

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2016

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 April 2016 at 6.00pm in the Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor S Burns
Councillor S Doran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor B Ó'Muirí
Councillor W Walker
Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright
Councillor V Harte
Councillor K Loughran
Councillor D Taylor

Non-Committee Members: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing)
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/47/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors M Carr and G Sharvin.

The Chairperson advised compliments had been paid to Mr Gareth Rice from Down Leisure Centre on his quick reactions in rescuing an individual from the pool.

The Chairperson stated two of the DEA Coordinator positions needed to be filled on a temporary basis as Slieve Gullion's coordinator had secured a 6 month secondment, while Slieve Croob's coordinator was currently on sick leave.

AHC/48/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/49/2016: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2016. (Copy circulated).

Agreed: The Action Sheet was noted.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/50/2016 2016-2017 COMMUNITY FACILITIES – AUDIT OF EFFECTIVENESS

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement dated 18 April 2016 regarding 2016-2017 Community Facilities – Audit of Effectiveness (Copy circulated).

Mrs Hillen presented the report which recommended that Council initiate an audit of community facilities (30 in total) in partnership with County Down Rural Community Network (supported by Confederation of Community Groups) at an approximate cost of £8,225.

Councillor Enright questioned whether unofficial community facilities would be included within the audit.

Mr Lipsett stated the audit would be the first stage in a lengthy process to investigate the effectiveness of Council-funded facilities, other funded and non-funded facilities would then be examined.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Enright that an audit of community facilities (30 in total), in partnership with County Down Rural Community Network (supported by Confederation of Community Groups), be initiated at an approximate cost of £8,225 (funding already secured and ring-fenced).**

AHC/51/2016 MINUTES OF PCSP MEETING & POLICING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2015

Read: Minutes of PCSP Meeting & Policing Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2015 (copy circulated)

Noted: The minutes were noted.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/53/2016 DFP CONSULTATION – ENHANCED SPORT & RECREATION RATE RELIEF UNLICENSED COMMUNITY AMATEUR SPORTS CLUB

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport) dated 18 April 2016 regarding DFP Consultation – Enhanced Sport & Recreation Rate Relief – Unlicensed Community Amateur Sports Clubs (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí that Council supports the Department's policy proposals, allowing clubs 100% rate relief where:

- The club is registered with HMRC as a community amateur sports club; and
- Does not hold a liquor licence.

AHC/54/2016 CONCUSSION & HEAD INJURY MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR SPORTS CLUBS

Read: Report from Mr P Power, Sports Officer dated 11 April 2016 regarding Concussion and Head Injury Conference for Sports Clubs (Copy circulated).

Mr Lipsett stated the report recommended that SAND, in conjunction with Sport NI and Sports Institute NI, facilitated a conference on sports concussion and head injuries for local sports clubs. HE advised the associated costs and venue would be confirmed by next month's meeting.

Members discussed the issue and questioned whether Council would have an input as to which clubs would be eligible to participate and whether, perhaps, a funding workshop could be tagged onto the conference.

Mr Lipsett stated he hoped that Sport NI would be running the conference and in turn covering the costs associated. He advised officers will be investigating other funding opportunities and which clubs should attend.

Agreed: It report on Concussion and Head Injury Conference for Sports Clubs was NOTED.

AHC/55/2016 LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2016/17

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport) dated 18 April 2016 regarding Leisure and Sport Facility Arrangements for 2016/17 Public Holidays (Copy circulated).

Mr Moore advised the table had been circulated for Members' information however the details were subject to change with any future agreements through management and trade unions.

Agreed: The report regarding Leisure and Sport Facility Arrangements for 2016/17 Public Holidays was NOTED.

AHC/56/2016 PLAY AND LEISURE STRATEGY UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport) dated 18 April 2016 regarding Play and Leisure Strategy (Copy circulated).

Mr Moore advised the details were set out in Appendix B, as circulated, and asked that Members approve the way forward for officers to proceed as detailed.

Councillor Burns questioned whether the strategy would evaluate the facilities as well as map them.

Mr Moore advised a consultant would be employed to evaluate existing facilities and map new ones demographically across the District.

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/57/2016 SMOKING CESSATION PILOT SCHEME

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing) dated 18 April 2016 regarding Smoking Cessation Pilot Scheme (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that the Smoking Cessation Scheme be run as a pilot over a 6 month period and reviewed with a view to extending across the District if successful.

AHC/58/2016 SUNBED TEST PURCHASING

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing) dated 18 April 2016 regarding Sunbed Test Purchasing (Copy circulated).

Mr Devlin advised, following test purchasing at fourteen premises across the District during February/March 2016, none of the premises allowed a fifteen year old student to use the sunbeds, therefore all the premises were compliant with the Sunbeds Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

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

AHC/59/2016 FAIRTRADE STATUS FOR DISTRICT

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing) dated 18 April 2016 regarding Fairtrade Status for District (Copy circulated).

Mr Devlin stated the report recommended that the Council support a campaign to achieve Fairtrade District Status for the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Doran that Council support the campaign to achieve Fairtrade District Status for the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.30pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 3 May 2016.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities