

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2022

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 22 September at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate
and via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor H Gallagher (Chamber)

**In attendance in
Chamber:**

Councillor J Brennan	Councillor A Lewis
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor C Casey	Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor D Lee-Surginor	Councillor G Malone
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor K Owen
Councillor J Tinnelly	

**Non-Members
in attendance:**

Councillor D Curran
Councillor W Clarke

**Officials in attendance
in Chamber:**

Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in attendance
via Teams:**

Mr C Boyd, Assistant Director Capital and Procurement

AHC/145/2022: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies were received.

AHC/146/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lee-Surginor declared an interest in item 10 – Consultation Response: The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (NI) 2023 – as the owner of a café.

**AHC/147/2022: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2022**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2022. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor Casey, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2022.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/148/2022: **DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS - UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and approve the actions for:

- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2022.
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2022.
- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2022.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 6 September 2022.
- Slieve Gullion Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2022.
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2022.

Agreed: Mr Lipsett also agreed to seek clarification from the Chief Executive as to whether DEA open public meetings could now resume without restrictions.

AHC/149/2022: **COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Co-ordination Hub. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2022.

AHC/150/2022 **REPORT ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update on Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

A number of Members expressed concern regarding several groups who had been

unsuccessful in securing financial assistance, particularly for community events and festivals, despite them completing the application form in a similar manner to previous years. Members queried that if there was any underspend on any other themes, could that be transferred to those that had been successful under stage 2 of the process.

Ms Hillen said officers continually reviewed the financial assistance budgets as they came up against this every year where the number of successful groups continued to rise but budgets remained the same. She said Committee had approved a previous action to review the Capital budget and this would be done with revenue also. However there was no guarantee that there would be underspend in other areas.

Ms Hillen also said she would encourage any group who were applying for financial assistance to seek help and assistance from the DEA Co-Ordinators and Programme Unit staff before submitting the application form, to ensure all relevant information was included and also to seek feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Ms Hillen also agreed to carry out a review and spot checks on applications that had been submitted and which had not been successful.

In response to a query, Mr Devlin advised that a report on defibrillator access and funding would be brought to the October AHC Committee for decision.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note the report on Financial Assistance with Capital report(s) to be brought to the October Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting.**

AHC/151/2022 **PEACE IV – UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for PEACE IV. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor to note this report.**

AHC/152/2022 **UKRAINIAN CRISIS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update on the Ukrainian Crisis and Ukrainian Assistance Centres. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note the update report on the Ukrainian Crisis and Assistance Centres.**

Agreed: **It was also agreed to:-**

- **Note a request that any changes to the operational hours of the Newry Ukrainian Crisis Assistance Centre be communicated to users of the facility well in advance.**

- A follow-up letter be sent to the Executive Office regarding the £350 payment to be given to families hosting Ukrainian refugees.
- Note that consideration be given to establishing a second Crisis Assistance Centre in the Downpatrick area.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/153/2022 CONSULTATION ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES ON THE USE OF FAST CRAFT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) IN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding a consultation on proposed management measures in marine protected areas designed to reduce the risk of disturbance to marine species from fast craft and personal watercraft. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Casey, to approve the Consultation response and note that the response was submitted by the required date (1st September 2022) on the proviso that it would be subject to Council Approval.**

Agreed: **It was also agreed that officers seek clarification on where Carlingford Lough sits with the proposed protected areas.**

AHC/154/2022 CONSULTATION RESPONSE – THE FOOD HYGIENE RATING (ONLINE DISPLAY) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2023

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding a consultation on the Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to approve the Consultation response and note that the response was submitted by the required date (9th September 2022) on the proviso that it would be subject to Council Approval.**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/155/2022 INCLUSIVE BEACH – NEWCASTLE

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Paul Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding infrastructure and resources to upgrade Newcastle to 'Inclusive beach' status should be established as per the recommendations of the Mae Murray Foundation (MMF) and be progressed as part of Council's Public Toilet strategy via Neighbourhood Services department. **(Copy circulated)**.

Members welcomed the update report and said it was essential now that all relevant Departments worked together to progress the establishment of Newcastle Beach as an Inclusive Beach and that this should be progressed through the Sustainability and Environment Directorate as soon as possible through the Council's Public Toilet Strategy.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note that officers had completed feasibility and scoping work in relation to 'Inclusive Beaches' and to progress with the option as per point 2.1.D of the officer's report through the Neighbourhood Services directorate as part of the Council's Public Toilet Strategy.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 12-16 which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local /Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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

AHC/156/2022

WARRENPOINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director, Active and Healthy Communities regarding an update on the development of Warrenpoint Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the report and associated appendices and approve the project moving to the next stage namely RIBA Stage 3, to secure full planning approval, commence the IST and PQQ process to identify suitably qualified Design & Build Contractors.

AHC/157/2022

DONARD PARK CAR PARKING

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities regarding Donard Park, Car Parking Capital Project. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor to approve additional works for Donard Park Car Parks as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.

(Councillor McAteer left the meeting)

AHC/158/2022 **KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities regarding Kilkeel Leisure Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to progress the appointment of an integrated design team for the Kilkeel Leisure Centre capital project at a cost outlined within 4.1 of the officer's report and as per appendix 1. It was also agreed to progress with the procurement and appointment of a contractor for the project on completion of integrated design team works.

AHC/159/2022 **LEASING OF COUNCIL LAND AND FACILITIES – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Read: Report dated 22 September 2022 from Mr Paul Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding expressions of interest for the leasing of Council land and facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to note the contents of the report and that Expressions of Interest for the following land and facilities would progress to stage 3 of the Sport and Leasing Policy 2016:
1. Lisdrumliska Recreation Area, Glen Hill, Newry
2. Section of Land at St. Anne's Park Recreation Area, Mayobridge

AHC/160/2022 **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE LEASING OF LAND AT OLD KILLOUGH ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 19 September 2022 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Development regarding expression of interest for the leasing of land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to approve to issue a lease agreement between Council and Downpatrick Autism Family Support Group in relation to land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick.

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

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 October 2022.

Signed: Councillor H Gallagher
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities