the potential to create a legacy of backlog applications within the new Council.
- There were 154 applications waiting to go into the planning system, however the Committee can realistically only hear around 20 per month.

Mrs Ward recommended the new scheme of delegation and operating protocol in order to try to alleviate the backlog. She stated this would be observed for a period of time to see how it was operating and would be holding engagement sessions with applicants and agents on an ongoing basis.

Members discussed the issue at length stating that all Members of Council should have been involved in the workshops on such a fundamental change to the workings of the Planning Committee and it was proposed by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burgess to defer the decision until the next Committee Meeting and to hold a workshop during that time with all Councillors.

Mrs Ward agreed to host a workshop and asked that if Members had issues they wanted raised at the workshop they should send them through to her in an email in order that they can be addressed.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded**

by Councillor Burgess, to defer the decision on the revised scheme of delegation and operating protocol, and to hold a workshop to include all 41 Councillors before the next Committee Meeting. Members to submit any issues that wish to be raised at the workshop to the Director in advance.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

SPR/098/2018 CONFIRMATION OF DIVERSION OF ADDERS LOANIN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, BALLYWARD

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018, from Ms H Wilson, Land Management Officer, regarding Confirmation of Diversion of Adders Loanin Public Right of Way, Ballyward. **(Copy Circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hyland, to confirm the assertion of the proposed diversion as unopposed.**

SPR/099/2018 ALBERT BASIN WORKING GROUP - UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018, from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, regarding Albert Basin Working Group Update **(Copy circulated)**

Members queried whether an independent survey on the report that had already been carried out was being requested.

Mr Lipsett advised the independent report was being carried out on whether there was any need to have further reports carried out on the condition of the ground.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to approve the procurement of a specialist to review the current 2006 Contamination Report and the procurement of the Topographic and 3D Drone Survey.**

Councillors Craig and Hanna left the meeting at this stage – 5.59pm

SPR/100/2018 ALBERT BASIN WORKING GROUP REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018, from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Albert Basin Working Group Reporting Arrangements. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne proposed that the Albert Basin Task and Finish Working Group should report to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at this stage, with the option to amend in the future to report to Active and Healthy Communities once it is past concept stage. This was seconded by Councillor Hyland.

Councillor Ruane proposed to keep the reporting line as was at present with the

possibility of reinvestigating as the project progressed. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

The Chairperson put Councillor Byrne's proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 8
 AGAINST: 5
 ABSTENTIONS: 1

The proposal was carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to change the reporting arrangements to the following:

- The Albert Basin Task and Finish Working Group reporting directly to the SPR Committee, with the option to report to AHC Committee in the future, when the project was further defined.

Councillors Casey, Larkin and McAteer left the meeting at this stage – 6.10pm

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Enright, 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.

SPR/101/2018: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Management Accounts to 30 June 2018 (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, it was agreed to note the Management Accounts to 30 June 2018.

SPR/102/2018 ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Ms H Wilson, Land Management Officer, regarding Access to the Countryside Policy and Procedures (**copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the adoption of the Access to the Countryside Policy and Procedures appended to the Report, with a review six months from the adoption of the Policy.

SPR/103/2018 POLICY RE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Mrs L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures (**copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures appended to the Report, with a review one year from the adoption of the Policy.

SPR/104/2018 UPDATED WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, regarding Updated Whistleblowing Policy (**copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the updated Whistleblowing Policy appended to the Report.

SPR/105/2018 REPORT REGARDING NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Administration), regarding Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman Report (**copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to note the contents of the officer's report and approve the recommendation in para 3.1 authorising a consolatory payment in the sum outlined in the report, as recommended by the NI Public Services Ombudsman.**

SPR/106/2018 RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER RPA STAFF SEVERANCE SCHEME FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director Human Resources, regarding Recommendation for Approval under RPA Staff Severance Scheme for Local Government (**copy circulated at meeting**)

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

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to accept the officer's recommendation at para 3.1 under RPA Staff Severance Scheme for Local Government.**

FOR NOTING - ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**SPR/107/2018 UPDATE ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Read: Report dated 16 August 2018 from Mrs B Phillips, Finance regarding Update on Treasury Management (**copy circulated**)

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

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report containing an update on Treasury Management.**

SPR/108/2018 ACTION SHEET FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising from Strategic Projects Working Group Meeting held on 26 June 2018 (**copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Noted: It was agreed to note the actions of Strategic Projects working group meeting of 26 June 2018.

SPR/109/2018 ACTION SHEET FROM ALBERT BASIN TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising from Efficiencies Working Group Meeting held on 6 June 2018 (**copy circulated**)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Noted: It was agreed to note the actions of Albert Basin Task and Finish Working Group meeting of 6 June 2018.

FOR NOTING**SPR/110/2018 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2018**

Read: Draft Minutes arising from Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting held on 19 June 2018 (**copy circulated**)

Noted: It was agreed to note the draft minutes of the Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting held on 19 June 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.35pm

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 September 2018.

Signed: **Councillor Michael Savage**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 20 August 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire
Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor G Sharvin**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor R Howell

Councillor L Kimmins

Councillor B Ó Muirí

Councillor D Taylor

Councillor S Doran

Councillor D Hyland

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor B Quinn

Councillor W Walker

Also in attendance: Councillor JJ Tinnelly**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
Mr J Campbell, Environmental Health
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer**AHC/142/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Enright, Fitzpatrick, Harte and Loughran and Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing.

AHC/143/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/144/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2018

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 June 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

PRESENTATIONS**AHC/145/2018: LEISURE MOBILE APP PRESENTATION**

Mr Gordon demonstrated the new Leisure Mobile App which would be available soon for download through the Apple I-store and Android Play Store. The app would enable users to book classes and track their activity in the gym by linking to their fitness trackers.

Members congratulated officers on the implementation of the app stating it would be very welcome for people to access the fitness provision instantly.

Councillor Quinn queried whether local football clubs who have gyms would be able to link in to the app also.

Mr Gordon advised due to GDPR legislation, this would not be possible at present, however if clubs were to approach Council to give their information this could potentially be shared on the app.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Gordon for his presentation stating that most people now have smart phones and fitness was a huge area now so the app would be most welcome.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**AHC/146/2018: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 20 August 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 Walker, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:**

- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 6 June 2018;**
- **Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 12 June 2018;**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 26 June 2018;**
- **Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 3 July 2018;**
- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 24 July 2018.**

AHC/147/2018: WIFI IN COMMUNITY CENTRES

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement regarding Provision of Wi-Fi at 7 Council-owned Community Centres. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Doran queried why no Mourne leisure centres were included in the proposals.

Mrs Hillen advised at present the scheme was being rolled out only to Council-owned, Council-managed centres, however this may be followed onto community centres which were community-managed in the future.

Members welcomed the provision of Wi-Fi in the community centres as it may encourage homework groups and the ability for members of the public to access the internet for paying bills etc.

Councillor Walker suggested an idea for the future would be to provide a desktop computer or laptop in the community centres for public to use.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve Council officials to complete a business case for the provision of Wi-Fi at 7 Council owned Community Centres and to proceed to work with the IT Department to procure, appoint and implement the Wi-Fi project.**

AHC/148/2018: COMMUNITY CENTRE REVIEW AND STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding update on the Community Centre Effectiveness Review & Development of Community Centre Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to approve the appointment of a consultant using the NEBRO framework to develop a Community Centre Strategy to identify gaps in provision and make recommendations on how Council addressed current and future needs.**

AHC/149/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVAL FOR CALL 4

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Quinn queried whether the forms could be simplified in order that small groups trying to access small amounts of money would be able to fill them in.

Mrs Hillen advised a review of the process had been carried out and the application process had been refined already. The hope would be that the grant management scheme would change the process for all groups.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to open a financial assistance call in September 2018 under Sports Active and any other themes as required.**

AHC/150/2018: **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DfC) FOR CITIZENS ADVICE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN**

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Additional Funding of £135,925.94 from the Department for Communities (DfC) through their Community Support Programme to Citizens Advice Newry, Mourne and Down. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to award the additional funding of £135,925.94 from the Department for Communities (DfC) to Citizens Advice Newry, Mourne and Down.**

AHC/151/2018: **REVIEW OF LEASE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CARD SHOP, MARGARET STREET, NEWRY AND KIDZONE AT CLOUGHREAGH**

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Review of Lease Arrangements with the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry and Kidszone, Cloughreagh. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed:**

- **to approve the issuing of a Deed of Surrender for the current lease with the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry. A new lease would commence immediately upon the termination of the existing lease for a period of 9 years;**
- **increase the rent based in line with RPI guidance to Kidszone at Cloughreagh Community Centre from £943 per year excluding rates, taxes,**

assessments and building insurance – to £966 per annum excluding rates etc beginning 01/07/2018.

AHC/152/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Hyland advised he had been in attendance at the last PEACE IV Partnership Meeting and this had not been recorded. Mrs Hillen advised she would have the action sheet amended to reflect his attendance.

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

- **Shared Space and Services – Ballyhornan: Procure and appoint relevant consultants and contractors to complete the planning permission and construction of the pathways project. Estimated cost: £50,937**
- **Building Positive Relations – Capacity Building Programme for Groups: Procure and appoint relevant training providers/suppliers to deliver a training programme regarding caring for trauma victims (including a residential). Estimated cost: £6,000**
- **Shared History and Culture Programme – Procure and appoint a facilitator to deliver The Bigger Picture cross-community project relating to the pioneering work of the scholar Francis Joseph Bigger in rescuing and restoring Early Christian and medieval buildings and artefacts in the Lecale area in the period 1890-1920. Estimated cost: £18,000.**

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/153/2018: DERRYLECKAGH COMPLEX UPGRADE

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Derryleckagh Complex Upgrade as per Council approval in May 2018 to bring forward capital spend of £36,000 from the overall capital included in the 2020/21 rates in order to carry out urgent works at Derryleckagh, Willy Davis Park to bring the pitch up to Intermediate IFA Standard. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to approve, as a result of recent ground inspection with the IFA, team dugouts and new goal posts were required at an additional cost of £13,500, the total expenditure of £49,500 from the capital budget of £150,000 being brought forward from 2020/21 to 2018/19 financial year.

AHC/154/2018: PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLAY STRATEGY 2017-2022

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Priority Recommendations for Play Strategy 2017-2022 as funders require all works to be completed by March 2019, therefore the Play Strategy needed to be re-aligned and the previous 3-stage community consultation condensed to the final stage process only. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to re-align capital priority schemes at 16 play parks prior to the March 2019 funding deadline and reduce community consultation to a single stage process.

AHC/155/2018: PLAY STRATEGY 2017-2022 – VALUE CATEGORISATION

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Play Value Categorisation. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Haughey advised as part of the Play Strategy, all 127 play parks within the District were awarded a play value scoring and there were a number of parks that required upgrade due to need and low play value rating. He stated Play Board NI had been tasked to look at the play value categorisation and bring forward recommendations to support the 2017-2022 Play Strategy. Their recommendations were that those play parks not identified as the preferred upgrade and with a play value scoring of 89 or less should be revisited by Council as surplus asset.

Councillor Kimmins asked for those parks that have the minimum or below play value, what the timescale would be on usage of the park until a new, upgraded or new sited playpark would be built.

Mr Haughey stated playparks would remain in situation with ongoing maintenance within those playparks with lower play values until decisions were made following public consultation.

AHC/157/2018: FORKHILL PLAY PARK

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Forkhill Play Parks – Consolidation Report with regard to PlayBoard NI undertaking a further survey to identify what the community would prefer investment to focus on the former military site in the centre of the village as opposed to upgrading the 2 existing play areas. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed approve the findings of the PlayBoard NI consultation report with regard to investigating option for siting one play area on the former military site to serve the village of Forkhill.**

AHC/158/2018: SAINTFIELD HOCKEY PITCH DEVELOPMENT

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding upgrading a small strip of land on the east side of Council's new 2G hockey pitch at 40 Comber Stret, Lisdalga, Saintfield. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to grant Saintfield Sports Club permission to carry out upgrade works to the strip of land on the east side of Council's new 2G hockey pitch at 40 Comber Street, Lisdalga, Saintfield.**

AHC/159/2018: NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE OPENING SALES PROMOTIONS

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding new Down Leisure Centre Opening Sales Promotions with a key opportunity to maximise commercial opportunities with a select number of commercial sales promotions to include direct debit, annual paid-in-advance memberships, member referrals and existing customer loyalty scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to allow officers to proceed to refine and implement commercial sales options such as direct debit, annual paid-in-advance memberships, member referrals and existing customer loyalty scheme which would be made available for a specific period of time to help maximise potential commercial income opportunities**

during the forthcoming period of excitement and intrigue with the new Down Leisure Centre facility.

