

October 15th, 2019

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 21st October 2019** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Chairperson Liz Kimmins

Vice Chairperson Mark Gibbons

Cllr S Doran

Cllr H Gallagher

Cllr G Malone

Cllr L McEvoy

Cllr K McKevitt

Cllr A McMurray

Cllr G O'Hare

Cllr B Ó Muirí

Cllr M Ruane

Cllr M Savage

Cllr D Taylor

Cllr J Trainor


Cllr W Walker

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This item is deemed to be restricted 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. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 <i>WI FI at council owned community run facilities.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 1 Wifi Business Case.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>


19.0 Castlewellan 3G Pitch

This item is deemed to be restricted 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. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 <i>Castlewellan report re 3G Pitch Oct 19.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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20.0 Lands at Barcroft

This item is deemed to be restricted 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. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *Barcroft Update Report - Land at Loanda House.pdf*

Not included

21.0 No 16 The Square, Rostrevor

Report to follow.

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Ms Alice Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Mr Kieran Gordon

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Mr Liam Hannaway

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Terry Hearty

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Liz Kimmins

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Mr Roland Moore

Ms Carmel Morgan
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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/077/2019	Notice of Motion referred from Council meeting Monday 3 June 2019 – Suicide Down to Zero	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Bain that officers investigate the possibility of adopting a 'suicide down to zero' approach to combating the high prevalence of suicide across our district; exploring closer partnership working with local mental health and suicide prevention charities; investigate the establishment of a suicide prevention working group with a dedicated Council officer responsible; explore the possibility of establishing a new small grants scheme within the existing financial assistance programme to fund projects specifically dealing with mental health and suicide in the district; Council also to write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health lamenting the abject failure of the Department to implement the Protect Life 2 strategy, and that this strategy should have been signed off regardless of the absence of an Executive given its vital lifesaving and non-contentious nature.	M. Lipsett E Devlin	Letter sent to the Permanent Secretary. Report to future AHC Committee Meeting.	N
AHC/089/2019	Kilbroney Park Pitches	It was agreed to proceed with the appointment of a design team and business plan consultants for the upgrading of Kilbroney playing pitches.	P Tamati	Capital Team update commissioned – Work ongoing	N

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AHC/092/2019	Leasing of Council land known as Rosconnor Playing Fields, Strangford Playing Fields and the back Pitch, Greenbank, Newry	<p>It was agreed subject to Departmental Consent that the following leases be agreed at a peppercorn rent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease of Rosconnor Playing Fields, Downpatrick to Teconnaught GAC for the term of 5 years. • Lease of Strangford Playing Fields, Strangford to Strangford FC for the term of 5 years. • Lease of the Back Pitch, Greenbank, Newry to Newry AFC for the term of 25 years. 	C Haughey	Subject to Departmental Consent	N
AHC/118/2019	Ballyholland FMA	<p>It was agreed to accept the following recommendations: Council legal department to withdraw the sub lease from Ballyholland Development Association and instead a Facility Management Agreement be issued in line with other council owned community facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to formally write to DEARA to confirm council's decision and proposals. 	J McCann	Draft FMA presented to the Group	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/120/2019	Application to DfC: New Model Farm Community Centre proposal, Downpatrick	It was agreed to accept the following recommendations: • that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application.	K Hynds	Funding application to be completed by NHR Officer & CDRCN for submission to DfC.	N
ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/132/2019	Land at Barcroft Community Centre	It was agreed that the Committee agree to extend the existing lease with Newry Felons to include the site marked G2 on the site plan (subject to a satisfactory valuation from LPS)	J McCann	Ongoing – with Council's Legal Department	N
AHC/133/2019	Mullaghbane Community Centre Lease	It was agreed that the Committee agree to changes to the original terms of the Mullaghbane Community Centre lease as per recommendations as set out in para 3.1 of the officer's report and that a deadline of all lease negotiations to be finalised by 31 December 2019 and agreement that failure to do so will result in lease not being renewed.	J McCann	Ongoing – with Council's Legal Department	N
AHC/134/2019	Ballyholland Land Transfer	It was agreed that the Committee agree to proceed with the leasing of Councils play area in Ballyholland to BHGAC in exchange for the leasing of separate lands from BHGAC to Council for the	C Haughey	Lease to be formalised	N

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		establishment of play park facilities in line with the Councils Play strategy.			

ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM AHC MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/141/2019	Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2019	It was agreed to note the action sheet.	D.Services	Noted.	Y
AHC/142/2019	DEA Fora Update Report	<p>It was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2019. • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2019. • Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2019. • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2019. • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2019. • Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 14 August 2019. • Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 20 August 2019. • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 29 August 2019 	J Hillen	Actioned	Y

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AHC/143/2019	Installation of RAPID bin at Newry Leisure Centre	It was agreed to proceed with the installation of a RAPID Bin at Newry Leisure Centre.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/144/2019	Castlewellan Lease & 3G Pitch Condition Survey	<p>It was agreed to note and approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council to pay a contribution of 50% towards the replacement of the synthetic carpet in 5 years' time. • The Council to forward the fencing improvements for consideration in 20/21 rate estimates. • Improvement works to bring the 3G pitch up to necessary standards to be completed by Neighbourhood Services department using existing maintenance budgets. • Council to provide replacement goals from existing budgets. 	J Hillen	Discussions with Legal Department ongoing	N
AHC/145/2019	Update on Community Facility Strategy	<p>It was agreed to accept the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised definition of a community facility. • The vision, outcomes and themes for the community facilities strategy. • Revised timeline for delivery. <p>It was agreed to provide details of the original definition of a community facility.</p>	J Hillen	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Actioned</p>	Y

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AHC/146/2019	Crossgar Community Centre	It was agreed a report was to be brought back to Active & Healthy Communities Committee in relation to identifying needs and outlining options following on from the Community Facility Strategy. Seek potential funding from the Department for Communities.	J Hillen	Report to AHC October	Y
AHC/147/2019	Leisure Facilities Partial Closure – Staff Training	It was agreed to accept the recommendation to approve Councils Leisure and Sports Facilities to implement a partial closure up to 5pm on Friday 20 December 2019 to facilitate staff training for employees.	P Tamati	Noted	Y
AHC/148/2019	Healthy Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	It was agreed to note that when clear guidance on minimum nutritional standards (MNS) for Council Catering Outlets and Vending is established, a future report will be brought back to Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding the potential implementation of these standards.	P Tamati	Report to future AHC	N
AHC/149/2019	Service Level Agreement in relation to Affordable Warmth Scheme	It was agreed that the Committee approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement with the Department for Communities in relation to the provision of the Affordable Warmth Scheme.	E Devlin	SLA signed by the Chief Executive	Y

AHC/150/2019	Consultation Response to the Food Standards Agency (FSA) on a Risk Based Approach for the Biotoxin Monitoring Programme in Northern Ireland	The Committee agreed to the response being provided in relation to the FSA's consultation on a Risk Based Approach for the Biotoxin Monitoring programme in Northern Ireland.	E Devlin	Response submitted	Y
AHC/151/2019	Notice of Motion – Carers Allowance (Referred from Council Meeting 2 September 2019)	It was agreed that officers investigate concessionary rates for recipients of carers allowance at leisure facilities across the District. A report on concessions for recipients of carers allowance at Leisure Centres to be presented to Active & Health Communities Committee in October 2019.	M Lipsett	Report to be presented to AHC Committee on 21 October 2019	Y
AHC/152/2019	Notice of Motion – Disability Access on to Newcastle Beach (Referred from Council Meeting 2 September 2019)	It was agreed that officers investigate the provision of disability access on to Newcastle beach to enable the facility to be inclusive, which will enhance the visitor experience for all. An update report to be provided to the Active & Health Communities Committee following on from a meeting of Neighbourhood Services department, Enterprise, Regenerations & Tourism department and Corporate Services departments.	M Lipsett M Lipsett	Meeting to be held on 18 October 2019	N
AHC/153/2019	Peace IV Local Action Plan	It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes.	J Hillen	Noted	Y

AHC/154/2019	Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	It was agreed to note the Air Quality assessment report for Newry Mourne and Down District Council which has been accepted by DAERA NI.	E Devlin	Noted	Y
<u>ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014</u>					
AHC/155/2019	Your School Your Club Funding	It was agreed to note the update in appendix 1 of NMDC projects that have applied for Your School Your Club Funding.	P Tamati		Y

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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheets from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below.				
1.2	Background <p>The information in Appendix 1 is provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of the DEA Forums. DEA Coordinators continue to implement actions detailed in their respective local action plans.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	None.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report.Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 4 September 2019.➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2019.➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019.				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.				
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
6.0	Rural Proofing implications				
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.				
7.0	Appendices				
7.1	Appendix 1: Update on the work of DEAs. Appendix 2: Action Sheet Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting 4 September 2019. Appendix 3: Action Sheet Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting 10 September 2019. Appendix 4: Action Sheet Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting 24 September 2019.				
8.0	Background Documents				
8.1	None.				

Appendix 1

The following information is an update for the Committee on the ongoing work of the DEAs.

Level of Civic Participation:

- > Downpatrick, Slieve Croob and Rowallane DEAs recently organised National Lottery Community Funding workshops in Downpatrick Civic Centre. Over 30 local community groups had the opportunity to book a half hour one to one appointment with representatives from the Community Fund to discuss potential projects and get assistance on how to prepare a successful submission for grant aid.
- > The second EID celebration took place on 7th September in Downpatrick. The event marked the second celebration in the Muslim community and brought participants from Slieve Gullion, Crotlieve, Newry and Downpatrick DEAs, as well as the local community, together to share and learn.
- > Slieve Gullion DEA worked with the Council's Ethnic Minority Support Centre in Newry to deliver an information session for migrant workers living in the Newtownhamilton area. The session covered how to register with the Home Office on-line as well as the new legislation. The session was held on the evening of 20th September in Newtownhamilton and was attended by over 65 Bulgarian nationals. Providing information on the night was Advice NI and the Migrant Centre NI.

Level of Educational Wellbeing:

- > Rowallane DEA is hosting a YMCA Building Resilience Programme designed to support the development of resilience in young people. Drumlins Integrated PS Ballynahinch, Killyleagh Integrated PS and St. Joseph's PS Crossgar have signed up to the programme.
- > 32 students aged 14-16 from Ballynahinch HS participated in the Young Driver's initiative, at which the NIFRS presented on keeping yourself and others safe when driving and the importance of avoiding distractions. The students were then accompanied by a qualified driving instructor and drove around the race track to experience first-hand what it is like to drive a vehicle. After this they were able to use the Evo Driving Simulator to rate their driving ability, learn about tyre safety or experience the Virtual Reality Goggle experience. The event concluded with a cut out demonstration to highlight the reality of what happens after a crash.
- > Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs invited over 40 young people to Castlewellan to watch a hard-hitting drama performance addressing issues that affect young people in everyday life such as drugs, mental health and alcohol.
- > Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs organised a Good Relations Sports Programme at Ballynahinch Rugby Club to launch the opening of their new walking trail. St Patrick's PS Ballynahinch and Spa PS enjoyed an afternoon of sports they would not usually have the opportunity to engage in.
- > On 26th September, the Downpatrick DEA hosted a Roads Safety Event at Bishopscourt Race Circuit. 30 Pupils from Down HS and St Patrick's GS, Downpatrick, participated in the programme involving a variety of safety activities. Experienced driving instructors gave pupils the opportunity to drive in a safe and controlled environment around the racing circuit. The NIFRS rolled out their 'Your Choice' Programme which included a presentation on keeping safe on the roads when driving, the use of Virtual Reality Glasses to experience the impact of being a passenger in a vehicular accident, and a car cut out. Autoline Insurance brought along their Chilli Drive Car Simulator.

Level of Health Status:

- > To mark Suicide Awareness Day, a Walk for Life took place in the Lough Park, Ballynahinch, with over 100 in attendance. Ballynahinch Counselling were on hand throughout the event to talk to people and provide information on the support services they offer.
- > Slieve Croob DEA in collaboration with CDRCN held a Walk for Life event at Seaforde Gardens and Tropical Butterfly House to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. Over 400 people participated in a one mile walk in the estate and then enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities.
- > In partnership with CDRCN, Slieve Croob DEA organised the Action Cancer Bus to be in Drumaness. All appointments were fully booked.
- > Downpatrick DEA in partnership with Downpatrick Suicide Prevention Task Group and CDRCN hosted the Walk for Life in Dunleath Park. Over 250 people attended the event, which included a family fun day and information stands from local Mental Health/Addition Support organisations.
- > Slieve Gullion DEA supported the launch of the Newtownhamilton Men's Shed on 21st September. The DEA has been linking in with the group to provide signposting and links with supports and similar groups.
- > Slieve Gullion DEA is supporting the delivery of a ten-week mental health workshop in partnership with the Recovery College. The programme will explore ways to promote and maintain positive mental health, coping mechanisms and habits.
- > Slieve Gullion, Newry, The Mournes and Crotlieve DEAs supported Age Friendly's annual Silver Screening event in Newry on 25th September. The event included a number of information stalls, and talks by the PSNI, Fire Safety and Action on Elder Abuse. Over 200 people attended the event which was held in Newry Omniplex.
- > Crotlieve DEA is supporting a 6-week Mental Health Course in partnership with the Recovery College. The health and wellbeing programme aims to give people tools to maintain positive mental health.
- > Crotlieve DEA has organised a 6-week Men's Mental Health Programme in the Hilltown area. Focusing on men's health, this is a rural programme to give men an alternative to meet outside of a public house to engage in activities that are health and wellbeing focused. The programme includes workshops on healthy eating cookery, cancer focus, mental health, stroke and safe driving.
- > Mournes DEA worked in partnership with the PCSP, PSNI and Kilkeel Development Association to deliver a very successful It's a Knockout event bringing together young people from across the Mournes area to collaborate in a fun setting.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime

- > Newry DEA facilitated an interagency and community workshop to discuss issues relating to anti-social behaviour and public order in the Newry City area.

ACTION SHEET- Rowallane District Electoral Area Meeting – 4th September 2019

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/20/3	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	Noted
DEA/20/4	Minutes and Action Sheet from 5 th June 2019	The Minutes and Action Sheet were Proposed as true record by Councillor Burgess and Seconded by Councillor Harvey .	Noted
DEA/20/5	Review of Public Conveniences – Welcome Gail Kane, Head of Facilities	Gail Kane, Head of Facilities, AGREED to consider the comments and concerns raised when developing the draft strategy.	Gail Kane to incorporate comments and concerns raise when developing the draft strategy for Review of Public Conveniences. Action sheet sent to Gail Kane by email on 06/09/19
DEA/20/6	Amanda McMillen, Killyleagh Doctor's Surgery.	It was AGREED that Ellen Brennan would meet With Amanda McMillen to outline the nomination process to see if in her role she would meet the criteria of representing a network.	Ellen to meet with Amanda McMillen to discuss application process pending outcome of Council consideration of DEA membership process.
DEA/20/7	Approve Draft Rowallane Action Plan 2019/2020	It was AGREED that Ellen would make the necessary changes to the document and circulate prior to printing for final approval.	Co-Ordinator to Action and circulate to Forum members.

DEA/20/8	Co-Ordinator's Report	Ellen Brennan provided an updated on what projects had been undertaken since the last meeting and provided 'dates for the diary' of upcoming events which she agreed to circulate by email to members.	Email giving dates of upcoming events was sent by Ellen Brennan to all members on 5th September 2019 .
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ACTION SHEET**Slieve Croob DEA Private Forum Meeting – 10 September 2019**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/SC/3/2019	Declarations of Interest	Forum members to declare conflict of interest of any item on the agenda at the start of each DEA meeting.	No conflicts of interest declared.
DEA/SC/4/2019	Minutes of meeting 18 June 2019 and associated action sheet	Minutes and action sheet were proposed as a true record.	Councillor Catherine Mason Proposed. Councillor Alan Lewis Seconded.
DEA/SC/5/2019	Review of Public Conveniences	Gail Kane, Head of Facilities AGREED to consider the comments and concerns raised when developing the draft strategy. Gail Kane to liaise with Patricia McMurray regarding the possibility of displaying information on domestic violence and sexual violence on back of toilet doors.	Gail Kane to incorporate comments and concerns raised by the Forum when developing the Draft Strategy for Review of Public Conveniences. Gail Kane to action.
DEA/SC/6/2019	County Down Rural Community Network	Nicholas McCrickard invited members to County Down Rural Community Network's AGM on 9 October 2019.	Forum Members to action.
DEA/SC/7/2019	Action Plan Update	It was AGREED that a Cancer Bus be provided in Drumaroad on 28 March 2020. All Forum Members unanimously approved projects outlined and associated budgets.	Councillor Hugh Gallagher Proposed Councillor Roisin Howell Seconded All Members.

ACTION SHEET- Crotlieve DEA Private Forum Meeting 24th September 2019

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/21/2019	Emerging Themes Health & Wellbeing	Dementia Virtual Bus cost to be ascertained with a view to Crotlieve DEA hosting same.	Crotlieve DEA Coordinator to contact company who provide Dementia Bus to ascertain the cost of same and to book if within budget discussed at Forum meeting.
DEA/C/21/2019	Emerging Themes Economic Development, Regeneration and Tourism	Upgrade of public conveniences across the area	Any issues regarding public conveniences to be brought to the attention of the DEA Coordinator who will in turn pass to Head of Facilities Management Neighbourhood Services.
DEA/C/21/2019	Emerging Themes Environmental & Spatial Development	Warrenpoint Promenade Carpark	DEA Coordinator to ascertain if any of the work on the Promenade carpark could be included in planned Revitalisation Scheme.

DEA/C/22/2019	Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting held on 18 th June 2019	Outstanding ERT queries raised at previous meeting.	DEA Coordinator to revert to ERT Department to obtain response to outstanding queries.
DEA/C/22/2019	Matters Arising from Minutes of previous meeting held on 18 th June 2019	Query regarding keys for bollards at Warrenpoint Square.	DEA Coordinator to check with Head of Licensing if keys to bollards at Warrenpoint Square have been issued.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	Review of the Operation of DEA Forums
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To consider and agree to approve amendments to the draft Revised DEA Fora Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol as referred to in 3.1 below and outlined in Appendix I.				
1.2	Background <p>The Council's DEA Forums perform an important role in supporting the delivery of the Newry, Mourne and Down Community Plan, as well as supporting the Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board's Thematic Delivery Groups and providing an important feedback mechanism concerning emerging issues and priorities across the district.</p> <p>In June 2019, the Director of the Active Healthy Communities Department met with each set of DEA Councillors. During this series of meetings, a number of key issues were raised by Councillors which are summarised below in 2.1.</p> <p>These issues have been considered by officers and proposals to address the issues have been noted under each issue in 2.1 below and are then detailed in the attached draft Revised DEA Fora Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol (Appendix I).</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	I. Concerns raised that the "networking" requirement included in the selection process for Independent Members is inadvertently excluding some community representatives who play a key role in their communities but do not belong to specific networks (a current requirement to be a DEA Forum Independent Member). In addition, it was noted that the DEA Terms of Reference do not specify the term of service for Independent Members. Ia. To address the concern in respect of the networking requirement, it is proposed to amend the Terms of Reference as per <u>Amendment 1a on page 2 in Appendix I.</u> Ib. To address the matter of term of service, given that some current Independent Members have not served a full term it is proposed to amend the Terms of Reference as per <u>Amendment 1b on page 3 in Appendix I.</u> II. Clarity required regarding the process for actions recommended by DEA Forums to be considered and approved by Council. At present DEA Forum Action Sheets are required to go to AHC Committee for approval and are then subject to Council ratification and 5 Day "Call in".				

	IIa. In order to reflect the Operating Protocol that has been in place since 2016, the Terms of Reference have been updated to provide clarity on the progression of actions. It is proposed to therefore included an addition to the Terms of Reference as per <u>Amendment 2 on page 4 in Appendix I.</u>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. • Agree to approve the following amendments to the draft Revised DEA Fora Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol as outlined in Appendix I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Amendment 1a on page 2 > Amendment 1b on page 3 > Amendment 2 on page 4 > Amendment 3 on page 5
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Revised DEA Fora Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.



District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Revised Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol

The overarching aim of the DEA Forum is to consult, involve, listen and respond to communities as partners in the development and delivery of the Newry, Mourne and Down Community Plan

SCOPE:

1. To ensure local accountability by engaging with local communities on Newry, Mourne and Down's Community Plan.
2. To explore and maximise opportunities for communicating the Council's strategies and objectives.
3. To assist Council and key stakeholders in ensuring delivery of service reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities; thereby enabling communities to have ownership of and participate in the sharing and designing of policies and services.
4. To encourage key stakeholders to provide input into Council/shared information management systems in order to better inform local delivery of services.
5. To assist Council and key stakeholders in the prioritising of local issues defined within a particular geographical area and initiating the implementation of an agreed multi-agency plan of action.
6. To develop innovative approaches to the delivery of key objectives at a local level based on local information, promoting joint working and joint problem solving, and the sustainable development of communities.
7. To provide an environment for facilitated joint working by the community, voluntary, business and statutory sectors across identified issues and to assist in the development of sustainable communities.
8. To assist Council in developing community capacity within the defined District Electoral Area.
9. To operate as a mechanism for communication between the Council, community, business and relevant statutory and voluntary partners.
10. To link with the Thematic Delivery Partnerships to:
 - help the Partnerships achieve their outcomes and to contribute to performance against the indicators set out in the Community Plan.
 - work with the Thematic Delivery Partnerships to agree local activities and projects directly linked into the Community Plan indicators and outcomes most relevant for focus in each DEA.
 - monitor and review localised evidence on performance and outcomes to inform action planning.
 - develop local participation and empowerment.
 - help build local capacity.

OPERATING PROTOCOL

The Chairperson of each DEA Forum shall ensure that the meetings and business shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in the DEA Fora Operating Protocols.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair and Vice-Chair of each DEA Forum shall be appointed by the Forum from amongst the Elected Members (Councillors). The period in office will be determined by each specific DEA Forum.

The office of Chair and Vice-Chair should be held in turn by each of the elected members represented on the Council immediately after the last local general election.

ABSENCE OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

If the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from a meeting, those present shall elect one of the DEA Councillors to act as Chairperson.

RULING OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The ruling of the Chairperson upon all questions of order, and of matters arising in debate, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda and supporting papers will be distributed to members in advance of scheduled dates (preferably 6 days in advance). The agenda shall not include 'Any other Business'. However, should an urgent issue present itself the Chair, or in their absence Vice-Chair, may be consulted as to whether this matter should be tabled at the meeting or whether a Special meeting is required.

Ad hoc meetings on site or to review presentations will not be minuted with only actions being recorded.

MEMBERSHIP

Each Forum shall be made up of all DEA Councillors and representatives from the business, community and voluntary sectors (a maximum of 8).

Statutory Partners will not be designated as Forum Members but will be invited to attend meetings to address relevant issues as they arise. These arrangements are detailed in a Partners Service Level Agreement.

Recruitment of Business, Community and Voluntary Sector Members

Amendment 1a

Independent DEA Forum Members will be recruited from the business, community and voluntary sectors following an open process verified by an independent Regional Community Organisation. Independent Members must represent a broad section of their sector and must therefore be nominated by either a recognised network of organisations or be nominated by a minimum of 3 organisations within the sector who are independent of each other.

An individual DEA Forum may actively seek to recruit Independent Members from an under represented sector.

Amendment 1b

The term of service for Independent DEA Forum Members will be in line with the Council term commencing from the 2023 Local Government Elections.

REPORTING MECHANISMS/DECISION MAKING

DEA Fora do not have decision making powers: they make recommendations only. Recommendations arising will be referred to the relevant Director for consideration/report to their Committee and included on the action sheet for noting by Active & Healthy Communities or will be tabled at the Active & Healthy Communities Committee for consideration and formal ratification at Council. (A detailed DEA Fora Operating Framework is attached in Appendix 1).

If a DEA believes that an issue in its DEA may impact strategically on other DEAs and should therefore be referred to the relevant Thematic Delivery Partnership for consideration, the respective DEA Coordinator will discuss the issue with the other DEA Fora/Chairs and the Head of Engagement. If the view is that the issue does affect other DEAs, then the DEA Coordinator whose DEA raised the matter will prepare a report in conjunction with the other relevant DEA Coordinators for consideration and response by the appropriate Thematic Delivery Partnership.

DEA Coordinators will be invited to attend meetings of the respective Thematic Delivery Partnership to which they have been nominated, to assist with local, thematic and strategic coordination of the Community Plan.

MEETING FREQUENCY

DEA Forum private meetings will be held bi-monthly.

ATTENDANCE AT PRIVATE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS**Private Meetings**

The Forum will meet in private. It shall be the responsibility of the Council to set the schedule for the holding of private meetings and the Chairperson to determine if and when it is necessary to hold additional meetings, to cover 'critical issues'.

Attendance at private meetings of the Forum will be restricted to Forum Members and relevant partner organisations except as otherwise determined by the Forum Members. Attendance at private meetings of the Forum of invited organisations, groups or individuals shall be regulated by the Chairperson of the Forum. Maximum of 2 presentations per meeting.

The Forum will only establish working groups to deal with a particular issue of concern and which is not currently covered by an existing Thematic Delivery Partnership. These working groups should only meet over an agreed period of time and must report back to the Forum on progress against an agreed target.

Non-Attendance of Independent Members at Private Meetings

Any independent member who fails to attend three consecutive private meetings of the DEA Forum without reasonable explanation may be disqualified from membership of the DEA Forum for non-attendance. In such an event, the DEA Coordinator and the Chair of the DEA Forum will seek to discuss with the member their non-attendance and also their membership of the DEA Forum in order to determine if the DEA Forum needs to seek a replacement member. The DEA Coordinator will keep a record of attendance at private meetings and will

endeavour to notify independent members if they are in danger of breaching the requirement to attend three consecutive private meetings of the DEA Forum.

Public Engagement Events

The DEA Forum shall hold a minimum of three public engagement events per annum, which will be publicly advertised. The dates, times, venues and format of the events are to be agreed by the Forum and should facilitate engagement with the public and reflect local priorities relating to the Community Plan.

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OR EVENTS

Where possible, at least ten days before the date on which a public engagement event is due to be held it shall be publicly advertised. The Members of the Forum shall endeavour to publicise public engagement events through their respective community networks.

MODE OF ADDRESS

Council staff and Members of the Forum shall address and speak to one another at all times in a respectful and courteous manner.

OFFENSIVE EXPRESSION

A Member shall not use offensive expression.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

The Chair, or a Member acting in the role of Chair, may order the removal from a Forum meeting or event any member of the public whose behaviour represents a threat to the orderly conduct of the business to be transacted.

When the Chairperson is of the opinion that the due and orderly dispatch of business during a meeting is impossible, they, in addition to any other power vested in them, may without question adjourn the meeting at their discretion for such period as they shall consider expedient.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The DEA Forum should seek to make recommendations and do so by agreement and consensus and therefore no voting will take place or be recorded. DEA Fora do not have decision making powers; they make recommendations only. Recommendations arising will be tabled at the Active & Healthy Communities Committee for consideration.

Amendment 2

Should the DEA Forum recommendations require action/expenditure from another Council Section/Department, the DEA Coordinator should contact the appropriate Council Officer to arrange for the recommendation to be considered by the relevant Council Committee.

Amendment 3

BUDGET

Each DEA Forum will have an operational budget which is allocated for Good Relations and Community Engagement purposes only and cannot be used for actions which are the responsibility of another Council Department or Public Body. Expenditure from the DEA Forum budget must be allocated by the DEA Forum and subsequently approved by the AHC Committee.

It should be noted that, in line with Council Policy, DEA Forums are unable to provide Financial Assistance directly to any group. Requests from groups for Financial Assistance should be made to the Council's Financial Assistance Programme.

OFFICERS

DEA Co-ordinator, with Administration Support.

PRESS

Invitations to the press shall only be extended for public engagement events where it is appropriate to do so.

PUBLIC

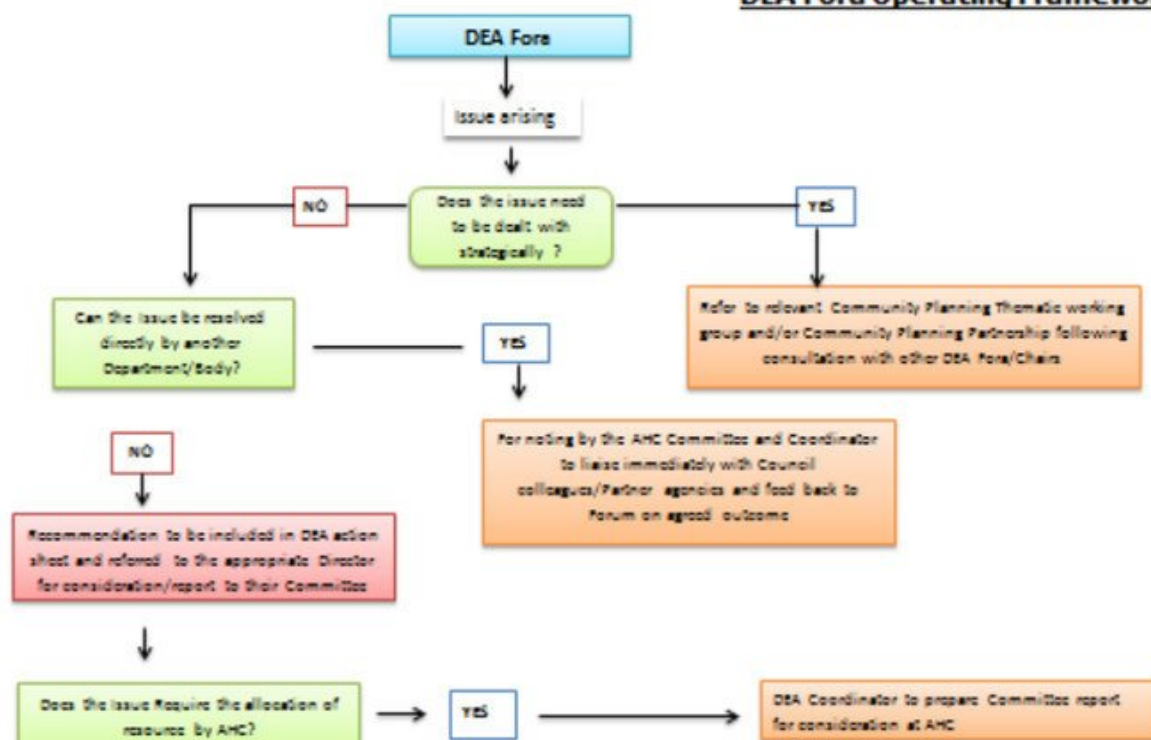
Invitations to members of the public shall only be extended for attendance at public engagement events where it is appropriate to do so.

QUORUM

The quorum for meetings of the Forum shall be one quarter of their membership (rounded up to the nearest whole number).

Upon the attention of the Chair being called to the fact that there is not a quorum present, the Chair shall declare the meeting at an end.

DEA Fora Operating Framework



Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 th Oct 2019
Subject:	Remaining Units at Saintfield Community Centre
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen (Assistant Director Community Engagement)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann (Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events)

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1.0	Purpose and Background						
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The development of the new facilities did not require the council to use all the units available on the site. Saintfield Development Trust is currently using an additional portion of building C to assist with storage for user groups equipment.</p>						
1.2	<p>Background</p> <p>The Council has recently completed the new Community Centre and Indoor 3G Pitch at the Belfast Road in Saintfield. The project was funded jointly by the Council, RDP and PEACE IV.</p> <p>The facilities are currently being managed under a FMA by Saintfield Development Trust.</p>						
2.0	Key issues						
2.1	<p>Currently there is an area to the rear of building C and the whole of unit B which is surplus to requirements (see appendix 1).</p> <p>In line with the Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing policy and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Acquisition and Disposal of Land Assets Policy and Procedures the Council is required to deem the area surplus.</p>						
3.0	Recommendations						
3.1	<p><i>The Committee consider and agree to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proceed to Expression of Interest process in line with the Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing policy for the rear of Unit C and the whole of unit B.• Providing an additional area to the rear of Unit C to increase the amount of storage space within the Community Centre. Approx cost £15,000.						

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officer time £15,000 which can be found within an underspend of Community capital projects
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality impact assessment is required at this time
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	A rural Needs Impact Assessment is not required at this time
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	<i>None</i>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	Financial Assistance update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Head of Programmes

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Background As in previous years, in order to allow groups to plan for their events and programmes in the next financial year, it is proposed to advertise Financial Assistance Call 1 for 2020-2021 in November 2019				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	Financial Assistance Call 1 2020-2021 The proposed time frame for delivery would be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call open Monday 4th November 2019• Call closed Monday 9th December 2019• Information workshops early November 2019• Assessment and processing January and February of 2020• Reports will be submitted for consideration at February AHC Committee meeting and March 2020 Council Committee meeting• Decision letters will be issued to groups by end of March 2020 (subject to rates estimates process)				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	The Committee consider and agree to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timescales outlined for FA Call 1 2020/21 (process rolled out with caveat that all future awards will be subject to the outcome of the rates estimates process)				

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The Council still has to set the budgets for next year so groups will be applying 'at risk'.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
	n/a
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Community
Date of Meeting:	21 st October 2019
Subject:	Carers Allowance Eligibility for Concessions Charges
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure

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1.0		Purpose and Background			
1.1		Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider and agree for those individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices as part of the 2020/21 scale of charges review which can be introduced on the 1st April 2020.			
1.2		Background <ul style="list-style-type: none">In September 2019 a notice of motion was brought to AHC committee by Councillor Patrick Brown stating: "Council's Active and Healthy Communities Department will immediately recognise Carers Allowance as a means tested benefit enabling recipients of that benefit to qualify for concessionary rates at leisure facilities across the District."Leisure and Sports Services Section currently operate a 'buddy' scheme under its current schedule of charges which entitles those accompanying someone who requires assistance, free entry.At present those in receipt of carers allowance can earn no more than £123 per week and must spend a minimum of 35 hours a week caring for someone who is ill or has a disability.			
2.0		Key issues			
2.1g		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Currently those individuals in receipt of carers allowance are not eligible for concession prices under the current 2019/20 Leisure and Sport Scale of Charges.The introduction of carers allowance may have a negative impact of revenue budgets which will need to be absorbed within current budgets if introduced immediately and accounted for in future rates estimates processors.Under the carers allowance benefit in Northern Ireland, there is a restriction placed on earnings (£123 per week) to be eligible for the scheme.			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any changes to the current schedule of charges will require a lead in time to agree proof of eligibility documents and process, communicate changes internally, change front of house and online systems and update literature.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider and agree to for those individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices as part of the 2020/21 scale of charges review which will be introduced on the 1st April 2020.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	It is anticipated there may be budget implications that will need to be absorbed within existing revenue budgets if immediately introduction and accounted for in future rates estimates processors.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	There are no anticipated rural proofing implications.
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Community
Date of Meeting:	21 st October 2019
Subject:	Leisure and Sports Facilities - Public Holiday Arrangements for 2020/21
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider and agree the 2020/21 Public Holiday Arrangements for Leisure and Sports Facilities as outlined in appendix 1.				
1.2	Background <ul style="list-style-type: none">In October 2018, a 2019/20 Public Holiday Schedule for Leisure and Sports facilities report was brought to AHC Committee and approved by full Council (C177/2018), subject to rates estimates approval.In February 2019, as part of the rate estimates approval, 2019/20 Public Holiday Arrangements for Indoor leisure facilities was agreed (AHC/031/2019).Public Holiday Arrangements for 2019/20 were approved as per appendix 1.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1g	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cost to operate Leisure and Sports facilities during holidays periods are significant with employee costs often triple that of non-holiday periods.Often there is a misconception that demand for leisure facilities increases during holiday periods, however usage of leisure facilities during these times is significantly lower depending on weather, families and individuals taking the opportunity to do alternative activities, sometimes outside of the district.During holiday periods there can be demand for annual leave from employees and depending on cover arrangements, annual leave at times refused.Operating reduced hours at key facilities only during holiday periods has proven a well-balanced approach to addressing the above issues in recent years.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider and agree the 2020/21 Public Holiday Arrangements for Leisure and Sports Facilities as outlined in appendix 1.				

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	It is anticipated there will be no resource implications subject to any changes to the current staffing cost via the rate process or any decision that may vary from the proposals outlined in appendix 1.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	There are no anticipated rural proofing implications.
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Public Holiday Arrangements for Leisure and Sport Facilities.
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Appendix 1

Leisure and Sports Facilities 2019/20 Public Holiday Arrangements

Facility	22 nd & 23 rd April	6 th & 27 th May	12 th July	15 th August	26 th August	25 th & 26 th December	24 th , 27 th December	1 st January	17 th March
Newry LC	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Downpatrick LC	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	Normal hours	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Kilkeel LC	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Newcastle Centre and Seasonal Facilities	Normal hours	Normal hours	Closed	Normal hours	Normal hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Ballymote	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
St Colman's	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Outdoor sports facilities	As per bookings	As per bookings	Closed	Closed	As per bookings	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

Leisure and Sports Facilities 2020/21 Proposed Public Holiday Arrangements

Facility	10 nd & 13 rd April	4 th & 25 th May	* 12 th 13 th July	15 th August	24 th August	25 th , 26 th , December	* 24 th , 27 th December	1 st January	17 th March
Newry LC	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Downpatrick LC	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am-5pm	Normal hours	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Kilkeel LC	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Newcastle Centre and Seasonal Facilities	Normal hours	Normal hours	Normal hours	Normal hours	Normal hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Ballymote	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
St Colman's	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Outdoor sports facilities	As per bookings	As per bookings	Closed	Closed	As per bookings	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

- The above days and dates will be subject to any harmonisation agreements for Council
- * For Public holidays/closure days that fall on a Saturday or Sunday actual closure days and employee's holiday may vary.
- Due to Boxing day and the 27th December falling on a Saturday and Sunday, Leisure and Sports Facilities will operate between 9am and 5pm on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st December 2020 inclusive.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	Consultation by Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland on Official Controls in relation to Food Safety
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy Head of Environmental Health (Commercial)

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose To consider and agree to:- Return the attached Consultation response to FSANI.				
1.2	Background The Council are the competent authority for the application of Official Controls in relation to Food Safety within our District. The directly applicable Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR) takes effect on 14 December 2019. The OCR addresses official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. This consultation focuses on the implementation of legislation in Northern Ireland to provide for the execution of powers and enforcement of the OCR only in relation to the FSA areas of responsibility for food and feed law and animal health and welfare.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Official Controls Regulations 2017/625 (OCR) are due to come into effect across the EU on 14 December 2019. The FSA is preparing the legislative groundwork to implement the OCR in the event that the UK leaves the EU with an implementation period at the end of October, or sooner. It is anticipated that during any implementation period it will be necessary to maintain alignment with EU Regulations for food and feed safety and hygiene.• The OCR was adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on 15 March 2017 and entered into force on the 27 April 2017. The new OCR rules were set to apply gradually over several years, with the main				

	<p>application taking effect 14 December 2019. A table listing the different application dates is available on the European Commission Website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OCR addresses official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. It repeals and replaces Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official controls and other legislation which currently governs the control and enforcement of rules along the agri-food chain. • During EU negotiations the Food Standards Agency (FSA) consulted stakeholders on the impacts of the proposed OCR. This included the extended scope of the regulation to integrate controls in relation to plant health and plant protection products with those of food and feed law, and rules on animal health and welfare. • This consultation focuses on the implementation of legislation in Northern Ireland to provide for the execution of powers and enforcement only in relation to the aspects of the OCR that apply from 14 December 2019
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response The response has been returned by the required date on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No resource implications directly
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	There are no negative implications identified:
7.0	Appendices
	1.Consultation Response from NMDDC 2.Consultation of Official Controls Pack
8.0	Background Documents
	<i>None</i>

Consultation on the Implementation of the Official Controls Regulations Food Law Code of Practice (Northern Ireland)

Closing Date 11th October 2019

Newry Mourne and Down District Council (The Council) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Consultation on the Implementation of The Official Controls Regulations.

Questions asked in the consultation:

Q.1: Have we appropriately identified the key aspects of the OCR application that apply from 14 December 2019.

The Council agree that based on the information available in the consultation the key aspects have been identified.

Q.2: Have we appropriately identified the impacts of the changes that apply from 14 December 2019 in our Impact Assessment?

The Council agree that based on the information available the key impacts have been identified.

Q.3: Do you agree with the assumptions made in our Impact Assessment?

The Council agree with the assumptions the FSA have made in the Impact Assessment.

Q.4: Are you aware of any other significant impacts of the changes that apply from 14 December 2019?

The Council are not aware of any additional significant impacts of the changes that will apply from the 14th December 2019.

Questions asked in the Impact Assessment (Annex B)

Q.1: Is the total list of identified affected sectors / groups representative? If you partly agree or do not agree please identify other sectors / affected groups that should also be considered and provide reasons for your suggestion.

The Council agree with the sectors of industry that have been identified within the documentation. However, we would like clarification on whether relevant industry bodies have also been consulted, as this was not readily identifiable within the consultation documentation.

Costs:

Q.II: We would welcome evidence from affected businesses on the expected costs on their establishment if the FSA were to verify compliance by either a) collecting industry data or b) by sampling.

The Council considers this question is outside the scope of Local Authority remit.

Q.III We would welcome supporting evidence on the total throughput levels of low capacity slaughterhouses and Game Handling Establishments, and the distribution of such establishments in relation to the new maximum annual threshold. We would also welcome views on our assumption that the new requirement may result in additional costs on such businesses and the degree to which this change is likely to impact them.

The Council considers this question is outside the scope of Local Authority remit.

Q.IV: We would welcome any evidence stakeholders are able to provide in relation to the number of food business operators that currently harvest echinoderms from unclassified areas.

The Council do not have any evidence of FBO's in NI harvesting echinoderms from unclassified areas.

Q.V: We would welcome views, and where possible supporting evidence, from business importing one or more of the products subject to the above changes. What impact do you believe the harmonising of controls will have on your business?

The Council considers this question is outside the scope of Local Authority remit.

Q.VI: We would welcome evidence from stakeholders, and in particular Port Health Authorities (PHAs), on the number of controls on reptile meat and insects currently performed.

The Council considers this question is outside the scope of Local Authority remit as this is a DAERA function.

Q.VII We welcome enforcement authority views on our stated assumptions for training requirements to support delivery of the changes introduced by the OCR. Please provide details of any specific training needs you think will be necessary.

The Council considers that the allocated time for officer familiarisation with the new requirements is significantly under estimated. The Council would welcome the development of a bespoke training package for Local Authorities outlining the key changes and implications. In terms of Port Health Authorities (PHA), The Council would request clarification that the current Fish Inspector qualification will

meet the needs of the additional training requirements outlined in the consultation.

Q.VIII We would welcome information from existing specialised border facilities (DPE/Is and BIPs) on what necessary changes and/or upgrades are required in order to obtain certification as a Border Control Post.

The Council considers that the question is relevant to Belfast City Council Port Health. Belfast City Council PHA has raised, with FSA (NI), the current arrangements that they have in place as a designated BIP and DPE and await an assessment audit. It is anticipated that there will be no significant change or upgrade from initial discussions with FSA (NI).

Q.IX: We would welcome views from Official Control Labs representatives, or LAs that currently send/receive sub-contracts samples to/from other non- designated laboratories in other Member States. Specifically, we invite evidence on the impact(s) that may arise from this change.

The Council considers that this question is for Official Control Labs as all NI and PHA official control samples are sent to an appropriately accredited laboratory.

Benefits:

Q.X: Do you agree that a harmonised and coherent regulatory approach to official controls will deliver any benefits and/or cost savings to industry? We would welcome evidence on what benefits (if any) you expect to be delivered.

The Council agrees that the harmonisation of these Regulations will simplify the legislative framework under which importers and stakeholders operate. We anticipate that this will reduce the administrative burden on industry and result in associated savings.

Q.XI: We would welcome stakeholders' views on any benefits you foresee from the implementation of the OCR. Where possible, please explain your views and provide quantifiable evidence.

N/A

Q.XII: We would welcome views from PHAs and LAs on any benefits you foresee from the implementation of the OCR. Where possible, please explain your views and provide quantifiable evidence.

The Council does not anticipate any significant benefits for District Councils other than the simplification and consolidation of the existing framework.

We do, however, note that the consultation refers to increased scope of goods that will be subject to certain forms of harmonised import conditions for the first time. These changes will include (e.g.) composite products, raw materials from the production of gelatine and collagen, sprouts for human consumption and fats and

greaves. The Council would welcome the impact of these proposed changes to be explained and do acknowledge the later date of April 2021.

There are a number of unpublished documents identified in the consultation (e.g.) transshipment of goods entering the EU. The Council cannot provide comment at this time and would like further opportunity to comment when it becomes available.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 st October 2019
Subject:	Consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Danielle Begley Biodiversity Officer

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1.1	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has been asked to provide views on management measures being considered by DAERA for 10 widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) found within Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The 10 species have been taken from a list of 66 known as 'species of Union concern'. These are species whose potential adverse impacts across the European Union are such that concerted action across Europe is required.</p> <p>The EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation came into force in 2015. For widely spread species of Union concern, the Regulation requires effective management measures to be put in place, so that their impact on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services and, where applicable, on human health or the economy are minimised.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>The management measures being considered by DAERA are essential to the control/eradication of these problem species. However, the problem often lies with private landowners, who have no legal requirement to manage these species. The legislation must be stronger with regards the consequences of breaching restrictions of the principal regulation.</p> <p>Also, Japanese Knotweed, a species that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have a lot of issues with, is not included in the original Species of Union Concern list, and therefore not being considered in these management measures.</p>				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	To send the attached consultation response to DAERA by 23 rd October.				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	There are no resource implications.				

5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	This has no equality and good relations implications.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Rural communities will benefit from the additional protection afforded to native species and their habitats. It is considered that there are no negative impacts on rural productivity or the provision of services to the rural community as a result of these proposals.
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Response to the consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland.
8.0	Background Documents
	These are documents on which the report, or an important part of the report, is based upon and have been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.

Appendix 1 – Consultation questions

This consultation is seeking views on effective management measures for widely spread species of Union concern. Therefore responses proposing actions that do not contribute towards the eradication, population control, or containment of these 9 widely spread species will fall outside the scope of this consultation.

Alongside the consultation questions we have provided a number of prompts and examples. They have been included to help clarify the information and evidence that would be most helpful to receive in response to this consultation.

Respondents may wish to submit comments on wider matters regarding the control of species of Union concern. Please however refer to guidance given in Appendix E, as this will help you ensure your response falls within the scope of the consultation.

(Please note – responses that either

- 1. Propose that we make exceptions for particular species from the requirement to have in place effective management measures for widely spread species of Union concern, or*
- 2. Propose that we make exceptions for particular species from restrictions of the Principal Regulation;*

would not be consistent with our obligations under the Principal Regulation. Suggestions of this nature would therefore fall outside the scope of this consultation)

Q1. [Would you like your response to be confidential?](#)

A. No

Q2. [What is your name?](#)

A. Danielle Begley

Q3. [What is your email address?](#)

A. Danielle.begley@nmandd.org

Q4. [Who do you represent?](#)

(You can tick more than one box.)

- ☐ Academia
- ☐ Animal rescue
- ☐ Animal welfare campaigner

- ☐ Aquatic interests/anglers
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Charity
- ☐ Commercial Fishery
- ☐ Conservation body
- ☐ Farmer
- ☐ Forester/woodland owner/manager
- ☐ Garden centre/retail outlet
- ☐ Government agency
- ☐ Horticultural Industry
- ☐ Individual Land owner & their representative body
- ☐ Local action group
- ☒ Local Authority
- ☐ Member of general public
- ☐ Non-Government Organisation
- ☐ Pet interest group
- ☐ Pet owner
- ☐ Professional and Membership Organisations/Agencies
- ☐ Trade association
- ☐ University/research institute
- ☐ Utility supplier
- ☐ Veterinarian
- ☐ Water supplier
- ☐ Zoo
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Q5. What are your views on the proposed aims for the management measures set out in Appendix A?

A. The aims set out in Appendix A are obvious and essential to the control/eradication of these problem species. However, the problem often lies with private landowners, who have no legal requirement to manage these species. For example, as a Council, we have been controlling Giant Hogweed for years, but the problem often persists due to abandoned privately owned land adjacent to our own.

Q6. What are your views on the general management measures set out in Appendix B?

A. The use of the word 'encouragement' is not strong enough. 'Encouraging' private collectors and landowners to prevent accidental escapes and to reduce or remove individuals over time is all very dependent on the individual. The legislation needs to be stronger with regards the consequences of breaching restrictions of the principal regulation.

Also, Japanese Knotweed, a species that is prevalent within Newry, Mourne and Down District is not included in the original Species of Union Concern list and so not considered in these management measures?

Q7. Are there any additional actions you think should be used as general management measures for particular widely spread species?

A. There should be more responsibility placed on private landowners to remove these species when they occur on their land.

Q8. Are there any actions that you think should not be used as part of a general management measure for a particular widely spread species?

A. No.

Q9. What are your views on the proposed licensable management measures set out in Appendix C?

A. The licensable management measures for widely spread plant and animal species of Union concern are sufficient.

Q10. Are there any additional actions you think should be allowed as a licensable management measure for a particular widely spread species?

A. No, however it is important that the Principal regulation is strong enough to support the enforcement of these management measures.

Q11. Are there any actions that you think should not be allowed to be used as part of a licensable management measure for a particular widely spread species?

A. No.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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2.0	Key issues			
2.1	None.			
3.0	Recommendations			
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4.1	None			
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6.0	Rural Proofing implications			
6.1	There are no negative implications identified.			
7.0	Appendices			
7.1	Appendix I: Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Monday 24 June 2019.			
8.0	Background Documents			
8.1	None.			

Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (DNRP)
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 at 4:00 pm
Murphy's Bar and Restaurant, Downpatrick

Present:
Members

Nicholas McCrickard	County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)– <i>Chair</i>
Raphael Crummy	Department for Communities (DFC)
Alison McCarthy	Tosú Úr
Jeanette McCarthy	Tosú Úr
Doreen Brown	Tosú Úr
Susan Casement	Bridge Street/Mount Crescent
Lilian Swaffield	Bridge Street/Mount Crescent
Patricia Kearney	Flying Horse Ward Community Forum (FHWCF)
Dan McEvoy	Downpatrick Community Collective (DCC)
Owen McDonnell	Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Mary McGrath	Education Authority (EA)
Katrina Hynds	NMDDC - DEA/NR Co-ordinator
Laura Higgins	NMDDC – Clerical Officer

Promoters

Maria Kelly	SureStart, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SEHSCT)
Tatiana Seed	South Eastern Regional College (SERC)
Jenny Lavery	CDRCN/ FHWCF (Flying Horse Ward Community Forum)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Nicholas McCrickard welcomed the partnership to today's meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He then invited each representative from Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to introduce themselves:</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eamonn Mac Con Midhe - Tosú Úr / Fresh Start (TÚ) • Anne McKeever – South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust • Janice McDonald – Down Business Centre • Anthony Trainor – Stream Street Residents Association (SSRA) • Danny Quinn – Meadowlands Community Association (MCA) 	

2.	<p><u>Minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2019</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11th February 2019 were a true reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 11th February 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Dan McEvoy and seconded by Jenny Lavery.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Promoter's Reports (January-March 2019)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><u>Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)– Anne McKeever</u> Anne McKeever was unable to attend today's meeting as she does not work on a Monday, she submitted her report and will present it at next Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal meeting.</p> <p>Nicholas McCrickard stated that Speech and Language Therapy is another very important programme and that the DNRP's next meeting would be held on a Tuesday to allow Anne McKeever to attend.</p> <p><u>Driving to Success – Tatiana Seed (SERC)</u> Tatiana Seed introduced herself and provided the following update:</p> <p><u>Tatiana Seed reported on project objectives/outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 participants took driving lessons in quarter four. Four had already passed their driving test before the reporting period, three will continue taking lessons after the project, one unable to proceed due to childbirth and one unable to continue due to ill health. Two people passed their theory test and seven students are studying in preparation for their theory test, a further seven students passed their practical test. Tatiana Seed added that they theory test has been challenging to some students due to nerves, multiple choice etc and they are only allowed two attempts under the Driving to Success Programme. David Blair School of Motoring continues to provide lessons under the Driving to Success programme contract. Participants are provided with access to SERC IT resources to practice driving theory on-line and using DVD's and e-books. Over the 12-month reporting period, 18 students passed their theory test, 15 took their practical test with 11 passing. All participants attended 15 hours of theory training to help prepare for the theory test, all participants were provided with subscriptions for the Theory Pro Test website with full access to online learning software for driving theory test preparation. 19 out of 30 participants obtained their provisional license on the project. 	

- During quarter four, 13 students studied to achieve RSPH Level 2 award in Health and Safety in the Workplace, 11 students passed and two were unable to attend exam, two participants repeated the exam to achieve their qualification.
- 31 students enrolled in Driving to Success in 2018-2019, 24 females and seven males. 27 completed the programme of study and four left (personal circumstances, health and relocation).
- In quarter four, three participants secured full time employment and over the 12-month reporting period two participants continued working part time in retail and hospitality, three continued voluntary community work and two continued studying at SERC.

Nicholas McCrickard thanked Tatiana Seed and explained that the Driving to Success programme provides fantastic support to participants which would otherwise not be available, it gives people confidence and it is essential that people utilise the project as would be very expensive without funding and support. He added that it would be fantastic to be able to track participants two, three years down the line.

Alison McCarthy said that she is a programme participant and that the programme does lead to employment. Lilian Swaffield added that her son has gained a lot from the programme also.

- **Health and Community Engagement – Jenny Lavery (CDRCN)**

Jenny Lavery reported on the progress of project objectives/outputs

- 49 volunteers have been supported in quarter four and, in partnership with DCC, a Volunteer Recognition Event was held and 35 attended.
- Six people attended Basic Computer Training, 10 volunteers were trained in Emergency First Aid and AED (Automated External Defibrillator).
- Ongoing support and administration has been provided to 8 groups with regards to activities and governance.
 - ✓ Flying Horse Ward Community Forum
 - ✓ Stream Street Residents Association
 - ✓ Tosú Úr
 - ✓ Bridge Street and Mount Crescent
 - ✓ Marian Park
 - ✓ Downpatrick Community Collective
 - ✓ Cumman Bhaile An Mhóta
 - ✓ New Group - Model Farm Residents Association
 - ✓ Meadowlands Community Association
- Eight groups were assisted with submitting funding applications for Financial Assistance for 2019 Halloween event.

- Flying Horse, Stream Street and Tosú Úr were assisted with their community engagement event in Downpatrick Sports Centre. Consultations were carried out to feed into local Community Action Plans (more than 200 participants). Jenny Lavery thanked Alison McCarthy and Jeanette McCarthy for gathering the information.
- 7 existing action plans were updated and one new one created.
- Provided continued support to DCC with secretariat role and some administrative work.
- Ongoing support provided to the allotments.
- This year 106 people have attended Healthy Living initiatives.
- Downpatrick Women's group has 15 weekly participants, sessions include walking group, personal development, crafts, Cook-It, gym, boccia and new age curling.
- Downpatrick Men's Group has 35 individuals and is going from strength to strength, 20 participants at weekly yoga sessions, 15 at weekly yoga, 12 maintaining & developing community allotments, 13 at Bee-Keeping (4 hives created), assisted group with application for People in Communities funding.
- Senior Women and Men's Group have 28 weekly participants, activities include Tai Chi, Mindfulness, Bingo, Boccia, New Age Curling, Ten Pin Bowling, tour of the new Downpatrick Leisure Centre & Arts & Crafts. Transport is provided by Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Budget.
- Irish Language Classes have 20 weekly participants who are participating in basic or intermediate classes which are delivered by volunteers.
- 20 people have attended the allotments, there was an open day on 23rd March and all flowers and plants were sold out.

Jenny Lavery stated that a Volunteer Recognition Event took place and was well attended. Nicholas McCrickard thanked Jenny Lavery and added that CDRCN have made an application to NIHE for hands on, day to day support with local community groups, more details on this will be made available once they are known.

• **Family Health & Wellbeing – Maria Kelly (SureStart)**

Maria Kelly reported on project objectives/outputs:

- Maria Kelly advised that she would be reporting on three main elements, (1) New Parent Programmes, (2) Support Home Visiting Service and (3) Mobile Crèche Programme.

New Parent Programme

- During this reporting period 11 families were carried forward from quarter three, one discharge occurred due to a house move.
- No new referrals took place due to a changeover of staff. One family was introduced to the programme and ten families were actively involved in the programme.
- Maria Kelly added that 19 families engaged in the programme over the year and one new family was introduced.

- Outcomes for 2018/2019 have been enhanced by effective partnerships and collaborative working with Social Services, Bryson House and MACS.
- 60 individuals took part in Healthy Lifestyle Programmes (155 over the full financial year).
- This quarter programmes included Infant Massage (19 adults), Baby Yoga (13), Breastfeeding Support (5), smoking cessation advice is available on a 1:1 basis as required, Drop-In Health Visiting Clinic (10), New Mums Group (9) and incredible years (4).
- In total, this financial year, 155 individuals attended healthy lifestyle programmes.

Support Home Visiting Service

- There were five new referrals this quarter (from health visitor, family support hub and school) and nine children have had access to the service.
- Support requested included, behaviour management strategies, self- esteem, anxiety/emotional advice, sleeping and eating routines and support for children with a disability.
- Written feedback from families – 99% rated service as excellence and 1% as good.
- Partnership working links include CAB, Clan rye Family Services, Action for Children, Fountain Street Foodbank, School staff and health advice on nutrition.
- Across the full financial year 24 families received a service and 54 children. 100% of families worked with had shown improvements with their concerns.

Mobile Crèche Programme

- 44 Crèche sessions were achieved in quarter four and 146 sessions across the full financial year.
- Feedback received stated that for some parents paid crèches were too expensive and therefore not an option.
- Crèche provision provided by SureStart allows parents to attend a programme while children were looked after, in a safe environment, in the crèche.

Nicholas McCrickard thanked Maria Kelly and said it was fantastic to see such high numbers for this valuable programme. Lilian Swaffield added that the programme is brilliant and very important to the local area. A short discussion followed and Doreen Brown to provide details to Maria regarding a pre school referral.

NR Technical Assistance – Katrina Hynds (NMDDC)

- Katrina Hynds advised members that the annual report was published.
- Application for funding to renew posts has been sent.
- Meadowlands Play Park is now opened to the public.
- Meeting has been arranged with DFC next week to discuss possible future projects.

	<p>Nicholas McCrickard passed on his congratulations to everyone involved in the Meadowlands play park and added thanks to Newry, Mourne and Down Council for getting it over the line. An official launch date will be shared soon, and it would be great to have lots of support at the launch. Lilian Swaffield added that it would be good to invite members from the old Meadowlands community group to the event. Nicholas agreed that they would be invited.</p> <p>Katrina Hynds and Jenny Lavery will arrange a meeting with Meadowlands Community Association to plan the official opening/fun day.</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Bridge Street was also discussed. Maria Kelly said that the ASB/PCSP contact for Newry, Mourne and Down Council is Martina Flynn. Katrina Hynds added that PCSP has changed the way it deals with ASB and there are pots of funding that groups need to apply for. Nicholas McCrickard responded that each housing estate in Downpatrick has an Action Plan and it's very important to ensure that these plans are as accurate as possible. Jenny Lavery stated that Breige Jennings (CDRCN) had co-ordinated an action plan volunteer evening, issues were also identified with locals at community engagement events.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Dan McEvoy asked Raphael Crummy for an update on allocated funding for DNRP for the current 2019/20 financial year. Raphael Crummy stated that funding remains the same as last year with the exception of £200 which has been removed from Technical Assistance – Stationery.</p> <p>Raphael Crummy advised members that DNRP need more proposed 'Capital Projects', more community builds (£10k-£1/2M). Nicholas McCrickard added that groups need to think of capital money projects (achievable and possible) over the summer and then a planning meeting will be organised for September because if money does become available the projects must be ready to go.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Date and venue of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Katrina Hynds to forward details of date of next meeting, there will be a quarterly review meeting and then a September action planning meeting.</p> <p>Meeting concluded 17:40</p>	

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
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Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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6.0	Rural Proofing implications				
6.1	There are no negative implications identified. The work of Newry NRP is statutorily restricted to the nine Neighbourhood Renewal areas of Newry City.				
7.0	Appendices				
7.1	Appendix I: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2019.				
8.0	Background Documents				
8.1	None.				



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 12th June 2019
At 7.00pm
WIN Business Park, Newry**

In Attendance:

Mrs Geraldine Merendino	Ballybot CA (Chairperson)
Ms Karen Gracey	Development manager DfC
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt	NM&DDC
Mr Raymond Jackson	CCG
Ms Ruth Allen	SHSCT Promoting Well being team
Mr Brendan Cranney	MARCA
Ms Linda Devlin	Barcroft CA
Mrs Paula Mc Guigan	Carnagat CA
Ms Kathleen Lowry	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Mrs Sinead Jennings	Ballybot CA
Mr Malachy Maguire	Ballybot CA
Ms Aisling Rennick	NM&DDC
Mr David Vint	SRC
Mr Caeron Finnegan	Martins lane CA
Ms Maeve Mc Parland	E2E project
Dr Conor Patterson	NMEA
Mr Colin Morley	Carnagat CA
Mr James Treanor	Carnagat CA

Apologies:

Mrs Maureen Ruddy	Martins lane CA
Ms Bernie Mooney	Education Authority N.I.

Mr Collie Hanna	Barcroft CA
Ms Noreen Rice	MARCA
Mrs Madaleine Mc Crink	SHSCT Promoting Well being team
Mr Gerard Hutchinson	Drumalane Quayside Close CA

Matters Discussed

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Election of Chair and vice chair
4. Minutes and matters arising
5. Conflict of Interest
6. Programme updates
7. Roles and Responsibilities
8. AOB
9. Date and time of next meeting

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome	Mrs Geraldine Merendino welcomed everyone to the meeting Geraldine on behalf of the members offered her condolences to Mr Collie Hanna and his family on the recent bereavement of his mother		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Election of chair and vice chair	At this stage Geraldine stepped down from her position as chair and Ms Karen Gracey took her place to conduct the election process. Karen explained that under NR roles and responsibilities and the		

		<p>agreed NRP structure by members, Geraldine had the option to continue as chair for a further year. Karen asked of there were any other nominations – no other nominations Mr Conor Patterson proposed Geraldine as chair for a further year Seconded by Raymond Jackson Geraldine accepted the position</p> <p>Geraldine nominated Mr Brendan Cranney as vice chair No other nominations for vice chair Seconded by Conor Patterson Brendan accepted the position The members congratulated both Geraldine and Brendan</p> <p>Geraldine then resumed her role as chair and thanked Karen for her help.</p>		
4.	Minutes and matters arising	<p>Minutes agreed as accurate and proposed by Mrs Paula McGuigan Seconded by Mr David Vint –</p> <p>Sean informed members that the application for the two storage units for Derrybeg and Carnagat was with the department now await news on funding</p>		
5.	Conflict of Interest	No Conflicts of Interest declared		
6.	Project updates	<p>Health programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 programmes proposed and now scheduled • 16 physical activities– to include 6 summer camps and a range of chair based exercise activities 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x Dementia bus tours • 4 x Action cancer Bus visits • 1 x additional action cancer bus free to NR – arranged for Ballybot area (agreed by sub group members) • 5 activities under mental health • People to be trained to deliver walking football programmes • People to be trained to deliver Green Gym programmes <p>E2E (Education to Employment) project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 - all targets met <p>April – June 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 yr 11 students attended Career guidance and motivation session • 30 x 1 week work placements arranged for St Mary's and St Joseph's high school students – wide range of employers taking students • Previous issues over safe guarding all resolved <p>Southern Regional College employability programmes</p> <p>2018/19 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 82 people applied for 60 spaces - 100% pass rate • 9 people progressed into employment • 1 into full time study • 115 pupils from Newry NR schools attend 1 day per week • Mentoring support in Numeracy, literacy and ICT • 89% pass rate – 2 GCSE's 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received funding from DEARA to support people just outside of NR 90 applications for 50 places Amended the flyer for OCEANS (Sea Training Programme) <p>Lesley Hamilton now back in Newry to deliver the programme</p> <p>Education Programme No update received Sean informed members that it had been noted at the recent Education meeting, Mr Declan Murray would assume responsibility for the extended schools programme. He required all bank details and contacts for the groups participating in the programme. If members agreed he would forward to Mr Murray</p> <p>Sean McKevitt gave an overview – NM&DDC programmes</p> <p>Outdoor activity: New programme commenced – members have forwarded their requests and a number have been arranged. Other members who have not submitted requests should do so at their earliest convenience</p> <p>Community Renewal New programme has commenced. Issue over non-attendance has also been raised. All Community Associations will be given a new service level agreement which highlights the commitment required in terms of attendance at meetings and support for the NR action plan. Non – compliance may result in funding being withheld. Sean will meet with all groups and reinforce the level of commitment</p>	<p>Forward details of the CA's to Mr Murray</p> <p>Meet with CA's</p>	<p>Sean</p> <p>Sean</p>
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		<p>required and why they should attend the NRP board meetings. There have been several personal and other issues in some of the areas and they have been given the space to deal with these.</p> <p>An EGM has been called for Drumalane/quayside close for the 26th June at 7.00pm in the community centre. They are looking for new members to join the existing committee and volunteer.</p> <p><u>Capital projects</u></p> <p>NIHE projects Drumalane EI scheme – no further progress</p> <p>Carnagat extension – Application for revenue to acquire technical support is now with DfC Raphael Crummy will be taking this forward – hopefully get this to a stage where it is ready for build</p> <p>Council Capital project Whitegates - no further progress – await update from council</p> <p>WIN - Test House for Innovation and Creativity (THINC lab) Refurbish a space at the business centre – Bespoke space dedicated free to supporting both individuals and Community groups. All realms of media available in support of funding and other applications. Can be used to support youth initiatives/build confidence – to help with job interviews etc. Create innovative projects Ask all groups for a letter of support.</p> <p>All the members fully support the programme – NMEA (Newry and</p>		
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		Mourne Enterprise Agency) have always been supportive of NR groups and the NRP as a whole.		
7.	Roles and responsibilities	Karen asked that this be taken forward to the next NRP meeting to discuss terms of reference – roles and responsibilities- attendance at meetings, Quorum for the meetings etc.	Add as item on the agenda of next NRP meeting	Sean
8.	A.O. B	<p>Need to set a date for the next Action plan review</p> <p>Members agree to set this date for the 26th September at 7.00pm – venue to be arranged</p> <p>No more business</p> <p>All members thanked for attending – wish all CA's well over the summer with their respective summer programmes</p> <p>Thank NMEA and Sean for the hospitality</p>	Arrange a venue and circulate details	Sean
9.	Date and time of next meeting	Wednesday 11 th September 2019 in WIN Business Centre Commences at 7.00pm	Circulate details	Sean

