

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2019

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 18 November 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic  
Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor L Kimmins

**In attendance:** (Councillors)

Councillor S Doran	Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

**Also In Attendance:** Councillor T Andrews

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing  
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement  
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport  
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)  
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/177/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher and McKeivitt.

**AHC/178/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gibbons declared in interest in AHC/176/2019 (action sheet item 3) in relation to No 16 The Square, Rostrevor.

**AHC/179/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 October 2019 (**Copy circulated**)

**AHC/163/2019: Financial Assistance Update**

In response to a query from Councillor Trainor, Mrs Hillen confirmed that as Council had not gone out for call 3 there had been an underspend within Community Capital which could be transferred over to successful applicants under the Sports Capital theme.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane to proceed with issuing

decision letters to the three successful applicants under the Sports Capital theme.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to discuss restricted items from the action sheet at a later stage of the meeting.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of 21 October 2019.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **AHC/180/2019 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Gibbons to note the report and agree to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2019
- Special Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2019
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2019
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019

## **LEISURE AND SPORT**

### **AHC/181/2019 ORNI COMMUNITY TRAILS LEGAL AGREEMENT AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Community Trails Legal Agreements. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to approve Council to enter into legal agreements for a period of 20 years (subject to a fee of 5 pence per annum), at an annual cost of approximately £10,000 per trail per year for maintenance, with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in respect of Forest/Community Trails and Car Parking (if relevant) at the following locations:

- Drumkeeragh Forest
- Tivenadarragh Forest

- Corrywood Forest
- Seaforde Forest

**AHC/182/2019**

**KILCLIEF PLAY PARK**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding the Play Strategy New Build for Kilclief Play Park. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor O’Hare it was agreed to proceed with the commencement of design consultation, capital works and spend for Kilclief Play Park of £119,995 as per the Councils Play Strategy.**

**AHC/183/2019**

**AUTISM FRIENDLY SESSIONS**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Autism Friendly Swim Sessions for Newry and Kilkeel Leisure Centre and Tropicana in Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

At the request of Councillor Doran, Mr Tamati confirmed the timing of autism friendly swim sessions could be considered as part of the implementation process.

Mr Tamati also undertook to report back to Councillor Trainor regarding the effectiveness of the change in Autism Swim Sessions in Downpatrick Leisure Centre since the switching of the days.

Councillor Ruane spoke of the importance of liaising with local Autism groups.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to introduce Autism Friendly Swim Sessions at Newry and Kilkeel Leisure Centre and Tropicana (subject to closures and holiday arrangements) as a pilot with a 6-monthly review period from 1 April 2020.**

- **Newry Leisure Centres: Saturdays from 4.00pm and 5.00pm**
- **Kilkeel Leisure Centre: Mondays from 3.45pm to 4.30pm**
- **Newcastle Tropicana: Fridays from 12noon to 1pm (July and August only)**

**AHC/184/2019**

**CARERS ALLOWANCE**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Carers Allowance Eligibility for Concession Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Gibbons, it was agreed for those individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices and for it to be implemented from January 2020 and reviewed in April 2020.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **AHC/185/2019 ECO SCHOOLS SUPPORT REQUEST**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a support request from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for Eco Schools Programme for period 2020-21. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker, to approve the contribution of £1,700 for the period 2020-21, subject to the rates process.

### **AHC/186/2019: LIVE HERE LOVE HERE – FUNDING REQUEST**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a request for support of Live Here Love Here initiative from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to support Live Here Love Here for the 2020-2021 period at a cost of £26,000 subject to approval within the estimates process.

### **AHC/187/2019 ACTION SHEET FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2019**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Gibbons, to note the report and approve the actions contained within the action sheet. It was also agreed to approve the proposed change to the Terms of Reference.

### **AHC/188/2019: MID YEAR ASSESSMENT OF DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2019-20**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Mid-Year Assessment of Directorate Business Plan 2019-20. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** The Mid-Year Assessment of the Active and Healthy Communities Business Plan 2019-20 was approved on the

proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Gibbons.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/189/2019: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Read: Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes of the Peace IV Partnership Meeting held on 5 September 2019.**

**AHC/190/2019: SOCIAL INCLUSION UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding the Social Inclusion Update.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the Social Inclusion Update Report.**

### **LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/191/2019: SPORT NI MULTI FACILITY FUND UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding Sport NI Multi Sports Hub Funding Update.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note that Councils Multi Sports Hub funding submissions at Newry Leisure Centre and Donard Park in Newcastle had been unsuccessful in progressing to stage 3 of the application process.**

**AHC/192/2019: DISABILITY SPORT NI FUNDING FOR KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding

Agreed: **It was agreed to note Kilkeel Leisure Centre had received funding for a pool pod and it was anticipated to be installed in February 2020.**

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of**

para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**AHC/193/2019**

**BALLYHOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE BOILER**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, providing an update on Ballyholland Boiler. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

**AHC/194/2019**

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE – 10 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Read:** Report dated 18 November 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding South Regional College (SRC) and Newry Leisure Centre Hire and Licence Agreement. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve Newry Leisure Centre to enter into a 10-year licence agreement, as outlined in the officer's report at paragraph 2.1, with the Southern Regional College enabling continual hire of Newry Leisure Centre and storage provision.

**AHC/179/2019:**

**ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019**

**AHC/133/2019 – Mullaghbane Community Centre**

**Agreed:** Members were updated with the current position with regard to Mullaghbane Community Centre.

Councillors Trainor and Gibbons left the meeting at this point 6.30pm and 6.33pm respectively.

**AHC/176/2019 – 16 The Square, Rostrevor**

**Agreed:**

**Members were updated with the current position with regard to dry rot and the potential subsequent impact on the budget and timescales at 16 The Square, Rostrevor.**

**It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare to investigate the possibility of further Rural Development Funding for this scheme given the issues outlined by the officer.**

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

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins  
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities