

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2017

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

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**Chairperson:** Councillor M Carr

**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor Byrne Councillor Harte  
Councillor Harvey Councillor Hyland  
Councillor Kimmins Councillor Loughran  
Councillor McMurray Councillor Ó Muirí  
Councillor Taylor Councillor Trainor

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy  
Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy  
Communities (Health & Wellbeing)  
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy  
Communities (Leisure & Sports)  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/54/2017: AP O L O G I E S AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Doran, Fitzpatrick and Walker and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Community Engagement)

**AHC/55/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**AHC/56/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH  
2017**

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

**AHC/38/2017 – Presentation – ORNI**

Mr Lipsett advised that following the presentation by ORNI, officers had been tasked to develop further proposals for community trails across the 7 DEAs. He stated a report was attached to the agenda asking for agreement to the development of a Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI for Community Trail Plans across the 7 DEAs.

Mr Lipsett stated the option for all 7 DEA Community Trails would cost £69,000 which was included within the current year's budgets.

Councillor Byrne asked whether the £69,000 was for 130 days provided by ORNI and would the detailed evaluations be additional cost.

Mr Lipsett advised he would seek to get more detail on the scheme from the Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to proceed to develop an SLA with ORNI which would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting providing Members with more detail, including the level of cost required.

#### ***AHC/53/2017 – Update on Footgolf***

Mr Lipsett advised he had met with the promoter who had requested a lease on a seasonal, pro-rata basis.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve a seasonal lease on a pro-rata basis to the Footgolf.

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

#### **AHC/57/2017 COMMUNITY TRAILS SLA WITH OUTDOOR RECREATION NI**

**Read:** Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017 regarding Community Trails SLA with Outdoor Recreation NI (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** As above, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to proceed to develop an SLA with ORNI which would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting providing Members with more detail, including the level of cost required.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **AHC/58/2017 DEA UPDATE**

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

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the DEA update.

**AHC/59/2017**      **SOUTH ARMAGH/SOUTH DOWN PEACE CENTRE STAGE II APPLICATION**

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager (Acting), dated 20 April 2017, regarding the South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre Stage II Application (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed to forward the report for the nomination of positions for the Partnership Board of the Peace IV Stage 2 South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre to the Party Representatives Meeting for nominations.

**AHC/60/2017**      **POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

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

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the minutes and officer report of Policing & Community Safety Partnership.

**LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/61/2017**      **USE OF GRASS PITCHES**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Use Of Grass Pitches (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** Councillor Byrne proposed that the matter be deferred until investigations into the benefits arising out of the Sports Strategy, especially with regard to pitch quality, before any decision would be taken on this issue. This was seconded by Councillor Harte.

**AHC/62/2017**      **DISABILITY SPORTS HUB PROJECT**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Disability Sports Hub Project (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne queried whether groups and members of the public would be permitted to hire out the outdoor equipment that would be provided.

Mr Moore stated it would be the intention that the equipment could be utilised by as many people as possible and Council would work with local existing groups as well as groups set up by Disability NI in order to make the scheme as successful as possible.

Councillor Byrne asked that the issue of £1900 which was to be funded by the Council for training should have been included within the report under resource implications and therefore should be recorded within the agreed recommendations.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Byrne to support the development of a Disability Sports Development Plan 2017-2019 and set up a Disability Sports Hub in partnership with Disability Sport NI and to consider Council signing up to a Memorandum of Understanding with Disability Sport NI in order to accept the new Hub equipment and thereafter develop a 2 year development plan and increase access to sports for less abled.

It was recommended that the training fund for the equipment of £1900 which was to be provided by the Council that should have been noted in the report was agreed.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Byrne to ensure the Hub equipment was transferable across the District.

**AHC/63/2017**      **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REGARDS LEASING COUNCIL LAND**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Expression of Interest regarding Leasing Council Land (copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to approve the public adverts for the Expression of Interest in line with NMDDC lease/sale policy and to approve the officer's recommendation.

It was agreed that any submissions would be evaluated by the Administration Department to ensure their business case sets out how sports clubs would deliver on the rights of all existing users.

**AHC/64/2017**      **CAFÉ OPERATING MODEL FOR NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE  
PHASE 2**

**Read:**            Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Café Operating Model for Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 (copy circulated).

**AGREED:**            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Loughran, to note the contents of the report and consider and agree to Café Operating Model for Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2.

**AHC/65/2017**      **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT PROJECT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Macmillan Cancer Support Project (copy attached).

**AGREED:**            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to submit the application and letter of support to the Macmillan Move More Project 2017-2020, in order to improve the quality of life for people living with cancer in Newry, Mourne and Down District and to consider recommendations as outlined below:

- The Council agreed to submit the application for the partnership of Move More programme with Macmillan Cancer Support for Newry, Mourne and Down
- The Council to approve the letter of support to Macmillan approving to be the lead partner for this project
- If the application for the 3 year funded programme was successful then allow officers to proceed and internally recruit the coordinator post, to commence the programme from September 2017 to September 2020.

**HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**AHC/66/2017**      **AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME UPDATE**

**Read:**            Report from Ms S Trainor, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 April 2017, regarding Affordable Warmth Scheme Update (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to write to the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities to express concerns with the current situation regarding Affordable Warmth Scheme.

**It was also agreed to amend the letter to make it known to the Permanent Secretary that a cut had been expected however not as severe as what was implemented and asked for the reasons behind this severity.**

**AHC/67/2017**

**CANN PROJECT INTERREG VA PROGRAMME**

**Read:** Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 April 2017, regarding CANN Project INTERREG VA Programme (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** **It was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.37pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

**Signed:** Councillor M Carr  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities