



March 29th, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 3rd April 2017 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies:

Cllr G Stokes

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Notices of Motion

11 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown

"At Council meeting on 6 June 2016, Council agreed that Committee Meetings (with the exception of the Planning Committee) be audio recorded and recordings made available for inspection by the public at the Council Offices for 6 years from the date of the Meeting. This Council recognises that local government should always strive for the greatest degree of transparency and accountability and therefore agrees that the audio recordings also be uploaded to the Council's website for a period of 2 years".

12 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Hanna

"This Council writes to the relevant authorities to ensure that all churches, church halls and places of worship in this Council area, Newry, Mourne and Down, should be exempt from planning fees."

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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMD/C/****Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2017 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor G Fitzpatrick**In attendance: (Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor S Burns
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor L Devlin	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor M Murnin
Councillor B O'Múiri	Councillor O'Gribin
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J J Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
 Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Human Resources
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

C/35/2017**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Quinn, Reilly, Sharvin and Taylor.

The Chairperson extended condolences on behalf of Council to the family of PJ Bradley, the former Councillor and Chair

of Newry & Mourne District Council, and said a letter of condolence would be sent to the family.

C/36/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/37/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH SPEAK WINNERS

The Chairperson congratulated the District's senior and junior winners of Environmental Youth Speak: Matthew Magee from St Malachy's Primary School, Camlough and Mia Comer from Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry, and welcomed them to the meeting.

The Chairperson invited the winners to each make a 5 minute presentation to Council.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/38/2017 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2017

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 February 2017 (copy circulated)

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Curran.**

C/39/2017 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2017

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 February 2017(copy circulated)

AGREED: **The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 February 2017 was agreed.**

C/40/2017 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2017

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 30 January 2017 (copy circulated).

SC/3/2017 Presentation on NI Human Rights Commission

Councillor Byrne advised there was a correction to the minutes – his question regarding the Annual Statement was directed at civil marriage, not civil partnership.

AGREED: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor D McAteer, subject to the correction from Councillor Byrne.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/41/2017 **MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2017 (copy circulated).

ERT/28/2017 Horse Riding – Castlewellan Forest Park

In response to a query from Councillor Devlin, Mrs Ward undertook to provide a map to Members of the horse riding trails in Castlewellan Forest Park.

AGREED: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Harvey.

C/42/2017 **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2017 (copy circulated).

SPR/52/2017 – RPA Severance

Mr Hannaway advised that this item would be taken in closed session towards the end of the meeting as Council would be asked to consider an amendment to the recommendation contained within the Minutes.

SPR/30/2017 – Chairperson’s Remarks – Additional Item – Saintfield Community Centre

In response to a query from Councillor Burgess regarding the options paper for Saintfield Community Centre, Councillor Brown undertook to send Councillor Burgess a copy of the email which had been sent prior to the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee held on 16 February 2017.

In response to a query from Councillor Walker, Mr Hannaway advised he had written to Saintfield Development Association in acknowledgement of their letter and informing them a meeting would be organised once the Strategy, Policy & Resources Minutes had been ratified and subject to the call-in period.

SPR/48/2017 – Additional Costs to Newry Leisure Centre

In response to a query from Councillor Craig, Mr Hannaway advised questions regarding the additional costs to Newry Leisure Centre would be taken in closed session towards the end of the meeting.

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Múiri, seconded by Councillor Ruane.**

C/43/2017 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2017 (copy circulated)

AHC/34/2017 Notice of Motion – Item Referred by Council

Councillor Enright said he had not been aware that the above Notice of Motion had been referred to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee in February.

Mr Hannaway advised that the Director of Active & Healthy Communities, Mr Lipsett, was bringing a report to a future AHC Committee meeting to deal with the issues raised in the motion and Councillor Enright would be invited to the meeting.

AHC/20/2017 Proposed Licence Agreement between the Down Community and NM&DDC for use of Meeting Room in Dan Rice Hall

In response to a query from Councillor Murnin, Mr Lipsett confirmed that all user groups of the Dan Rice Hall would be consulted as a matter of course and that the group putting forward the proposal had been invited to the next Slieve Croob DEA Fora meeting to discuss proposals in detail.

AHC/21/2017 Financial Assistance Call 1 (2017-2018)

Councillor Walker commended the council officers who had set up the workshops, noting that the Ballynahinch workshop had been attended by over 130 people.

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Burns.**

C/44/2017 MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2017 (copy circulated)

RTS/25/2017 Bus Shelter Requests

Councillor Byrne referred to the bus shelter at Roxborough Road, Dorsey, saying the structure had no perspex back, did not provide adequate shelter for the children waiting for the school bus, and was not fit for purpose.

Mr O'Rourke undertook to ascertain whether or not the bus shelter had been completed, but advised that in some cases, Transport NI did not provide sides to the bus shelters due to access being required to the pavement.

Councillor D McAteer said the bus shelter at Ballyholland Road, Ballyholland, also did not have sides and Mr O'Rourke undertook to seek further information on this shelter.

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Macauley, seconded by Councillor Andrews.**

CORRESPONDENCE

C/46/2017 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Read: Correspondence dated 24 February 2017, received from Derry City & Strabane District Council re regarding the drug Orkambi, which could be used for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (copy circulated).

Agreed : **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Council write to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance seeking their support for the campaign to have the orkambi drug for cystic fibrosis sufferers funded in Northern Ireland.**

C/47/2017 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE REGARDING THE INCARCERATION OF TONY TAYLOR**

Read: Correspondence dated 7 February 2017 received from the Northern Ireland Office regarding the incarceration of Tony Taylor (copy circulated).

Councillor Hyland requested Council write back to Mr Hopkins MP requesting details of the open reasons why Tony Taylor's licence was revoked.

Councillor Ruane seconded Councillor Hyland's proposal.

Councillor Hanna said that as Council had no influence on the incarceration of Tony Taylor, to write back to Mr Hopkins MP was a waste of time.

Councillor Hyland's motion was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: **22**
AGAINST: **7**
ABSTENTIONS: **2**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that correspondence be sent to Mr Hopkins MP, requesting details of the open reasons why Tony Taylor's licence was revoked.

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/48/2017 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR REILLY

The following Notice of Motion, having been included on the agenda in the name of Councillor Reilly who was not present at the meeting, was proposed by Councillor Burns and seconded by Councillor Clarke and referred, without discussion, to the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee for consideration and report.

“That this Council investigates the possibility of entering into contract hire agreements for the supply of refuse collection vehicles.

That this Council gives serious consideration to the operational benefits of contract hire for refuse collection vehicles and presents a cost benefit analysis to Council and invites contract hire suppliers to address council on how the scheme works”.

C/49/2017 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR BURNS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Burns:

“This Council notes with disappointment the planned closure of two First Trust Bank branches in our district. We ask First Trust to reverse this decision on the basis that it discriminates against rural communities and to give a guarantee that, at the very minimum, it will retain the ATM's at the locations concerned. We further ask for a Meeting with representatives from the First Trust to discuss the proposed closures in detail and, in particular, the impact on our rural communities”.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Burns highlighted the following points:

- The First Trust Bank had planned closures of the Downpatrick and Warrenpoint branches, which would have a negative impact on the District's rural community.
- The job losses would have a knock on effect on the rural economy.
- Face to face facilities were relied on by users, especially the elderly.
- Broadband infrastructure in the District was poor and online banking would not be an alternative option for many citizens.

- The Post Office could not provide the same range of facilities that the banks could.
- It was vital that the First Trust ATM was retained in both towns.

Councillor Ruane seconded the motion, saying this would be the second bank closure in Warrenpoint and it was vital that the ATM's were retained as Warrenpoint in particular had a large visitor footfall.

Councillor Carr spoke in support of the motion and proposed an amendment to request a meeting with the head of the First Trust Bank, Mr Des Moore. Councillor Carr also said shortly after announcing the closures, the First Trust announced a pre-tax profit of 54m, which was not good for their loyal customers. He concurred with the previous speakers regarding the need to retain an ATM in the towns and said it would be a drastic option for the bank to pull out of Warrenpoint and take away the ATM also, and queried whether the bank had considered downsizing.

Councillor Hanna on behalf of the DUP spoke in support of the motion, saying the bank's relationship with its customers was vital and Post Office staff would not have the financial expertise of banking staff.

Councillor Murnin suggested exploring how Danske Bank operated in Downpatrick with their smaller premises and more automated service, to see if this could be an option for the First Trust.

Councillor Hyland on behalf of the Independents and Alliance members spoke in support of the motion, saying the impact on the towns could not be underestimated as the banks were meeting places and morale would be weakened. He queried how much consultation had gone into the proposed closures, how many staff had been informed and what reasons had been given, saying there would be a massive impact on the staff and their families.

Councillor McMurray said internet banking was no substitute for high street banking and it had been proven that once banks left the high streets, less money was spent in towns.

Councillor D McAteer advised that a high number of the population of Warrenpoint were retired people and not necessarily internet friendly, but suggested the option of providing a similar service to the AIB whereby the lobby of the bank stayed open until 10pm in order that cash could be deposited in a safe environment.

Councillors Andrews, Macauley, Tinnelly and Trainor also spoke in support of the motion, Councillor Trainor highlighting accessibility issues, as not all of the bank users would be IT literate and referred to the excellent service provided by Danske Bank, which the First Trust should consider.

Councillor Burns accepted Councillor Carr's amendment to request a meeting with Mr Des Moore.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruane this Council notes with

disappointment the planned closure of two First Trust Bank branches in our district and ask First Trust to reverse this decision on the basis that it discriminates against rural communities and to give a guarantee that, at the very minimum, it will retain the ATM's at the locations concerned. We further ask for a Meeting with Mr Des Moore from the First Trust to discuss the proposed closures in detail and, in particular, the impact on our rural communities.

EXEMPT ITEMS

C/50/2017

RENEWAL OF COUNCIL MS LICENCES

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information in relation to any individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report by Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services, dated 6 March 2017, regarding the renewal of Council MS Licences (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed the Council come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Council came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that in relation to the renewal of Council MS Licences, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Clarke to procure a Microsoft Licencing Solutions Partner (LPS) and to purchase Microsoft end user licences through the resulting Enterprise Agreement at the cost outlined in the Officer's Report for 3 years and funded from the Revenue Budget.

C/51/2017

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING – 16 FEBRUARY 2017

SPR/48/2017 – Additional Costs to Newry Leisure Centre

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act

(Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information in relation to any individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2017 (copy circulated).

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

Mrs Carville provided clarification in relation to the additional works to the entrance to the new Newry Leisure Centre and this information was noted.

SPR52/2017 – RPA Severance

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information in relation to any individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

All staff, with the exception of the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Assistant Director, Human Resources, left the meeting for discussion on this matter.

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2017 (copy circulated).

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

Agreed: **When the Council came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that in relation to Minute SPR/52/2017, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Clarke, to note the contents of the Officer's Report and approve the recommendations at Paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 regarding the application of the RPA Severance Scheme.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.40pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/35/2017	Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks	It was agreed a letter of condolence would be sent to the family of PJ Bradley, former Councillor and Chair of Newry and Mourne District Council	Democratic Services	Letter sent	Y
C/40/2017	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 30 January 2017	<i>SC/3/2017 – Presentation on NI Human Rights Commission</i> The question regarding the Annual Statement was directed at civil marriage, not civil partnership. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, subject to the correction above.	Democratic Services	Minutes amended	Y
C/41/2017	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Ward	Agreed	Y
C/42/2017	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	D Carville	Agreed	Y
C/43/2017	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	Agreed	Y
C/44/2017	Minutes of RTS Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2017	Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	C O'Rourke	Agreed	Y
C/46/2017	Correspondence received from Derry City & Strabane District Council	It was agreed that Council write to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance seeking their support for the campaign to have the orkambi drug for cystic fibrosis sufferers funded in Northern Ireland.		Letters sent	
C/47/2017	Correspondence received from the Northern Ireland Office regarding the incarceration of Tony Taylor	It was agreed that correspondence be sent to Mr Hopkins MP, requesting details of the open reasons why Tony Taylor's licence was revoked.		Letter sent	
C/48/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reilly	It was agreed that the notice of motion be presented at SPR Committee		To be included on agenda for SPR meeting 13.04.2017	

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/49/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Burns	It was agreed that Council note with disappointment the planned closure of two First Trust Bank branches in our District and ask First Trust to reverse this decision on the basis that it discriminates against rural communities and to give a guarantee that, at the very minimum, it will retain the ATMs at the locations concerned. It was further agreed that a meeting be sought with Mr Des Moore from the First Trust to discuss the proposed closures in detail and, in particular, the impact on our rural communities.		Letters sent	
C/50/2017	Renewal of Council Ms Licences	It was agreed to procure a Microsoft Licencing Solutions Partner (LPS) and to purchase Microsoft end user licences through the resulting Enterprise Agreement at the cost outlined in the Officer's Report for 3 years and funded from the Revenue Budget.	G Ringland	Ongoing	N
C/51/2017	Minutes of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting – 15 February 2017: Minute SPR/52/2017	In relation to Minute SPR/52/2017 it was agreed to note the contents of the Officer's Report and approve the recommendations at paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 regarding the application of the RPA Severance Scheme.	D Carville	Agreed	Y

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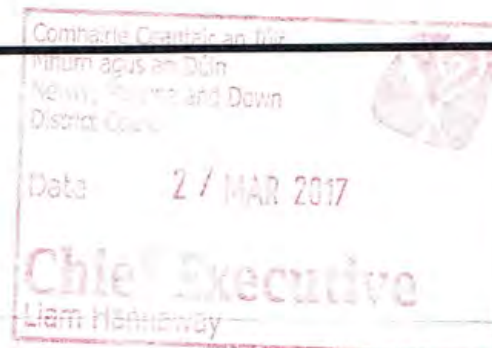
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21 March 2017

Dear Mr Hannaway

**DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL MOTION REGARDING
 CYSTIC FIBROSIS – LIFE CHANGING DRUG ORKAMBI**

Thank you for your letter to David Sterling, Permanent Secretary for the Department of Finance regarding support for the campaign to have the Orkambi drug for Cystic Fibrosis sufferers funded in Northern Ireland.

Your letter has been registered and will be shared with the new Minister for Finance when appointed.

Yours sincerely

HELEN FRAZER

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on
Monday 13 March 2017 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,
Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor R Burgess

Vice Chairperson: Councillor D Curran

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor C Casey

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor H Harvey

Councillor T Hearty

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor B Quinn

Councillor G Stokes

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor B Walker

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive
Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer
Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
Mr A Patterson Tourism NI
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/040/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apology was received:

Councillor N Bailie

ERT/041/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (e) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and East Border Region.

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in Agenda Item 18 regarding the Mourne Gullion & Lecale Programme.

Councillor G Hanna declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (g) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust.

Councillor W Clarke declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (g) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust.

Councillor A McMurray declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum.

Councillor B Quinn declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (g) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust.

Ms Marie Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism declared an interest in Agenda Items 14 (a), (b), and (c) regarding Camlough Lake.

Councillor Andrews declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 regarding Village Renewal.

**ERT/042/2017: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrew seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 January 2017.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

(5.05pm - Councillors G Hanna, W Clarke, T Andrews and B Quinn left the meeting)

ERT/043/2017: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS 2017-2018

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Service Level Agreements 2017-2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the following Service Level Agreement, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism:

- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust**

(5.10pm - Councillors G Hanna, W Clarke, T Andrews and B Quinn re-joined the meeting)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note the following Service Level Agreements which will be implemented in the 2017/18 financial year, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism:

- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and NIBSUP – Interim Programme Delivery.**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and NMEA – Social Enterprise Programme**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and ENI – Exploring Enterprise 3**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Youth Action – Get Set for Work**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and East Border Region**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and University of Ulster - Sectorial Analysis**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Outdoor Recreation NI**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Royal National Lifeboat Institute – Tyrella, Murlough and Cranfield**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and National Trust**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and St Patrick’s Visitor Centre**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Down Railway**

ERT/044/2017: PURPLE FLAG STATUS - NEWCASTLE

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager regarding Purple Flag Status for Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that Council Officers work with the private sector in the Newcastle area to establish a Purple Flag Working Group and that if agreement is reached with the businesses that an application is submitted in January 2018 for Purple Flag status, as recommended in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager.

It was also agreed Councillor Quinn be provided with a copy of the Purple Flag assessment for Newry.

ERT/045/2017: AUTISM INITIATIVES NI

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager regarding potential development of exclusive Autism – Specific holiday home in Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed Council Officers work with the private sector in the Newcastle area to promote and develop the concept to have Newcastle awarded the status as First Autism Friendly town in Northern Ireland, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager.

Several Councillors commented on the concept of having Newcastle awarded the status as First Autism Friendly town welcoming the initiative and enquired if this initiative could be extended across other towns in the District.

Ms Ward explained Autism NI approached the Council regarding the potential of developing an exclusive Autism-Specific holiday home in Newcastle. She said Council Officials would be actively working with businesses in Newcastle to create a visitor experience for people with autism and that training would be provided for these businesses. She said this initiative would link in the Council's Tourism Strategy and Epic Moments and representatives from Autism NI would be in attendance at one of the Epic Moments Workshops regarding how to create an epic moment experience for autism sufferers.

Ms Ward said Autism NI would be taking the lead on this initiative but that Council Officials would liaise with Autism NI regarding the possibility of having the Autism Friendly status extended to other towns in the District.

Councillor Andrews declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7, regarding Village Renewal.

(5.20pm – Councillor T Andrews left the meeting)

ERT/046/2017: VILLAGE RENEWAL

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer regarding Village Renewal Letter of Offer. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillors referred to the substantial work that would be involved in the completion of the Village Renewal Plans and expressed concern at the 8 month frame within which to complete the work and asked that events are arranged during the evening to facilitate people wishing to attend and that Councillors are kept involved in the plans which fall within their District Electoral Area.

Councillors also said it was important the Community Associations are aware that after the village plans are drawn up it will be the responsibility of the community to proceed with making applications and that the Council's DEA Co-ordinators should be involved with the Village Renewal Plans

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to accept the letter of offer from Mourne Gullion Lecale (MGL) Rural Development Partnership for funding in the sum of £51,375 with match funding requirement from Council in the sum of £20,000, which has been confirmed in 2017/18 Rate Estimates, as per recommendation in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A Smyth Enterprise Development Officer.

It was also agreed Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism arrange to re-circulate a paper to Councillors containing a list of Villages/Settlements to be included in the MGL Rural Development Partnership funding application.

(5.30pm – Councillor Andrews re-joined the Meeting)

ERT/047/2017: AONB – ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated March 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding an update on AONB and MPA Management Action Plans. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of Report dated March 2017 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, regarding an update on AONB and MPA Management Action Plans.

ERT/048/2017: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK
– TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board Meeting held on 10 February 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McMurray it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer:

- (a) The Report of the Café Conversion – The Heritage Potential of Castlewellan Forest Park be shared with the public as a record of the information collated at the World Café Style Conversion Workshop which took place on 1 February 2017.
- (b) To note that the Council cannot commit to implementing all of the suggestions /ideas that were recorded at the Workshop.

ERT/049/2017: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK RECREATION FORUM

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to establish a Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum to provide a proactive channel for two way communication on interfaces between and issues impacting upon the various outdoor recreation activities in Castlewellan Forest Park, informing management approaches and acting as a forum in which to build mutual understanding and consensus among key users, as per recommendation in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer.

TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/050/2017: LEASE AGREEMENT

- RATH TURRETT SITE, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms B Magill, Administration Officer regarding the Lease Agreement for Rath Turrett site at Warrenpoint. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to renew the Lease for Rath Turrett Site Warrenpoint for a 5 year period at a nominal fee, on the basis of terms and conditions similar to the previous lease, and payment of owner's reasonable legal fees.**

NOTED: Councillor Ruane asked that Council Officials examine how best to highlight to the public the location of the Rath Turrett site.

ERT/051/2017: UNESCO GEOPARK

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding submission of a new application to UNESCO with a revised Geopark boundary. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer, to engage with GSNI and initiate preparatory work to submit a new application for UNESCO Global Geopark.**

ERT/052/2017: MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Mountain Bike events. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to support the Red Bull Foxhunt and Irish National**

Championships in Rostrevor and PSYCLE in Castlewellan, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.

(5.50pm – Ms Marie Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism left the meeting)

ERT/053/2017: CAMLOUGH LAKE – LIGHTING DUCTS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Rehabilitation Contract with NI Water for lighting ducts at Camlough Lake. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve an addition to the NI Water Rehabilitation contract at Camlough Lake to include ducting, as per recommendation in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.

ERT/054/2017: CAMLOUGH LAKE – ART FEATURE RAILING

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding and Art feature railing at Camlough Lake. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve an addition to the NI Water Rehabilitation contract at Camlough Lake to include the provision of an art feature railing, subject to any statutory approvals which may be required, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer.

(5.55pm – Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism re-joined the meeting)

ERT/055/2017: TENDER: VISITOR EXPERIENCE PLANS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding tendering for Visitor Experience Plans. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer, to issue a tender to appoint a company to undertake 2 No. Visitor Experience Plans for Mourne & Gullion and Mourne Coastal (Strangford Lough to Carlingford Lough, incorporating St Patrick).

AGREED: It was agreed Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer to contact the relevant statutory agency following concerns raised by Councillor B Quinn regarding the urgent need for works to be carried out at all the tourist information signage in the District to cut back overgrowth and clean signs.

ERT/056/2017: SOLE PROVIDERS
- EVENTS, ARTS, CULTURE – 2017/2018

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill, Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section regarding providers in place for 2016/2017 for events/arts and culture to be continued for 2017/2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to proceed to engage the services of the Big Telly Theatre Company for artists, materials, project management and programming solutions as required, specifically their "Creative Shops" programme to support City of Merchants Festival in Newry up to £20,000, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section.

ERT/057/2017: TENDER
- WAKE THE GIANT/CITY OF MERCHANTS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill, Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section regarding a Tender for production services for Wake the Giant and City of Merchants. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section, to issue 2 No. tenders to appoint a company to undertake Story Development, facilitation and production services for Wake the Giant and City of Merchants festivals 2017, at a cost of £40,000 each.

AGREED: It was also agreed Council Officials engage with Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce with regard to the involvement of Kilkeel in future events.

FOR NOTING

ERT/058/2017: ERT – ACTIONS TRACKER UPDATE

Read: ERT Actions Tracking Update Report. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to not the Actions Tracking Update Report.

ERT/059/2017: UPDATE: MOURNE GULLION & LECALÉ - RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHP

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from K McGarry providing an update on Mourne, Gullion & Lecale Rural Development Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the update on Mourne, Gullion & Lecale Rural Development Partnership as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr K McGarry ERT.

ERT/060/2017: WARRENPOINT PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the following Recommendations as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme:

- (1) Transport NI Traffic Section to check the historical legislation in regards to Church Street and Dock Street limited waiting periods.
- (2) Transport NI to take on board the desire of both the local DEA representatives and business representatives for a 2 hour, rather than 1 hour, waiting period.

**ERT/061/2017: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK
HERITAGE LOTTERY REGENERATION PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Warrenpoint Municipal Park Heritage Lottery Regeneration Project.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note the following Recommendations contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Warrenpoint Municipal Park Heritage Lottery Regeneration Project:

- (1) To note the Permission to Start correspondence received from the funding body.
- (2) Approval of updated Construction Programme subject to the approval of same by the funder Heritage Lottery.

ERT/062/2017: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMME 2017/2018

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Tourism Events Programme 2017/2018.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note the proposed Schedule of Events Programme for 2017-18, as contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager.

The Meeting concluded at 6.05pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 April 2017.

Signed: **Councillor R Burgess**
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 March 2017 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

In the Chair:	Councillor P Brown	
In Attendance:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor R Burgess Councillor S Doran Councillor M Murnin Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor P Byrne Councillor M Carr Councillor C Enright Councillor M Ruane Councillor W Walker
Also in Attendance	Councillor M Larkin Councillor A McMurray	Councillor D McAteer
Officials in Attendance:	Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Tourism and Regeneration Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation & Performance Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director, Corporate Planning and Policy Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy Mrs U Mhic an tSaoir, Irish Language Development Officer Mr E McManus, Capital Projects Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer	

SPR/53/2017

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Clarke, Ó'Múiri, Trainor, Mr L Hannaway and Mr E Curtis.

In response to a query from Councillor Burgess regarding Saintfield Community Centre, the Chairperson advised that the email circulated previously to Members prior to the February 2017 Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee meeting had been sent from the Saintfield Development Trust.

The Chairperson advised that Agenda Item 17 – Newry Civic Centre Progress Report – would now be taken in open session and not in exempt items.

SPR/54/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SPR/55/2017 ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2017

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR) Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2017 (circulated).

SPR/192/2016 – Former Kindle Primary School – Business Case

In response to Councillor Sharvin's queries regarding the former Kindle Primary School, Mr Lipsett advised that the meeting with the Education Authority (EA) had taken place on 15 March 2016, at which the EA had made clear that they would not accept Council's proposal for the site to be transferred under the Community Asset Transfer at nil premium and they had asked Council to indicate if they would pursue purchase of the site for £65,000. Mr Lipsett also advised if there was a change in the valuation of the Kindle Primary School, he would bring this matter back to Committee.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Murnin, that Council purchase the former Kindle Primary School Site at the LPS valuation of £65,000.**

In response to Councillor Ruane's query, Mr Lipsett confirmed that the purchase price was budgeted for within the Capital Programme and he undertook to bring details back to the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee in April 2017.

SPR/30/2017 – Saintfield Community Centre

Councillor Burgess requested an update on the Saintfield Community Centre, after which a lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr Lipsett advised that dates had been circulated for the meeting with the signatories on the letter, but a final date had not yet been confirmed.

Councillor Brown asked that all of the Rowallane DEA Councillors be invited to the meeting with the Trust, and also that any other relevant individuals that officers needed to meet with, also be invited to the meeting.

Councillors expressed disappointment that the hockey pitch would not be started by May 2017 and therefore not ready for the new season in September. Mr Lipsett advised that the previous action was to meet with signatories on the letter first to ascertain exactly what was required. He said there was no issue with the hockey pitch being built first as the pitch and the drainage were already in place, but he was to meet with signatories first, and the pitch would not be completed for this season

as a business case was required to show that the hockey club could generate enough income to replenish the playing surface in 10 years' time.

Councillor Andrews said it was important the Rowallane Councillors were on board with this project every step of the way. He referred to the Community Trust, saying there were no nominations to this group as yet, but asked that representation be investigated on this group.

AGREED: It was agreed that Rowallane DEA Councillors and any other interested parties would also be invited to the meeting with the Trust.

AGREED: It was further agreed that representation on the Community Trust would be investigated.

AGREED: The Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee held on 16 February 2017 was agreed.

SPR/56/2017 **REPORT OF NARROW WATER STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Minutes of the Narrow Water Stakeholder Group Meeting held on 20 February 2017 (circulated).

In response to concerns from Councillor Byrne regarding pedestrian and cycle routes being unnecessary for the bridge, Mrs Ward advised that the cycling and pedestrian option had been raised at a previous Narrow Water Stakeholder Group meeting where strong opinions had been voiced regarding pedestrian routes. She confirmed there was a commitment to deliver on the bridge, that various options on how the bridge could operate in the future were being explored and that it was being looked at in the context of the Southern Relief Road, and not particularly with Brexit in mind.

Councillor Walker concurred with Councillor Byrne that vehicular access was required and that the project needed to progress irrespective of cost.

AGREED: The Minutes of the Narrow Water Stakeholder Group Meeting held on 20 February 2017 were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Walker.

SPR/57/2017 **MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2016**

Read: Minutes of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 28 February 2017 (circulated).

Councillor Byrne said it was important that Council carefully managed the narrative regarding the assets strategy alongside information in relation to the Newry Civic Centre as a short, medium and long term assets portfolio was compiled.

AGREED: The Minutes of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 28 February 2017 were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Enright.

PERFORMANCE

SPR/58/2017 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-18

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, dated 16 March 2017, regarding Performance Improvement Objectives 2017-18 (copy circulated)

Councillor Enright expressed concerns that the strategic objectives relating to the performance improvement proposal were not measurable nor had identifiable outcomes. He also expressed concerns that the Management Accounts had not been presented to the Committee in March.

In response, Mr McBride confirmed there were specified actions and targets provided within the Draft Performance Improvement Plan.

Mrs Carville confirmed the Management Accounts were not brought to committee on a monthly basis, but would be brought to the April committee meeting.

In response to queries from Councillor Sharvin, Mr McBride advised the quality of the refuse collection could be looked into with the Regulatory & Technical Services Department. He also confirmed that the number of jobs created was a target established by DETI through the Business Start Up Programme and related to this year, and the 34% increase in participation levels was a target contained within the Indoor Leisure Business Plan previously agreed by Council.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, that agreement be given to:

- The draft performance improvement objectives 2017-18, and supporting actions and measures, including authorisation to proceed with an 8 week public consultation from 24 March – 19 May 2017.
- The proposed approach and timetable for publishing the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18, by 30 June 2017.

AGREED: It was further agreed that a performance measure for refuse collection would be explored with the Regulatory and Technical Services Department.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SPR/59/2017 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 10: OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND LEISURE

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer dated 16 March 2017 regarding Local Development Plan: Preparatory Studies – Paper 10: Open Space, Recreation and Leisure (copy circulated).

In response to concerns raised by Councillor Byrne regarding the deficit in areas of active recreation, Mr Hay advised that the paper reported the open space provision as calculated in the two legacy area plans, he accepted that there were discrepancies between the two plans in terms of the methodologies used. He said that this issue will be addressed in the new plan, advising that the provision of areas of active open space plan would be informed by the Council's Sports Strategy and the application of the latest accepted methodologies used in the assessment of open space provision, which would applied across the District as a whole. Mr Hay further advised that the referenced 2.4 hectares/1000 population in the paper was a national recognised standard for open space provision.

Mr Hay also confirmed that when all education pitches were included in the open space calculations there was no deficit in terms of existing and future needs provision, although there was an issue regarding the access and use of school pitches and facilities which were lying vacant a lot of the time. In reference to community use of school facilities, he advised that this issue could be addressed by the Council through the Community Planning Thematic Working Groups.

Councillor Byrne expressed concerns that the figures illustrated that the Newry end of the District was closer to having all of the pitches and facilities it needed and the Down end of the District only had 50% of the facilities required, which was not the case. He said many of the facilities in the legacy Newry district, were subject to restrictions on usage and therefore not available as public facilities and this should be reflected in the figures. Mr Hay acknowledged that there was a difference between the two legacy plans in terms of the accounting of active open space, with the plan for the Down end only including Council owned land and facilities, whilst the plan for the Newry end also included those under the ownership of others. He advised that this issue could be addressed, and that further work would be undertaken within the paper to help clarify this accounting discrepancy so that the information provided for each legacy area was more directly comparable.

In response to Councillor D McAteer's concerns regarding the number of cycle ways, Mr Hay confirmed that the cycle network map detailed the existing provision and that any new cycle ways would be accommodated as they came on board.

Mr Hay advised that the findings in the paper was an audit of the existing provision which would inform the first formal paper in the Local Development Plan process, which would then go out to public consultation, where options would start to be considered in addressing issues. He advised that regard would be given to how best to present, deliver, and communicate information throughout the plan process.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

SPR/60/2017 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 12 (PART 1): COUNTRYSIDE – LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer dated 16 March 2017 regarding Local Development Plan: Preparatory Studies – Paper 12 (Part 1): Countryside – Landscape Character Assessment (copy circulated).