AHC/160/2018: NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE PRICING AND PROGRAMMING

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding new Down Leisure Centre Pricing and Programming arrangements with alignment of indoor leisure facility services, procedures and governance; consistency of activities needed along with general targeted programming and enhancement of sports development; group exercise classes as per Newry model; review of coached activities in terms of in-house provision versus outsourcing. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to allow officers to proceed to refine and implement pricing and programming options as follows:**

- **Work closely with Council's learning and development team to source and deliver training to enable Council staff to upskill to deliver in-house group exercise classes in the new Down Leisure Centre to match the offerings currently in Kilkeel and Newry Leisure Centres;**
- **Engage with current DLC outsourced private coaches to determine implications and seek to promote future recruitment opportunities;**
- **Introduce revised membership category for new DLC that aligns with Newry and Kilkeel price point of £29.95 and associated concessionary discount to include future in-house coached group exercise class timetable for DLC customers use as part of one consolidated fee;**
- **To maintain the existing £24.75 per month membership category for unlimited use of Ballymote and Newcastle fitness suites pending any future review of its fitness equipment and in-house coached exercise classes.**

AHC/161/2018: INDOOR LEISURE CENTRE CAPITAL BUDGET

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding Indoor leisure Capital Budget. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to allow**

officers to re-allocate the anticipated capital underspend of £190k which had been allocated for various maintenance works associated with the Newcastle area to include Tropicana and Rock Pool, to meet the needs of the required works, projects and requirements within the Indoor Leisure Section to include fleet (vans) replacement and the provision of future public Wi-Fi within the Council's indoor leisure facilities, which was not currently included in the Council's managed solution.

AHC/162/2018: ORNI – COMMUNITY TRAILS

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding ORNI – Community Trails with an SLA currently in place with the Council for £72,600 for the year 2018-19 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to approve funding of £8000 to complete survey work, detailed drawings and planning for new car park at Tievenadarragh Forest and to approve, in principle, to contribute capital funding of up to £30,000 for the development of only trails which ORNI can secure funding through TRPSI and RDP.**

AHC/163/2018: KILBRONEY PARK SPORTS HUB

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Kilbroney Park Sports Hub to include the realignment and rotation of the Gaelic and soccer pitches in their current location and to look at the building or upgrading of the current tennis pavilion in order to utilise it as a potential changing rooms for football teams, rock climbing wall and access pathway from the changing pavilion to the new football fields. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed that officers be permitted to develop the project to a point where funding could be sought.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING**AHC/164/2018: PROPOSAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF BREASTFEEDING WELCOME HERE SCHEME TO NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC BUILDINGS (PHASE 1)**

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding proposals for the introduction of the Breastfeeding Welcome Here Scheme to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Public Buildings. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to approve the introduction of the Breastfeeding Welcome Here Scheme to Newry Mourne and Down District Council Public Buildings with phase 1 to include:**

- **Monaghan Row, Downshire Civic Centre, Newry Leisure Centre, Down Leisure Centre, Kilkeel Leisure Centre, Newcastle Centre, Newry Town Hall, Bagenals Castle Newry, Warrenpoint Town Hall, Down Arts Centre, Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre, Down County Museum, Saint Patrick Centre, Greenbank Council Offices, Newry Market and Newry Art Centre.**

AHC/165/2018: PROPOSAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF DEMENTIA FRIENDLY INITIATIVE TO NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC BUILDINGS (PHASE 1)

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding proposals for the introduction of the Dementia Friendly Initiative to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Public Buildings. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Kimmins advised the Dementia Virtual Bus was a worthwhile tool for people to be able to understand what it was like for people with dementia in everyday life.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to approve the introduction of the Dementia Friendly Initiative to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Public Buildings and staff with phase 1 to recruit 2 volunteers from each department to become Dementia Champions and 2 more to be Dementia Friends who in turn would deliver training to frontline and officer staff within their directorate.**

AHC/166/2018: INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIPS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) which were collaborative networks of care providers bringing together healthcare professionals, the voluntary and community sectors, local council representatives and service users and carers to design and coordinate local health and social care services. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to sign the Integrated Care Partnerships Memorandum of Understanding which set out the framework for a working relationship between the members of the partnership in order to achieve their joint and separate objectives.**

AHC/167/2018: NORTHERN IRELAND STRATEGIC MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (NISMP) REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND DEMOGRAPHICS WORKING GROUP

Read: Correspondence received from NISMP, dated 24 July 2018, regarding requests for nominations to Sustainable Communities and Demographics Working Group. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to send the request to the Party Representatives Meeting in order that nominations can be made.**

DIRECTOR'S PAPERS**AHC/168/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION SCHEDULE**

Read: Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, dated 20 August 2018, regarding Scheme of Delegation Schedule **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to defer the Scheme of Delegation Schedule to the September Meeting as schedule missing from agenda.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/169/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – UPDATE

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement regarding Social Investment Fund – Update. **(Copy circulated)**

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

AHC/170/2018: NMD TRAVELLER FORUM

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding NMD Traveller Forum which provided an update on the ongoing work of the forum. **(Copy circulated)**

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

AHC/171/2018: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Newry 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.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORT**AHC/172/2018: CHAIRPERSON'S BE ACTIVE CUP**

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Chairperson's Be Active Cup football tournament which took place in July in Kilmore Playing Fields and Jennings Park with the final held in Newry Showgrounds on 30th July. The tournament was a fantastic opportunity to promote sport and to support the Chairperson's chosen charities. **(Copy circulated)**

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

AHC/173/2018: NEW LEISURE AND SPORT OUTDOOR LEISURE IDENTITY

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding new Leisure and Sport Outdoor

Leisure Identity which had been designed by the same specialist leisure marketing experts that designed the indoor leisure brand to work in harmony with the Leisure and Sport Identity. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/174/2018: DRINKING WATER REPORT

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Drinking Water Quality Report 2017 which was designed to demonstrate water quality by individual Council area based on the % Compliance at Customer Tap (including Supply Points) over the water supply zones associated with that Council area. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

AHC/175/2018: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STANDING FORUM

Read: Action Sheet arising from Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum meeting held on 21st May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell, 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/176/2018: MEADOWLANDS PLAY PARK

Read: Report dated 20 August 2018, from Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, regarding Meadowlands Play Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker, 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 Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to approve the officer's recommendation as at para. 3.1 contained within the report.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.30pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 3 September 2018.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities



Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Forkhill play Area Community Consultation Report



PlayBoard NI
Down District Council
August 2018

1.0 Introduction

With a view to guiding the development of fixed play facilities within the Forkhill area, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council commissioned PlayBoard to undertake a local community survey.

The aim of the consultation was to gather information on a range of issues including:

- Community views on existing fixed play provision within the area
- Community views on the potential development of a new high value play area at the site of the former army barracks with the phasing out of the existing play areas at Bog Road Picnic area and Fairview.

This report outlines the key findings of the consultation process.

2.0 Responses

Surveys were undertaken of both community organisation within the Forkhill area alongside a number of parents/carers. In total 12 responses were received, 5 from community organisations and 7 from parents/carers.

3.0 Survey Findings: Community Groups

In total 5 groups participated within the survey.

3.1 Quality of Existing Play Areas

Respondents were asked to provide a rating for a number of key aspects of the existing play areas located at Fairview and Bog Road Picnic Area. Each play area was rated against a number of key criteria. The ratings scale used ran from 1 to 5 with (1 = very poor, 2 = poor, 3 = fair, 4 = good and 5 = very good).

Fairview Play Area

Fairview play area scored relatively poorly within the survey with the majority rating the play area as being Fair or below across most categories.