In response to concerns from Councillor Carr regarding Warrenpoint and Burren being coupled together, Mr Hay advised that this was a legacy issue and the towns had been referred to together in previous plans, but that he would take the concerns on board.

In response to Councillor D McAteer's concerns regarding 9.11 – where significant concern had been expressed by many about the development trends and enhanced pressures being exerted on the countryside – Mr Hay confirmed that Part 2 of the Countryside paper which would cover rural pressure analysis, would be brought to Committee in April and it would contain more information on how some areas in the countryside had been impacted on by development/houses.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE SERVICES

SPR/61/2017 COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES

Read: Correspondence received from the Department for Communities dated 15 February 2017, regarding Consolidated Allowances Circular – Updated February 2017 (copy circulated).

Councillor Andrews expressed concerns that Councillors did not receive enough remuneration for their work.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Correspondence received from the Department for Communities dated 15 February 2017 regarding Consolidated Allowances Circular – Updated February 2017.

COMMUNICATION

SPR/62/2017 REPORT ON DRAFT IRISH LANGUAGE STRATEGY 2017-2019

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 16 March 2017 regarding Draft Irish Language Strategy 2017-2019 (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright raised concerns regarding the recommendation at the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group held on 23 February 2017, which

stated : *"To consider establishing and including a financial assistance funding stream for the Irish Language sector within the Strategy. Given Council has not allocated this funding within the 2017-18 financial year, should Council be minded to establish said funding stream for 2018 – 2019 this will require a robust business case"*.

Councillor Enright said it had been raised by Councillor Bailie on a number of occasions and previously agreed at Council that there should be an Irish Language group specific budget of £50,000.

Councillor Enright referred to the legacy Councils' relationship with the Tourist Board NI in relation to signage, asking where was Council's relationship with third party organisations in relation to losing funding due to the bi lingual policy.

In response to Councillor Enright, Mr Moffett advised he was not aware of a recommendation coming from Council to ring-fence £50,000 for Irish Language Groups, but that there were 9 financial assistance schemes which groups could apply to which was to be further discussed at the next Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group.

Mrs Carville advised there was no additional £50,000 funding stream within the 2017-18 budget for this.

Councillor Sharvin said Councillor Bailie's proposal had related to an Irish School which had received a lower amount of funding than they had previously been awarded.

Councillor Sharvin said that there was nothing to prevent Irish Language groups applying for funding. He said it could be considered an equality issue if Irish Language groups had their own stream of funding created.

Councillor Walker said all groups had a right to apply for financial assistance, not just Irish Language Groups and to set aside £50,000 for Irish Language groups would be discriminatory, and he did not agree with the proposal.

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, Mrs Mackin advised there had been 3 members of staff in the Irish Language Unit in the Newry & Mourne legacy Council and there were 3 members of staff in the new council, covering a wider area.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the Draft Irish Language Strategy 2017-2019, be approved.

SPR/63/2017 **UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE – IRISH LANGUAGE STRATEGY CROSS PARTY WORKING GROUP**

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 16 March 2017 regarding Updated Terms of Reference – Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group (copy circulated).

Councillor Brown said that as the 2 places available on the working group had not been taken up by unionist members, he would like to propose a representative from the Alliance Party.

Councillors Andrews and Walker said the representation from the Alliance Party was included within Independents and Smaller Parties.

Councillor Brown proposed a member of the Alliance Party should sit on the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group as well as representation from the Independents and Smaller Parties. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane, who added that the matter be put back to the working group for discussion.

Councillor Walker voiced his opposition.

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

FOR: 9
AGAINST: 1
ABSTENTIONS: 0

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the issue of a member of the Alliance Party sitting on the Irish Language Cross Party Working Group separately from the representation from Independents and Smaller Parties would be further discussed at the next working group meeting.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Doran, that the updated Terms of Reference for the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group be accepted.

SPR/64/2017 **REPORT ON REQUESTS REGARDING PLANTING OF A TREE AND TO LOCATE A PARK BENCH**

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services, dated 16 March 2017 regarding requests regarding Planting of a Tree and to locate a Park Bench (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne said that whilst he understood the sensitivities around the requests, such issues should not be judged by Members, and instead should be dealt with by officers as per the Council policy. Councillor Ruane seconded this proposal.

AGREED: That requests relating to memorialising a deceased person would be dealt with in future as per Council's policy.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, that the requests relating to the memorialising deceased persons contained in Officer's Report dated 16 March 2017, be refused.

SPR/65/2017 **REPORT ON UPDATED POLICY ON NAMING FACILITIES AND GUIDELINES AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURE FOR (RE) NAMING OF FACILITIES**

Read: Report from Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy, dated 16 March 2017 regarding Updated Policy on Naming Facilities and Guidelines and associated procedure in relation to (re)naming of facilities (copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve:

- The Updated Policy on Naming Council facilities
- The Updated Guidelines and associated procedure in relation to (re) naming of facilities.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

SPR/66/2017 **BREXIT UPDATE**

Read: Report from Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, dated 16 March 2017 regarding Brexit update (copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note Council's engagement on the impact of Brexit and agree to:

- Newry, Mourne and Down DC (NMDDC) along with the East Border Region Committee (EBR) continue to lead on this work.
- NMDDC work in partnership with all the Local Authorities along the Border Corridor North and South to develop a clearer understanding on Brexit and its implications for key sectors and an agreed action plan on how to address these issues. This will not preclude any Council from progressing specific initiatives for their area if they are not common to the entire region (ie fishing – key sector in our area but not for all the Councils on the Border Corridor).
- The Group of Councils along the Border Corridor (covering each of the 3 Border networks ie EBR, ICBAN & NW), will organise a seminar for Elected Members & Chambers of Commerce, etc to learn more of the detail from the research and discuss possible actions. This will involve Governments on both sides of the Border.

SPR/67/2017 **CULLOVILLE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), dated 16 March 2017, regarding Culloville Development Association – Supplemental Contribution Agreement (copy circulated).

Councillor Sharvin voiced concern that Council were not treating all such cases consistently and urged caution regarding setting a precedent for Council to pay legal fees in similar cases, advising that Council would need to ensure charges had been registered.

Mrs Carville undertook to investigate Councillor Sharvin's comments further upon receipt of further information.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve the necessary legal formalities to secure a Charge relating to the Supplemental Contribution Agreement, subject to Culloville Development Association obtaining GAA approval.

SPR/68/2017 **CREDIT CARD POLICY**

Read: Report from Mrs D Carville, Director Corporate Services, dated 16 March 2017 regarding NMDDC Credit Card Policy (copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Walker, to approve the new policy in relation to Credit Card usage within the Council.

SPR/69/2017 **NEWRY CIVIC CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT**

Read: Report from Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism, dated 16 March 2017 regarding Newry Civic Centre Progress Report (copy circulated).

Members asked questions regarding the progress of the Newry Civic Centre, which were answered by Mrs Ward as follows:

- The Strategic Projects Working Group which had previously been set up by Council, would be overseeing the project.
- There were a number of preferred sites for the civic centre. A wider call for sites would be progressed to see what further opportunity was on the market.
- It was important that the civic centre would be city centre located as it was a regeneration project to enable growth and development in Newry.
- The reason the Albert Basin site was ruled out was due to access issues, it was not located on a flood plain.
- It was envisaged that works would begin on the civic centre in 2019.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to approve the following recommendations:

1. The Council approve the procurement route as set out for the delivery of the Civic Centre.
2. The Council approve the criteria for location of the Civic Centre.
3. The Council approve in principle the appointment of Deloitte through the Consultancy One Framework to ensure continuity of service and to benefit from Deloitte's experience of delivering similar projects in other major cities. This will be subject to a value for money determination working with Strategic Investment Board.

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

SPR/70/2017 EXTERNAL WORKS AT NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of 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).

Read: Report from Mr E McManus, Estates/Capital Projects, dated 16 March 2017 regarding External Works at Newry Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

In response to a query from Councillor Carr, Mr McManus undertook to clarify the number of disabled parking places allocated at the Newry Leisure Centre.

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Andrews to note the content of the Officer's Report and to approve the following recommendations as detailed in Section 3.1 of the Report:

1. To carry out works at the entrance to the Newry Leisure Centre Complex from Clanrye Avenue as per the proposals, at an estimated cost as detailed in the Report.
2. To carry out paving works at the front of the vehicular entrance on the east side of the Phase 2 building at the cost detailed in the Report.
3. To alter the position of the 6 car parking spaces at the rear of the Phase 2 building at the cost detailed in the Report.
4. To seek agreement with Transport NI on financial arrangements whereby Transport NI would carry out a road improvement scheme in Cecil Street, Newry before Phase 2 of the Leisure Centre opens to the public – subject to the Council making a financial contribution to the scheme based on 50% of the cost; the estimated cost being as detailed in the Report.

Noted budget provision has been made in the 2017/2018 Capital Rates programme for such works.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.20pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 April 2017

Signed: **Councillor Patrick Brown**
Chairperson

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

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2017

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 20 March 2017 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor M Carr**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor S Burns
Councillor P Byrne	Councillor S Doran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor B Ó'Muirí
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

Also in attendance:

Councillor C Enright Councillor M Murnin

Officials in attendance:

Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Health & Wellbeing)
 Ms J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:

Ms F Milne, Product Development Officer, Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI)

AHC/36/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Kimmins, Trainor and Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport).

The Chairman said an email had been received from Mr Harris on behalf of the NI Schools Gymnastics Association to thank staff in the Newry Sports Centre who had been marvellous in every aspect during the recent competition. Mr Harris had been attending these competitions for almost 20 years and the one held in Newry Sports Centre had been one of the best days he had in all those years.

The Chairman advised that the Health and Wellbeing department had organised a very successful event for schools as part of Fairtrade week and had assisted in Council's application for Fairtrade District status.

Pupils and teachers from 12 schools across the District had attended and heard from a representative of a Co-operative in Nicaragua as well as speakers from Fairtrade Ireland, Tesco and local school children. The Chairman acknowledged the efforts of Sheena McEldowney and Patrick McShane.

The Chairman advised that the NFLA Ireland Forum would take place on 24 March 2017 from 10:30 – 13:15 in Newry.

The Chairman congratulated local boxer, Dylan Duffy who had just missed out on a medal in the recent European U22 Championships in the Ukraine, where he had been beaten in the quarter final.

AHC/37/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

PRESENTATION

AHC/38/2017 PRESENTATION – ORNI

The Chairperson welcomed Ms F Milne, Product Development Officer, ORNI to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation on the draft trail plans for the Mourne and Slieve Croob.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Milne for her informative presentation and invited questions from the Members were answered as follows:

- There were currently no plans trails for the Rowallane area.
- There was no brochure illustrating the draft trails, which had been an issue for people attending the workshops. A big map displayed at local facilities would help this.
- The path to the summit of Slieve Croob was listed as a permissive path.
- The maps were not an comprehensive picture of all paths that existed.
- Castlewellan Forest Park and Tollymore Forest Park were linked on the strategic map.
- The link between Dundrum and Ballykinler via the mass path had been looked at, but it was felt visitors could not use the pathway as a community trail as it was not a permanent path and due to tides, it could cause serious injury or risk to life.
- The townlands of Clonvarghan and Drumaroad were linked, but predominately by public road.

Councillors congratulated Ms Milne on the excellent presentation.

Councillors O'Muiri and Byrne gave their support to a similar initiative being undertaken in the Slieve Gullion DEA, saying that the linking of the small villages in south Armagh would provide a huge rural boost to the area.

Councillor Enright said there had been a long standing campaign in the Downpatrick DEA area to establish a network of community trails and was very supportive of the initiative.

In response to Councillor Murnin's comments, Ms Milne undertook to check the records on the pathway to the top of Slieve Croob and also other rights of way and paths that were not displayed on the map in the Slieve Croob DEA.

Ms Milne departed from the meeting at 7:00pm

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burns, that a report be brought back to the April AHC Committee regarding the Community Trails.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

AHC/39/2017 **NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARATORY STUDIES PAPER 10: OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND LEISURE**

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer, dated 20 March 2017, regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies Paper 10: Open Space, Recreation and Leisure (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne re-iterated his concerns, which he had previously stated at the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee on 16 March 2017, regarding the deficit in areas of active recreation.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the content of the report.

AHC/38/2017: **ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/33/2017 – Fairtrade Steering Group – Nominees

Mr Lipsett advised that 2 nominations to the NMD Fairtrade Steering Group would be provided at the Party Representatives Forum.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/39/2017 **DEA UPDATE**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Co-ordinator (Crotlieve), dated 20 March 2017, regarding DEA Foru Update (copy circulated).

Councillor Burns extended his praise to the Slieve Croob DEA Co-ordinator and the Rowallane Co-ordinator who had worked together on a cross-DEA piece of work.

AGREED: It was approved on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran, the actions outlined in the following DEA Forum private meeting action sheets:

- Newry DEA Forum private meeting held on 9 February 2017
- Rowallane DEA Forum private meeting held on 15 February 2017
- The Mournes DEA Forum private meeting held on 22 February 2017

AHC/40/2017 **NEWRY STREET UNITE UPDATE**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the update report on the Community Centre Development with Newry Street Unite (copy circulated).

AGREED: It was agreed to note the report.

AHC/41/2017 **DRUMALANE UPDATE**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the update report on Drumalane/Quayside Close Community Centre Development (copy circulated).

AGREED: It was agreed to note the report.

AHC/42/2017 **POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Mrs S Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 20 March 2017, regarding Policing & Community Safety Partnership (copy circulated).

In response to Councillor Byrne's concerns regarding the 10% cut in the budget, Mrs Hillen undertook to find out if NIHE had expressed whether their funding would be used in the first quarter and respond to Councillor Byrne individually.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that approval be given to PCSP spend at risk in identified community safety projects, until a Letter of Offer is received from the Joint Committee.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/43/2017 **STAFF, ELECTED MEMBERS (COUNCILLORS) AND AGENCY WORKERS OF NMDDC ACCESS TO LEISURE FACILITIES**

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 March 2017, regarding Staff, Elected Members and Agency Workers of NMDDC Access to Leisure Facilities (copy circulated).

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Harvey, to adopt the procedure for NMDDC Staff, Elected Members (Councillors) and Agency Workers that meet the criteria.**

AHC/44/2017 **BRIDGE STREET PLAY PARK, DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 March 2017, regarding Funding Upgrade of Bridge Street Playpark, Downpatrick (copy circulated).

Councillor Walker welcomed the funding for the development of the Bridge Street Play park, but asked that Council maintain it on a regular basis.

In response to queries from Councillor Byrne, Mr Lipsett advised that the consultation would be discussed at the local DEA in the first instance. He said it was a Year 3 project, so there would be plenty of opportunity for Council to consider their priorities each year during the rates setting process and there would be chances to re-prioritise the money.

Councillor Burns urged caution, saying the message should be that Council was incentivising our communities to draw down external funding, which Councillors would help them to achieve.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the development of Bridge Street Play Park proceed due to receipt of external funding.**

AHC/45/2017 **THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI USE GAMES AREAS**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 March 2017, regarding the development of Multi Use Games Areas (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne expressed concerns over the methodology used in the provision of MUGA's, saying the same criteria to provide a MUGA was used in the rural areas as in urban areas and the rural areas, being more sparsely populated areas, were missing out. He said he and Councillor Hearty had asked for the radius to be extended in rural areas.

In response to Councillor Fitzpatrick's concerns regarding the tier 5 staff not yet in place, Mr Lipsett explained there were a number of factors holding back the appointment of the tier 5 staff, one of which was the Trade Unions refusing to engage with the job matching process, although the Chief Executive had agreed to meet with the Trade Unions in order to get the process moving again.

Mr Lipsett also advised a consultant was being sought to help carry out community consultation which was part of the delivery of the Play Strategy, and when the consultant was in place, the work would move on in the absence of the tier 5 staff.

Councillor Murnin concurred with Councillor Byrne's comments regarding the calculation of MUGA provision in the rural areas.

In response, Mr Lipsett said that issues with MUGA provision and the extension of the radius could be discussed at the DEA Fora and comments brought back to AHC Committee.

Councillor O'Muire said he had previously asked for a common sense approach to provision of MUGA's in the rural areas, and concurred with Councillor Byrne's comments, saying there should be special circumstances given to the small villages in the Slieve Gullion DEA, which were missing out on sports provision and he asked that officers undertake public engagement with the communities to ascertain their needs.

Mr Lipsett referred to the MUGA currently being constructed in Ballynahinch, which was not sporting or play related, but a community project, and that there were options to develop MUGAs and play areas aside from the Sports Facilities and Play Strategies.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the development of MUGAs be discussed at the DEA Fora meetings and comments brought back to Committee.

AHC/46/2017 **COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport, dated 20 March 2017, regarding correspondence received from NI Commonwealth Games Committee (NICGC) (copy circulated).

AGREED: It was agreed to note the correspondence from the NICGC and that the AHC Committee consider funding options in the future once the actual level of support was known.

AHC/47/2017 **REQUEST TO ACQUIRE LAND AT WINDMILL HILL, BALLYNAHINCH BY DRUMLINS INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration) and Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 March 2017, regarding the request to acquire land at Windmill Hill, Ballynahinch by Drumlins Integrated Primary School (copy attached).

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that Council surrender the portion of ground hatched in brown on the map (previously circulated at Appendix 1) to the NIHE for the purpose of facilitating a transfer of said land to Drumlins Integrated Primary School for open green space as part of the overall school development.

AGREED: It was further agreed that access to the nature reserve from the town side should not be lost.

AHC/48/2017 **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT (HIGH PERFORMANCE LEVEL) PROCEDURES**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 March 2017, regarding the Recognition of Achievement (High Performance Level) Procedures (copy circulated).

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burns, that the Sports Development Recognition of Achievement (High Performance Level) Procedures, be approved.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/49/2017 **PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR IN NI PROPSAL FOR CHANGE – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Health & Wellbeing), dated 20 March 2017, regarding Private Rented Sector in NI Proposals for Change Consultation Document (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor O'Muiri, to note the content of the report and approve the return of the response to the Department for Communities.

AHC/50/2017 **MINUTES OF SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Minutes of the Sustainable Development & Climate Change Forum held on 20 February 2017 (copy circulated).

AGREED: The Minutes of the Sustainable Development & Climate Change Forum held on 20 February 2017 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Harvey.

FOR NOTING

AHC/51/2017 **LETTER FROM PETER WEIR – 2ND REQUEST TO MEET DECLINED**

Read: Correspondence received from Peter Weir, Minister of Education, dated 24 February 2017, regarding 2nd request to meet declined (copy circulated).

Councillor Walker proposed correspondence be sent to the new Minister for Education, requesting them to meet with Council on a range of topics including Outdoor Education Centres. This was seconded by Councillor Harvey.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that correspondence be sent to the new Minister for Education, requesting them to meet with Council on a range of topics including Outdoor Education Centres

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

AHC/52/2017 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME 2016/17 – KILCOO GAC**

Read: Report from Mr P Green, Head of Compliance, dated 20 March 2017, regarding Capital Assistance Programme 2016/17 – Kilcoo GAC (copy circulated).

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, to:

- Consent to a partial release of a Deed of Charge dated 5 May 2011 between the Trustees of Kilcoo GAC and Legacy Down District Council.
- That Council enter into a Grant of Easement with the Trustees of Kilcoo GAC and other Charge holders (AIB (UK) PLC and the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs) to facilitate the construction and upkeep of an access roadway to the proposed community hall.
- Consent to the Trustees of Kilcoo GAC that they can enter into a telecoms Lease with Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited for a term of fifteen years.

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

SPR/53/2017 UPDATE ON FOOTGOLF

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of 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).

Read: Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 20 March 2017 regarding Footgolf facilities, island Park, Newcastle – review of operations and rental agreement (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Burns, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve to note the content of the Officer's Report and to approve the following recommendations:

1. To approve a revised licence fee for the Footgolf Facilities of Island Park, Newcastle.
2. The project promoter to submit a new Business Case to Council for consideration within 2 months.
3. The project promoter to submit a repayment plan for current debts and future payments.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.03pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 3 April 2017.

Signed: Councillor M Carr
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

Vice Chairperson: Councillor T Andrews

Members:

Councillor S Burns	Councillor C Casey
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	

Officials in Attendance

Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
 Mr A McKay, Head of Planning
 Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/33/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

It was noted apologies were received from Councillor Harte.

Councillor Mulgrew expressed her deepest sympathy on the sudden and tragic death of Martin McGuinness and paid tribute to the role he had played in politics.

Agreed: **It was agreed that the Committee send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Mr Martin McGuinness.**

RTS/34/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Noted: The following declaration of interest was made when the Committee commenced discussion on Item No. 10 on the agenda:-

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in item No. 10 on the agenda – transfer of car park at Corry Square, Newry, from Newry City Centre Management Partnership to the Council. He advised in the legacy Newry and Mourne Council he had been appointed

to the Board of this Organisation and he would be withdrawing from the meeting whilst this item was being discussed.

Councillor Casey said he had also been appointed to the Board and had been indemnified by the Council to sit on this Body and he did not feel there was a need for him to withdraw from the discussion.

RTS/35/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2017. **(Copy circulated).**

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

Agreed: **The following issues were raised/agreed:-**

- In response to a query from Councillor Curran, Mr O'Rourke advised that customers would receive one free roll of bin liners when their brown bins were delivered but it would not be the intention to re-issue rolls.
- The relevant officer contact Councillor Hyland to discuss concerns raised that there was a pattern of interruption in the collection of blue and brown bins on the Old Warrenpoint Road, Newry.
- The relevant officer investigate a request from Councillor Andrews that DEA Councillors be sent a text message if there was an interruption in the collection of a bin route so that Councillors could, in turn, advise residents.

Bus shelter update (RTS25/2017 on action sheet)

Noted: Mr Scullion said officials were currently investigating two other potential sites for the location of a bus shelter in Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook. Both sites would be taken through the agreed process and a report brought back to Committee. He confirmed that the resident who had raised concerns about the first location had been given an update on the agreed actions.

In relation to a proposed bus shelter at Turley's Crossroads, Mr Scullion said the owner had been informed that the Council were not in a position to part fund a smoking shelter at this location. He had now agreed to his land being used for the location of a bus shelter subject to an acceptable design.

Mr Scullion said the proposed shelter design and costings would be obtained and taken back to the Committee for approval.

Cemetery/Burial Charges 2017/2018 (RTS/32/2017 on action sheet)

Noted: Mr Scullion advised that additional charges for burials after 3.00 pm were as a result of staff having to be paid overtime rates.

RTS/36/2017: FUNDING – WILLIAM KEOWN TRUST

Read: Report dated 23 March 2017 from Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services, regarding a request from the William Keown Trust to seek funding from the 11 Councils in Northern Ireland, to enable them to continue their great work on behalf of the disabled community. **((Copy circulated))**.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree to the request to provide a one-off payment of £1,500 to the William Keown Trust.**

It was further agreed that the Trust be advised of the Council's formal channels through which Groups must apply for funding and that if they were to seek funding in future years, they would have to apply through the Council's agreed process.