- *Range of Equipment*
In terms of the range of equipment available, the majority (80%) scored the site as being poor with the remaining 20% scoring it as fair.
- *Condition of Equipment*
The majority (60%) scored the site as poor with the remaining 40% scoring it as fair.
- *Cleanliness*
Majority (60%) rated the site as fair, 20% rated it as poor with 20% rating it as very poor.

- *Safety/Security*
40% rated the site as fair, 40% rated it as poor with 20% rating it as very poor.
- *Accessibility*
40% rated the site as good, 40% rated it as fair with 20% rating it as poor.
- *General Appearance*
40% rated the site as fair, 40% rated it as poor with 20% rating it as very poor.

Bog Road Picnic Area Play Area

Bog Road play area scored relatively poorly within the survey with the majority rating the play area as being Fair or below across most categories.

- *Range of Equipment*
In terms of the range of equipment available, 100% rated the range of equipment as being very poor.
- *Condition of Equipment*
All respondents scored the condition of the equipment on site as being very poor.
- *Cleanliness*
Majority (60%) rated the site as very poor, with the remaining 40% rating it as fair.
- *Safety/Security*
60% rated the site as very poor with the remaining 40% rating it as poor.
- *Accessibility*
All respondents rated the site as being very poor in terms of its accessibility.
- *General Appearance*
60% rated the site as very poor, 20% rated it as poor with 20% rating it as fair.

3.2 Development of a New Play Area for Forkhill

With regards to the potential development of a new high value play area within the grounds of the former army base, respondents were asked if they would support the development of a new play area and subsequent phasing out of both existing play areas at Fairview and Bog Road.

All respondents (100%) supported the development of a new high value play area and phasing out of the two existing sites.

4.0 Survey Findings: Parents and Carers

In total 7 responses were received.

4.1 Quality of Existing Play Areas

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Fairview Play Area

Fairview play area scored relatively poorly within the survey with the majority rating the play area as being Fair or below across most categories.

- *Range of Equipment*
In terms of the range of equipment available, 33% rated the site as being very poor, 33% rated the site as being poor with the remaining 33% scoring it as fair.
- *Condition of Equipment*
50% scored the site as poor with 50% scoring it as fair.
- *Cleanliness*
50% rated the site as fair with 50% rating it as poor.
- *Safety/Security*
67% rated the site as fair with 33% rating it as poor.
- *Accessibility*
33% rated accessibility as being good, 50% rated it as fair whilst 16% rated accessibility as poor.
- *General Appearance*
50% rated the site as fair whilst 50% rated it as very poor.

Bog Road Picnic Area Play Area

Bog Road play area scored relatively poorly within the survey with the majority rating the play area as being Fair or below across most categories.

- *Range of Equipment*
In terms of the range of equipment available, 100% rated the range of equipment as being very poor.
- *Condition of Equipment*
All respondents scored the condition of the equipment on site as being very poor.
- *Cleanliness*
Majority (67%) rated the site as very poor, with the remaining 33%

rating it as fair.

- *Safety/Security*
67% rated the site as very poor with the remaining 33% rating it as poor.
- *Accessibility*
All respondents rated the site as being very poor in terms of its accessibility.
- *General Appearance*
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NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 August 2018 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**Chairperson:** Councillor C Casey**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor J Rice

Members:	Councillor T Andrews	Councillor W Clarke
	Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
	Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor H Harvey
	Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor J Macauley
	Councillor A McMurray	Councillor M Ruane
	Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
	Councillor J Trainor	

Non Committee**Members:** Councillor M Savage

Officials in Attendance: Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services (Acting)
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
 Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Mr E Newell, Acting Assistant Director, ERT
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/106/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director, Waste Management.

Councillor Casey, Chairman, said that World Clean Up Day would be taking place on Saturday 15 September 2018. As part of this event, the Council would be offering some support to those groups engaged in any clean ups. In addition a number of other cleaning activities would be taking place on the day, covering other parts of the District. This would include other towns, housing areas and coastline.

The Chairman urged any community groups that wished to take part in this important event to make contact with the Council's Waste Department, who would assist in providing litter pickers and bags etc.

RTS/107/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

RTS/108/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2018. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above action sheet.

AGREED: In response to a query from Councillor Taylor regarding progress in relation to a previous request to set up a meeting regarding Regen Waste, with local residents etc., Marie Ward, Director, advised this was being co-ordinated by Anthony McKay, Chief Planning Officer, and she would get back to Councillor Taylor with an update.

RTS/109/2018: NOTICE OF MOTION – FLY TIPPING

The following Notice of Motion was referred from the Council Meeting of 2 July 2018, in the name of Councillor M Larkin:

“Sinn Fein as an All-Ireland Party have observed the increased and relentless fly tipping in the Newry, Mourne and Down and Louth Council Areas. We call on our Council to increase co-operation between both Councils to tackle this scourge. Firmer action needs to be taken on Enforcement of illegal dumping. Fines and penalties must reflect the crippling costs to Council and Government. A full and comprehensive review needs to be carried out and we must spread a message of zero tolerance. We request that our Council write to the relevant Department to raise our concerns and request prompt action.”

Councillor Ruane advised that Councillor Larkin was unable to attend this meeting but that he would take the opportunity to speak on the Motion at the full Council Meeting. He said there was clearly a serious issue in the area regarding fly tipping and there was an opportunity for the Council, along with Louth County Council, to come together to form some sort of strategy to deal with illegal dumping.

Councillor Ruane condemned a recent incidence where a huge number of illegal tyres had been dumped on the main Newry to Dundalk road.

Councillors Stokes, Trainor, Taylor and McMurray spoke in support of the Motion.

AGREED: It was agreed Mr R Moore, Assistant Director, arrange to:-

- **Make contact with Louth Council with a view to addressing fly tipping in a unified way.**
- **Address enforcement action in conjunction with the NIEA.**
- **Carry out fly tipping review and market the message of “Zero Tolerance”.**
- **Write to the Department raising concerns and requesting prompt action.**

RTS/110/2018: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLANRYE RIVER NEWRY

The following Notice of Motion was referred from the Council Meeting of 2 July 2018, in the names of Councillor M Savage and Councillor G Stokes:

“That this Council assembles a task force to include all relevant bodies to improve the condition of the Clanrye River in Newry City and that this task force explores all options in the short and long term including the provision of a weir. In the short term Council will work with all agencies to coordinate an immediate clean-up of the River.”

In formally proposing the Motion Councillor Stokes said this was a long standing issue which had recently arisen due to the hot weather which left the banks of the Clanrye River exposed, particularly at low tide. A number of local businesses and restaurants overlooking the river had said that the condition of the river was affecting their businesses during the hot weather.

Councillor Stokes said if the Council were serious about welcoming tourists to the District then something serious needed to be done to improve the appearance and condition of the Clanrye River, similar to the improvements Dublin Council had carried on the river Liffey. He outlined recent new investments in Newry City Centre such as the opening of the Greenway and a proposed new theatre and city park on the bank of the river.

Councillor Stokes said they could not let the river become the poor relation and there was a need to match investment with investment in the river. Such an upgrade was essential to regenerate Newry City Centre.

He paid tribute to the local media for highlighting this issue and to those local businesses and organisations who got involved in the campaign and who helped with a clean-up of the river.

Councillor Stokes said that as a first point of action the Director should write to Rivers Agency who had chief responsibility for the river to see what their plans were for any upgrade in terms of a weir and also a clean-up of the river.

Councillor Savage formally seconded the Motion and said that Newry’s unique selling point was its waterways. If the Council was serious about Newry being a tourist destination then its natural assets of a tidal river and one of the oldest working navigation canals had to be brought up to the highest standards so that they could fulfil their potential. He said Newry was about to embark on a £20m investment with a proposed Civic Centre and a new theatre and it was essential the river was brought up to standard.

Councillor Savage said there was continued confusion over who was responsible for the Clanrye River. He referred to the recent ludicrous situation where Rivers Agency staff were fixing a wall along the river but were not allowed to remove shopping trollies which were dumped close by. That was why the Motion was calling for a Taskforce to be set up to improve the condition of the River and ensure the expectations of people are met.

Councillors Kimmins, Taylor, Clarke, Craig, Macauley and McMurray spoke in support of the Motion, with some Members saying the problem was much wider than the condition of the Clanrye River. Community Planning required Statutory Bodies to work together and it was important this be done in relation to establishing a partnership which would address issues of waterway/river cleaning across the District. Members also said it was important that the issue of trolley dumping was addressed with the larger shops and also that the Recreational Bodies in Northern Ireland should be given the opportunity to feed into the taskforce.

AGREED: It was agreed Mr R Moore, Acting Director, arrange to:-

- Write to Rivers Agency to ascertain their current position regarding the provision of a weir.
- Start discussions on progress on a clean-up of Clanrye River.
- Report back to the R&TS Committee when a response has been received from Rivers Agency and consider the establishment of a task force.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING

RTS/111/2018: PEDESTRIANIZING A SECTION OF KINGS LANE, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 22 August 2018 from Mr G McCurry, Duty Manager, Off Street Parking Function re: possibility of pedestrianizing a section of Kings Lane, Warrenpoint. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to recommend to note the content of the above report and provide authorisation for Council Officers to submit a formal letter of request to the Department to investigate the possibility of converting Kings Lane, Warrenpoint into a pedestrian only zone.

AGREED: It was also agreed that Warrenpoint Chamber of Commerce and Trade be advised of the Council's intention to formally request that Kings Lane, Warrenpoint be converted into a pedestrian only zone.

RTS/112/2018: ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS (EPB) AUDIT REPORT

Read: Report dated 22 August 2018 from Patrick Hobson, Senior Specialist Building Control Surveyor and Christine Rice, Technical Officer (EPB and LPS) Re: Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) Audit Report. The report noted that the Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) Enforcement Procedure for District Councils in Northern Ireland had been agreed by Building Control Northern Ireland (BCNI); reference to copy in Appendix 2 *(Circulated)*

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to recommend to note the content of the above report and provide authorisation for Council Officers to fully implement the EPB Enforcement Procedure to include Penalty Charges Notices where non-compliance was identified. This would be preceded by two information sessions, one in Newry and one in Downpatrick, which the Council would facilitate for Estate Agents within our District supported by the central EPB team from Belfast City Council.

AGREED: At the request of Councillor Craig it was also agreed that quarterly progress reports on Building Control performance be tabled at future Committee Meetings.

RTS/113/2018: CAR PARK TARIFF REVIEW – UPDATE

Read: Report dated 22 August 2018 from Mr G McCurry, Duty Manager, Off Street Parking Function re: car park tariff review – update. The report outlined that at the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2018, it was agreed to conduct a review of car parking tariffs within the District. This was broadened to incorporate a consultation and engagement process involving key stakeholders and residents by means of a “road show” approach and an online user survey. Council were now in a position to avail of Consultancy Services to provide elements of the total review process to incorporate consultation and engagement with respective Chambers of Commerce, Business Improvement Districts, DEA forums, local traders and residents. In addition Council Officers will collate comparator data from partners NSL Ltd and the Department For Infrastructure (DFI), covering the period April-September 2017-2018. It would be the intention to report to the RTS Committee sitting in October 2018. *(Circulated)*.

A discussion followed during which Members raised the following issues:-

- It was important that engagement take place with all key stakeholders and residents to take into account that not everyone had on-line access to complete the on line survey
- The need for a heavy advertising campaign to encourage people to respond to the survey.
- Make contact with businesses affected possibly through the DEAs.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the content of the above Report, in the context as an update of the on-going process.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – PLANNING**RTS/114/2018: CONTACT FROM PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES Q1
- 4 APRIL 2018 TO 30 JUNE 2018**

Read: Report on contact from Public Representatives from 4 April 2018 to 30 June 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/115/2018: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2018 – 2019 FROM JUNE PLANNING MEETING

Read: Report of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives 2018 – 2019 from June Planning Meeting. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.**

RTS/116/2018: JUNE 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Read: Report on Planning Committee Performance for June 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/117/2018: CURRENT APPEALS – JUNE 2018

Read: Report of current appeals in June 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/118/2018: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2018 – 2019 FROM JULY PLANNING MEETING

Read: Report of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives 2018 – 2019 from July Planning Meeting. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/119/2018: CURRENT APPEALS – JULY 2018

Read: Report of current appeals in July 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/120/2018: JULY 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Read: Report on Planning Committee Performance for July 2018. *(Circulated)*

AGREED : It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

Councillor Crag welcomed the increase in the number of new applications but said there was still a big back log and this needed to be addressed with a new Scheme of Delegation. He said the current situation did not benefit developers or constituents and did not help the economic development of the District.

Mr McKay advised a Planning Workshop for all 41 Councillors had been arranged for 5 September 2018.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION
– FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/121/2018: PROVISION OF SANITARY DISPOSAL BINS AT PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Read: Report dated 22 August 2018 from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance and Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management regarding the provision of sanitary disposal bins at Public Conveniences. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Macauley, it was agreed to recommend approval of the proposal for 1 No. Sanitary Disposal Bin to be provided in all 31 No. Public

Conveniences, with signage provided on the door advising the public. The total cost for the service was £838.24 per annum.