PLANNING

RTS/37/2017: PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Read: Planning Performance Indicators for February 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **The above Report was noted**

RTS/38/2017: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES – JANUARY 2017

Read: Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives for February 2017. **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: **The above report was noted.**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/39/2017: PROPOSED ELECTRICAL MINI PILLAR INSTALLATION AT HILLSIDE DRIVE, KILKEEL

Read: Report dated 23 March 2017 from Canice O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory & Technical Services regarding proposed electrical mini pillar installation at Hillside Drive, Kilkeel. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed that given a new community building is to be constructed at this location it is recommended that a new 10 kVA external power supply not be provided at this stage but that a new, large external power supply is provided with the construction of the new community building.**

FOR NOTING

RTS/40/2017: REPORT RE: BUILDING REGULATIONS

Read: Report from Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory & Technical Services regarding Building Regulations. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **The above report was noted.**

Noted: Officers replied to the following issues raised by Members:-

- What happens if a member of staff is off on long term sick leave? – there is no replacement unless someone is off for longer than 8 week.
- Concerns that no fire risk assessments have been carried out during the past 6 months due to staff being on long term sick leave – fire risk assessments relate only to Council owned commercial buildings and a fire risk assessment tends to be carried out on an annual basis or if there had been a change to the premises. It is the intention of the Assistant Director to prioritise these inspections when there is a full complement of staff.
- When were building control fees last updated? – the current building control fees were set in 1979 and upgraded once since then in 1975. The fees do not cover staff costs and currently the Building Control Officers Group Northern Ireland have been asked by DFP to look at fees so that a report on a review of fees can be presented to the Minister.

- Are there any non-compliances in Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) checks? – checks are carried out on Estate Agents and to date there have been no issues of non-compliance.
- Insufficient detail on Performance Indicators – targets have been set and although they may have dipped slightly the Assistant Director has no cause for concern. A report giving full details can be tabled at the next RTS meeting but a Departmental performance report is brought to Committee each quarter and contains the detail referred to by Members.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Burns it was agreed Mr O'Rourke liaise with Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, to ascertain if it is necessary for applications for funding through the Programmes Unit to have a building control reference number.

RTS/41/2017: **REPORT RE: LICENSING**

Read: Report from Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory & Technical Services regarding Licensing. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The above report was noted.

RTS/42/2017: **HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE**

Read: Report re: Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Historic Action Tracking Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the Historic Action Sheet.

Agreed: The following issues were raised/agreed:-

- RTS77/2016 – feasibility study at Kilbroney Municipal Cemetery to provide additional car parking – Mr Scullion to ensure this project is kept within the 3 year capital programme for completion.
- RTS78/2016 – Bangor blue slates formerly on the roof of the Council owned public toilets at Castlewellan – Mr Scullion to investigate what happened to them and report back to Committee.
- RTS/1422015 – Old furniture at Council recycling sites – a review of household amenity sites was currently being considered by the Strategic Waste Project Group to identify ways of reducing waste at recycling sites and this initiative could be considered as part of this review.

- RTS/73/2015 – Rossmara Park, Warrenpoint – residents to be sent a letter to update them on what is happening regarding this issue.
- Recycling site at McQuillan's Old Warrenpoint Road, Newry – Environmental Health to contact Councillor Hyland regarding noise complaints about glass breaking.

Councillor Taylor left the meeting – 5.50 pm.

Councillor Stokes declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting – 5.50 pm.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters which related to exempt information under 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).

RTS/43/2017: **REPORT RE: TRANSFER OF CAR PARK AT CORRY SQUARE FROM NEWRY CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO THE COUNCIL**

Read: Report dated 22 February 2017 from Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Regulatory & Technical Services regarding the transfer of Car Park at Corry Square from Newry City Centre Management Partnership to the Council. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Craig, to approve the following recommendations contained in the report:

1. The existing licence agreements between Newry City Centre Management (NCCM) and Euro Car Parks Ltd (ECPL) to be withdrawn and replaced with new agreements, prepared in house by the Council's legal services section, between the Council and ECPL, effective from 1 April 2017 to November 2019.

2. **The fee within the terms of the existing agreement should transfer to the Council from 1 April 2017.**

It was also agreed that Mr O'Rourke would arrange for Councillor Casey to be appropriately informed about the present status of the NCCM.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.00 pm,

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 April 2017.

**Signed: Councillor Roisin Mulgrew
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee**

**Signed: Mr C O Rourke
Director Regulatory & Technical Services**



“Rebuilding Ireland: An Integrated Approach through Local Government”

Thursday 27th April 2017
Dunboyne Castle, Co. Meath

09.00-09.45	Registration, Tea/Coffee & Refreshments
09.45-10.00	Welcome & Opening Remarks Peter Sheridan, Chief Executive, Co-operation Ireland
10.00-10.30	Ministerial Address: National Context, Priorities and Problems Minister Simon Coveney, Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government Northern Ireland Minister for Communities
	Session 1: Voids: Minimising Cost & Time for Refurbishment & Re-letting
10.30 -10.45	Remarks from the Chair: Michael Walshe, Chief Executive, Waterford City & County Council & Chair CCMA Housing Committee
10.45-11.30	Overarching Policy & Strategic Approach Aiden O'Reilly, Principal Officer, DHPCLG Colm McQuillan, Director of Housing, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
11.30 -11.45	Tea/Coffee & Refreshments
11.45-12.30	Practitioner's Approach : Best Practice Carmel O'Hare, Head of Information Systems, Monaghan County Council John McClean, Chief Executive, FOLD NI
12.30-13.00	Session 1 Q&A and Closing Remarks from the Chair
13.00-13.45	Networking Lunch



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Session 2: Approved Housing Bodies – Meeting the Delivery Challenge	
13.45-14.00	Opening Remarks from the Chair John O'Connor, Chief Executive, Housing Agency
14.00-14.45	Approved Housing Bodies – Best Practice Models Brian O'Gorman, Chief Executive, Cluid Carol McTaggart, Group Director of Development, Clanmil Housing Association
14.45 – 15.15	Accessing Land Niall Cussen / Barry Quinlan DHPCLG
15.15-15.30	Tea, Coffee & Refreshments
15.30-16.30	Moderated Panel Discussion Panel Members: 1. Jenny Donald, NIFHA 2. Barry O'Leary, Housing Finance Agency 3. Donal McManus, ICSH 4. Tony Flynn, Dublin City Council 5. NI Local Authority (TBC)
16.30-16.45	Plenary Discussion
16.45-17.15	Closing Remarks & the Way Forward Barry Quinlan, Principal, Housing Market Policy and Land Management, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government



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Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Dear Mr. Hannaway,

Re: North South Interconnector Project

Further to my letter dated 27th January 2017 regarding the North South Interconnector project, I am pleased to inform you that the Planning Appeals Commission's (PAC) Public Inquiry into the Northern Ireland section of the proposal has concluded.

The inquiry, held at the Armagh City Hotel, ran from Wednesday 22nd February until Monday 27th February, and provided all stakeholders with an opportunity to ensure their input into the planning process was heard and understood by the PAC.

As well as hearing from the Department for Infrastructure, Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon District Council, and members of the public, the Commissioner received contributions from a number of major business and consumer organisations, emphasising the importance of the proposed Interconnector to the local economy and the need for its urgent delivery.

These included the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry; the Confederation of British Industry (NI); Northern Ireland Independent Retail Trade Association; the Federation of Small Businesses (NI); the Consumer Council; and the Centre for Competitiveness.

Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive of the Utility Regulator, made a supportive deputation based on the positive impact the proposal will have on consumers' bills; and the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland also highlighted the role the Interconnector will play in helping to address the issue of fuel poverty across the region. Supportive contributions were also provided by officials from the Department for the Economy.

The PAC will now prepare a report which will be forwarded to the Department for Infrastructure later this year along with a recommended decision. The final decision on the planning applications will be made by the Minister, and we are hopeful this will be announced as soon as possible.

As highlighted previously, the North South Interconnector remains urgently required to ensure Northern Ireland has enough electricity to meet demand in the coming years. It will also allow the full implementation of the Single Electricity Market, which will have a significant positive impact on electricity bills across the island.

I hope to be in touch in the future to update you on further progress. In the

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meantime, if you have any questions or queries about the project, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robin McCormick". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Robin McCormick
General Manager, SONI