RTS/122/2018: PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

Read: Report from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance dated 22 August 2018 regarding proposed extension to Warrenpoint Municipal Cemetery. The report advised that the current phase of Warrenpoint Municipal Cemetery was reaching capacity and Council had approved a capital spend of £125,000 to allow for its extension. There was a current planning approval which included extension of the cemetery into the area now proposed for the extension and there were some minor design changes proposed to that originally approved which focused on improving accessibility to the site for vehicles. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kimmins it was agreed to recommend approval of:-**

- **The proposed layout for extension to Warrenpoint Municipal Cemetery.**
- **Approve that work commence to bring this project to tender stage subject to ensuring proposals are in line with current planning approval.**
- **Approve the procurement of technical support if required to complete the final design to tender stage and management of the completion of works on site.**

RTS/123/2018: UPDATE ON PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE OPTION OF PLANTING CHRISTMAS TREES

Read: Report from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 22 August 2018 regarding update on proposal to provide to local communities an environmentally sustainable option of planting Christmas trees. The report advised that Council had established a Councillors' Christmas Illuminations/Celebrations Group to agree a three to five year programme for how Council would help local communities across the district celebrate Christmas. A proposal arising out of this Group was the offer to provide a "starter kit" to local communities comprising a planted Christmas tree in an agreed location with an initial height of 4 to 4.5 metres. The Group sought to have a number of pilot sites in operation by Christmas 2018 and this report seeks approval to look to establish this in 7 identified sites. Work undertaken by Officers had identified seven sites, covering all DEA's except Newry and Downpatrick which could be rolled out before Christmas 2018 subject to purchase of suitable Christmas trees (5 number), agreement with relevant local communities and landowners *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed the Council:-

- **Adopt the proposed Terms of Reference as provided in Appendix 3 circulated – Terms of Reference for Expression of Interest Exercise – Sustainable Christmas Tree Pilot Scheme 2018**
- **Purchase 5 No. Christmas trees of the species Abies Nordmanniana at a height of 4.5 metres (from ground level to tip) for planting at five agreed locations.**
- **Council to agree with local communities identified within the report (sites 1 to 7 in Table 1) to taking part in a pilot program as per Terms of Reference for Expression of Interest Exercise – Sustainable Christmas Tree Pilot Scheme 2018.**

RTS/124/2018: UPDATE ON TRANSLINK'S PROGRAM FOR INSTALLATION OF BUS SHELTERS IN COUNCIL AREA

Read: Report from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, dated 22 August 2018 regarding update on Translink's program for installation of bus shelters in Council area. The report advised that Translink had been consulted on requests for bus shelters received by Council and had confirmed a number that they proposed to consider for installation subject to funding being made available. They also said they were unable at this time to provide a timeframe for when such funding would become available or when any such bus shelters would be installed. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the above report.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/125/2018: STRATEGY TO ADDRESS DOG FOULING

Read: Report from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing dated 22 August 2018 regarding Strategy to address dog fouling. The report advised that a recent survey had indicated unacceptable levels of dog-fouling on our streets. The incidence of dog-fouling could be speedily addressed with the implementation of a campaign to bring this problem to the fore and to make dog-owners aware as to their responsibilities. It was proposed to approach to address this matter in two phases ;

Phase 1 : Immediate

Approve 'brand' and to launch the brand with a publicity campaign with a sticker to be placed on every litter –bin in our District .

In addition, any current dog-fouling signage to be replaced with the new 'brand' pictorial. This approach to allow for a sharp approach, designed to address the findings of the Street Cleanliness Survey and comments from members .

Phase 2 : Within 3 months

Completion of Strategy, with other areas to be addressed ;
*dogs on leads were a possible extension to all grassed areas

- *consideration of ban for dogs from playing fields and review for bye-laws
- *joined –up approach with Grounds Open Spaces and other Directorates
- *legal considerations and Enforcement
- *future advertising and outreach
- *monitor effectiveness and receipt of initial campaign

A number of Members expressed their view that they believed the Brand Image pictorial for the Dog Strategy Campaign needed to be more visually graphic to get the message across.

AGREED: Following discussions it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to endorse initial approach to the preparation of a Dog-Fouling Strategy and to approve the proposed 'brand' to be used in all literature and publications associated with the Strategy.(Appendix 1 as circulated at Meeting).

It was also agreed to approve a two-phased approach to the completion of the Strategy, with Phase 1 to provide pictorial 'brand' to all litter-bins throughout the District and also to be used in any Dog-Fouling signage erected by Enforcement Officers and Phase 2 to engage with other Directorates to agree a confirmed Dog-Fouling Strategy for recommendation to the Council, target completion end – December 2018.

RTS/126/2018: BROWN BIN PROJECT

Read: Report from Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing, dated 22 August 2018 regarding brown bin project. The report outlined key issues including the key facts following an evaluation of the food waste project and extension of the Brown Bin Collection Service. **(Circulated).**

Members raised the following issues:-

- The need for a strong marketing campaign to advertise the end date for the free issue of brown bins (effective from 30 September 2018)
- All requests for free brown bins, submitted before the closing date of 30 September 2018 would be honoured.
- The public to be advised that they could personally collect a brown bin from Council depots if they were waiting on a delivery.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to recommend that a final call for free issue of brown bins be undertaken, with the intention to discontinue free issue of bins effective from 30 September 2018. Thereafter bins to be recharged at £19, kitchen caddy inclusive.

It was agreed the issue of the purchase of food liners be addressed as part of the Rates Estimates 2019/2020.

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

The Chairperson advised that item No. 22 was an exempt item under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

On the proposal of Councillor Trainer, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this item.

RTS/127/2018: RECYCLING PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Read: Report from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing dated 22 August 2018 regarding recycling performance statistics. *(Circulated)*.

When the Committee came out of closed session on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Taylor, the Chairman reported it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Taylor to note the contents of the report giving details of the Council's Recycling Performance against the target of 50% recycle rate, to be achieved by 2020.

RTS/128/2018: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BALLYKINE HOUSEHOLD AMENITY SITE TO ACCOMMODATE THE MOURNE TRIATHALON EVENT ON SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018

Read: Report from Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing dated 22 August 2018 regarding the temporary closure of Ballykine Household Amenity Site to accommodate the Mourne Triathlon event on Saturday 25 August 2018. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend closure of the Bann Road Household Recycling Centre on Saturday 25th August 2018 9.00am – 12.00 noon, during the Mourne Triathlon Event to reduce Health & Safety risk to the public.**

It was also agreed that this decision be communicated to the general public.

RTS/129/2018: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WARRENPOINT CIVIC AMENITY SITE

Mr Dinsmore advised of the pending closure of Warrenpoint Civic Amenity site for an approximate two week period to facilitate works to drains.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to recommend closure of Warrenpoint Civic Amenity Site for an approximate two week period to facilitate drainage works.**

It was also agreed that this decision be communicated to the general public.

RTS/130/2018: ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES 2017 – 2022

Read: Report from Liam Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing dated 22 August 2018 regarding acquisition of vehicles 2017 – 2022. The report advised the Council had previously approved a five-year vehicle replacement plan

and provided an update on progress towards completing acquisition of replacement Council vehicles in line with planned expenditure in this current financial period (2018/2019). *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed that minor additions/deletions made since to the replacement list presented to RTS in April 2018 be approved. (Appendix 1 circulated at meeting).**

It was also agreed that future minor changes to replacement list of vehicles for 2018/19 can be made without need for future RTS/Council approvals, subject to individual Business Cases being approved and the final spend not exceeding spend forecast advised in April, i.e. £2,902,467.00.

FOR NOTING

**RTS/131/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
- THURSDAY 31 MAY 2018**

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated Thursday 31 May 2018.
(Circulated)

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes held on Thursday 31 May 2018.**

**RTS/132/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN
26 JUNE 2018**

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Monthly Bulletin 26 June 2018.
(Circulated)

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Bulletin dated 26 June 2018.**

RTS/133/2018: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET

Read: Historic Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the historic Action Sheet.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.30 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 September 2018.

Signed: **Councillor Charlie Casey**
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee

Signed: **Mr R Moore**
Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services

STRATEGIC POLICY, EQUALITY & GOOD RELATIONS DIRECTORATE



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11 July 2018

Dear Mr Hannaway

HISTORICAL CLERICAL CHILD ABUSE

I have received your letter dated 2 July 2018 in relation to victims and survivors of clerical abuse in which you set out your Council's resolution relating to historic child abuse and Malachy Finnegan. You may be aware that the PSNI is currently carrying out an investigation into clerical abuse at St Colman's College and has put out a call to for people who were abused by anyone at St Colman's to contact them. The investigation is broad ranging as it is looking not only at individual instances of abuse but also at safeguarding policies and procedures past and present.

In your correspondence you have asked for an update on the work of Inter-Departmental Working Group's (IDWG) looking at Mother and Baby Homes/Magdalene Asylums (Laundries) and clerical child abuse. The IDWG was established by the previous Executive. The role of the IDWG is to gather evidence and information, as directed by the Executive, and to report back to the Executive with its findings and recommendations. The IDWG is continuing to work as directed.



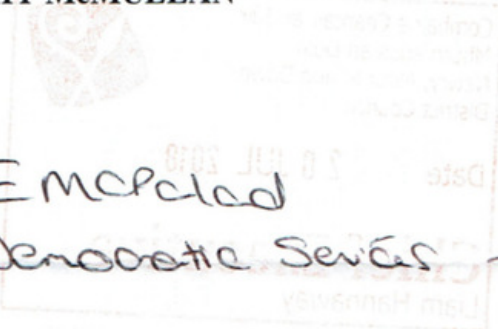
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Whether or not there should be a public inquiry into clerical abuse in Northern Ireland is a matter for a future Executive to determine when it has considered the recommendations of the IDWG.

Yours sincerely

Cathy McMullan

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22nd August 2018

Dear Ms Taggart

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT; NOTICE of PUBLICATION for SHIMNA RIVER FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME- Drainage (NI) Order 1973 (as amended).

The Department for Infrastructure hereby gives notice, in pursuance of Article 12D of the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (as amended) that an Environmental Statement for the Shimna River Flood Alleviation Scheme has been published.

A copy of the Environmental Statement is available for inspection at the addresses below, from 14th August 2018 to 14th September 2018, during normal opening hours:

- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, District Council Offices, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry, BT35 8DJ.
- Newcastle Centre, 10-14 Central Promenade, Newcastle, Co Down, BT33 0AA.
- DfI Rivers HQ, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Loughry, Cookstown, BT80 8SG.

An electronic version of the Environmental Statement together with a non-technical summary is available at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/shimna-river-flood-alleviation-scheme-environmental-statement>

In accordance with Article 12D (2), representations should be made in writing to the Department in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed scheme to which the statement relates.

The closing date for receipt of representations is 14th September 2018.

Any representations should be sent to: -

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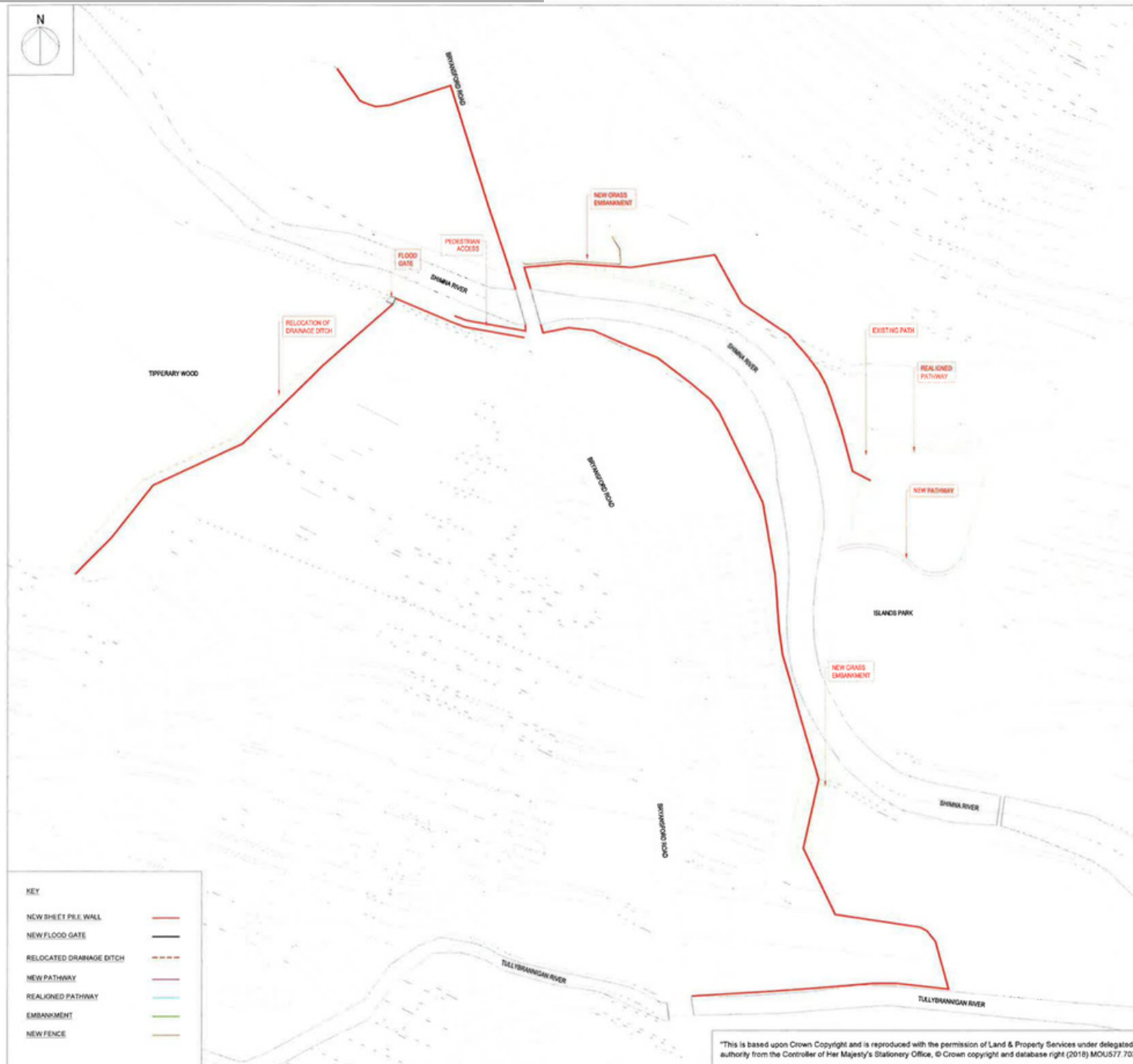


If no objections are made in relation to the likely effects of the works specified in the scheme and the Drainage Council having undertaken the examination specified in Article 12H (2), considers that the scheme should be approved, it may so determine.

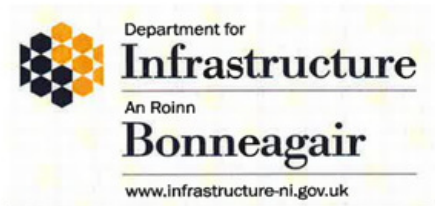
Yours sincerely,



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NAC

15/8/2018

Dear Colleagues,

Tackling Austerity Through Innovation

The Crowne Plaza, Harrogate Sept 28th-30th 2018

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the NAC I have cancelled our event at the Quorn Grange Hotel, Quorn Village Near Loughborough. The event will now take place at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate on the 28th-30th September 2018 I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Local authorities across Great Britain & Northern Ireland are facing many challenges because of austerity. Continuing to provide services and being innovative is key to providing a strong public service.

Join this engaging conference to hear first-hand how Town/Parish councils & Unitary authorities are making positive changes and preserving services using technology & Innovation as well as protecting our heritage and identity.

I have engaged speakers from Local Authorities and the Heritage Lottery Fund who have a wide experience working in this area.

To book your places at this important event please complete the form attached and return it to me.

Yours faithfully

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pp Brian Nelson
General Secretary

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Tackling Austerity Through Innovation

Friday 14th September 2018

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Session One, Cllr Brian Stephens in the chair.

Speaker from Heritage Lottery Fund

Innovate to Protect Heritage

Questions

7.15 pm Dinner

Saturday 15th September 2018

10-00am Session Two,
Cllr Kevin Craney, Deputy Leader Hartlepool BC

Questions

10.45am

The use of technology to protect services

Questions

11.30am Tea / Coffee

The Crowne Plaza, Harrogate

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28th-29th September 2018

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11.45am Session 3

Innovation driving Services

Questions

1-00pm Lunch

2-00pm – 4pm Break out sessions

2-00pm England Region AGM (Regional Delegates)

7-00pm Conference Dinner

Sunday 16th September 2018

10-00am NAC General Secretary, Cllr Brian Nelson.

Workshops (delegates to split into groups)

Both Groups to Feedback

12-00 Noon Lunch

1-00pm End of Event.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Tackling Austerity Through Innovation

The Crowne Plaza, Harrogate. 28th-30th Sept 2018

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate’s Email

Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

INVOICE, email address for invoice.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
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or Post form to NAC Bookings, 16 Frederick St North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 7NB

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

NAC UK Conference/AGM - November 2018

NAC has provided advance notification of their 2018 UK Conference and AGM.

Date: 23 November 5 pm – 25 September 1 pm

23 November – Standards in Local Government for England, Wales, Scotland and N Ireland (MP to address this event)

24 November – Annual General Meeting

Venue: Crowne Plaza, Chester

Fees: £350 per delegate plus £60 per night delegate rate accommodation

(Information provided by General Secretary of NAC and NAC (NI Region))

21/08/2018

Rural Community Network

SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

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



Date 23 AUG 2013

Chief Executive
Liam Hannaway

20 August 2018

Dear Member

Nominations for the Board of Directors of Rural Community Network 2018 – 2020

Rural Community Network will hold its AGM in **November 2018** when a new 2-year Board of Directors will be appointed.

Please use the attached form to suggest two nominees willing to go forward for election from **your** County if you are from the community sector **OR** one from the NI wide voluntary sector **OR** one from the statutory sector if your group is in that category. The closing date is Friday **12th October 2018** and then ballot papers will follow from then.

Our constitution states that our Board of Directors should comprise of 2 community representatives from each county, 2 places from NI wide voluntary organisations and 1 place from NI statutory bodies including district councils. Co-options, in the past, have included representatives from the farming, environmental, women's and disability sector. It is through a well-informed Board that RCN seek to develop its awareness of priority policy issues. The Network endeavours to maintain a balance among its Directors so that as far as is practicable, the Board will have an equal number of men and women, be representative of both communities and have a broad geographical spread.

If you wish to propose someone, contact should be made with that person for permission to let his/her name be proposed.

For your information please find attached some notes for potential Board members and those currently on the Board.

Please note only paid up members are eligible to submit resolutions, vote at the Annual General Meeting, and take part in the elections of a new Board.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Commission for Northern
Ireland NIC100009

■ Company limited by
guarantee No. NI31418

Notes for potential Board members

Title Board Member of Rural Community Network

Function: Director on the Board of a Company Limited by Guarantee
(On the Board you sit as an individual)

Aim: To represent views of rural communities on issues of poverty, disadvantage and equality advocated through a community development process (using your own background and organisation as an informing mechanism).

Responsibilities

- To attend meetings of the Board (approximately 6 per year) plus AGM and Annual Conference.
- To act as the accountable mechanism for RCN as an organisation responsible to its members and other funders.
- To contribute to the strategic direction of the organisation.

Note

- Induction to RCN and responsibilities as a Board member will be provided.
- Board meetings are usually held at the RCN office in Cookstown on Wednesdays from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. The new Board will review the time of meetings. Food is provided.
- Travel expenses will be met for Board and any sub-committee meetings and for other meetings when representing RCN on delegations.
- Contributions to childcare or other special needs will be considered.
- RCN is an organisation committed to inclusiveness and as such is open to changing arrangements to best meet the needs of Board members.

ELECTION 2018 – 2020
RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK
Nomination Form for Representatives

N.I. STATUTORY GROUPS

Nomination for the **ONE** representative on the Board of Directors from the Northern Ireland statutory sector.

Nomination:

Organisation:

Address &

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Post Code:

Phone No:

Email:

Proposed by:
 (Organisation)

We have checked with nominee(s) and they accept that their name(s) can go forward for election

Yes No

Nomination form to be returned to Rural Community Network, 38a Oldtown Street, Cookstown, Co Tyrone BT80 8EF or kathryn@ruralcommunitynetwork.org no later than Friday 12th October 2018.