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

<div> <div>For decision</div> <div>For noting only</div> <div>X</div> </div>	
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting and PCSP Meeting listed in 3.1 below.
1.2	Background <p>The attached Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting and PCSP Meeting listed in 3.1 below are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of the PCSP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the following Policing Committee and PCSP Minutes as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2019, approved at the Policing Committee Meeting on Wednesday 18 September 2019. Minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2019, approved at the PCSP Meeting on Wednesday 18 September 2019.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: Minutes of Policing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2019. Appendix II: Minutes of PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2019.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

POLICING COMMITTEE**Minutes of Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Policing Committee held
in the Mourne Room, Council Offices, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick
on 30 July 2019 at 6:00pm**

In attendance: Audrey Byrne, Independent Member
 Una Kelly, Independent Member
 Declan Murphy, Independent Member
 Jude McNeill, Independent Member
 Grace McQuiston, Independent Member
 Fiona Stephens, Independent Member
 Councillor W Clarke, NMDDC
 Councillor W Walker, NMDDC
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
 Councillor T Hearty, NMDDC **(Chair)**
 Councillor L Kimmins, NMDDC
 Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC
 Ewan Morgan, Independent Member
 Chief Inspector Joe McMinn, PSNI
 Inspector Russell Vogan, PSNI
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
 Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI
 Sergeant Des O'Sullivan, PSNI
 Donna Weir, EANI
 Michael Heaney, YJA
 Shauna Rodgers, DOJ
 Wendy Osborne, NIPB
 Jean O'Neill, PBNI
 Sarah Reid, NIPB
 Loma Wilson, NIHE

Also in attendance: Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
 Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
 Patricia McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies and Chairman's Remarks

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher, Ruane, Savage, Trainor and Ruth Allen, SHSCT.

Councillor Hearty welcomed all to the meeting, in particular Wendy Osborne and Sarah Reid from the Policing Board and Shauna Rodgers from the Department of Justice.

2. Minutes of Policing Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2019

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2019 (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Kelly it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Ms Kelly referred to a previous Policing Committee Meeting where it had been agreed to write to the CEO of Council regarding the installation of Rapid Bins on Council premises and asked if a reply had been received.

Ms Flynn replied that she had sent a letter to the CEO of Council on 16 May, an internal risk assessment had been initiated at the beginning of June and contact had been made with the Council's insurance broker.

Discussion took place and the following issues were raised:

- Disappointment expressed among some Members that the process was very slow, however Ms Flynn advised this was unavoidable as Council protocol had to be adhered to.
- It had been agreed the letter should be sent to the CEO as he would have to decide which Committee the item would be referred to.
- The CEO had been made aware of, in the letter, of the desire of the PCSP to have the matter explored.
- A copy of any relevant correspondence should be made available to the Members if requested.
- A fourth Rapid Bin was to be installed the following day at the Ballymote Centre, Downpatrick,

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. District Commander's Report – Period 3

Read: District Commander's Report – 30 July 2019 (copy circulated)

Chief Inspector Joe McMinn presented the District Commander's report to the Committee.

Following the presentation, discussion took place and the following points were raised:

General

- The format of the District Commander's Report was not broken down into individual DEA areas, but if required, Sergeants could provide updates via local groups.

Mental Health

- A Community Support Partnership had been established with partner agencies to tackle various issues of mental health, including vulnerability, the details of which had been included in the May 2019 PCSP Officer Report.

- Inspector Vogan was the single point of contact for hospitals regarding any issues pertaining to alcohol, drug abuse and mental health, and agreement had been reached with the Health Trust on the correct protocol to follow.
- The Health Trust endeavoured to have assessments completed within 4 – 6 hours, however this was case dependent and not always possible. Police officers could be required to conduct a risk assessment and sit with patients in the hospital until they were seen.

Traffic Management

- The concerns raised regarding speeding and cars parking at Bloody Bridge were difficult to resolve in terms of installing road calming measures as there was protocol to be followed. Insurance companies could promote speed tracking devices in an effort to reduce speeding offences.
- Traffic offences regularly occurred in the Crossmaglen area and phone calls through to 101 had not been answered. Chief Inspector McMinn expressed disappointment at this saying it was not acceptable.
- A recent incident of car racing in Greenbank had resulted in a call being made to 101, the call was answered, a case reference number was given to the caller and it was followed up by PSNI to the caller's satisfaction.

Parades

- PSNI could not comment on individual cases.
- Organisers of parades were required to submit an 11/1 form to PSNI, a risk assessment was then conducted and if deemed not to require PSNI presence, organisers notified to that effect.
- Organisers had ultimate responsibility for parades.
- If PSNI had reason to believe there may be a risk at a parade, e.g. if there was a bad bend on the route then PSNI would be deployed.
- Inspector Russell to report back to Councillor Walker as to a parade he had referred to where the organisers had completed an 11/1 form but had not been notified that the PSNI would not be present.

Internet Safety

- Difficulty in getting people to attend public information sessions on Internet Safety, PSNI currently trying to address this issue.
- Internet scamming techniques getting more sophisticated, vigilance required with personal details.

Police Resources

- PSNI confirmed there was a full quota of officers over all the DEA areas.

Point of Clarity (Re: Agenda Item 3, Matters Arising)

Ms Flynn and Mr Brannigan provided clarification on the following issue:

Rapid Bins – At the January 2019 Meeting, there had been a misunderstanding regarding the location for a Rapid Bin and some Members understood it had been agreed to locate one at Newry Leisure Centre, which was not the case. It had subsequently been agreed at the March 2019 Policing Committee Meeting that a letter be sent to the CEO of Council, this had been done ensuring full Council protocol had been followed.

The fourth Rapid Bin was to be installed the following day which would mean there were now Rapid Bins located in Kilkeel, Newry, Camlough and Downpatrick. Three of these have been installed since the March meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 6pm in the Boardroom, Council Offices, Newry.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Meeting held in the Mourne Room, Council Offices, Downshire Civic Centre,
Downpatrick on 30 July 2019 at 7pm**

Present: Audrey Byrne, Independent Member
 Una Kelly, Independent Member
 Jude McNeill, Independent Member
 Grace McQuiston, Independent Member
 Fiona Stephens, Independent Member
 Declan Murphy, Independent Member
 Councillor W Clarke, NMDDC
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
 Councillor T Hearty, NMDDC **(Chair)**
 Councillor L Kimmins, NMDDC
 Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC
 Councillor W Walker, NMDDC
 Ewan Morgan, Independent Member
 Chief Inspector Joe McMinn, PSNI
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
 Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI
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Also in attendance: Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
 Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 David Patterson, Head of Community Planning
 Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
 Patricia McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies were noted from Councillors Gallagher, Ruane, Savage, Trainor, Kerri Morrow (NMDDC) and Ruth Allen (SHSCT).

Councillor Hearty welcomed all to the meeting, in particular Wendy Osborne and Sarah Reid from the NI Policing Board and Shauna Rodgers from the Department of Justice.

2 Minutes of PCSP Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2019

Read: Minutes of PCSP Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2019 (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the PCSP Committee Meeting as a true and accurate record.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 Draft Disability Action Plan for Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP.

Read: Report by Ms. M Flynn, dated 30 July 2019 regarding Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Disability Action Plan (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Ms Stephens it was agreed to:

- **Note the Report.**
- **Agree the draft Disability Action Plan for Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP.**

5 Officer's Report

Read: Officer's Report by Ms M Flynn, dated 30 July 2019 (copy circulated).

Discussion took place and the following points were raised:

- A meeting of the Funding Sub Group would be convened as soon as possible.
- A pre-commencement workshop would be held in Newry on 1 August for those groups who had been successful in their applications to the PCSP Financial Assistance Call.
- In response to a query from Ms. Kelly, Ms Flynn confirmed that it was not Council policy to pay travel expenses for attendance at events such as this, and that groups may have their own policy for the reimbursement of volunteer expenses. It was noted by Ms. Flynn that no groups had raised any concerns with her regarding travelling to Newry for this workshop.
- The pending recruitment process for the PCSP independent members would involve the nomination of Councillors for shortlisting and interviewing purposes. The makeup of the panel would take account of gender and political representation, additionally NIPB would provide an independent person to sit on the panel.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Officer's Report.

6 Community Safety Wardens – Verbal Report: Ms M Flynn

Ms Flynn said a that a verbal update would be provided to Members in relation to recent provision of the Community Safety Wardens in the Newry area.

Ms Flynn advised Members that Wardens had been deployed to the Ballybot/Barcroft area of Newry in response to an increase in ASB locally. On 29 June 2019, an incident of concern had occurred while the Wardens were on patrol in this area, and a decision had subsequently been taken to temporarily step down the Wardens in the Newry area. This decision had been made in partnership with the PSNI; following further liaison and meetings with the PSNI it was agreed to reinstate the wardens on 26 July 2019. Ms Flynn advised the Members that the Newry DEA Councillors had been fully appraised of the situation.

Condemnation for such activity was expressed by some Members, however Independent Members expressed their disappointment at not being included in local meetings which had taken place to discuss this issue.

Ms Flynn said the main priority had been to safeguard the Wardens and advice had been sought from PSNI as to how best manage the situation. Ms Flynn continued, saying it had been considered appropriate to update all Members at the Meeting this evening.

Mr Brannigan said the decision on how to proceed had not been taken solely by Ms Flynn but by senior management in Council and had been taken due to significant safeguarding concerns. He stressed that there had never been any intention to exclude Independent Members. Mr. Brannigan further explained that there was a particular reason why Newry DEA Councillors had been appraised of the situation.

Councillor Hearty said it was important that Independent Members were included.

Ms Flynn said the Warden Scheme was delivered on behalf of the PCSP via a third party supplier but that a duty of care had to be extended to the staff as per Council protocol.

Mr. Morgan and Cllr Kimmins stated that it was important to note the Wardens were very much welcomed in Barcroft and the local community had responded positively to their presence.

Chief Inspector McMinn said it was potentially a criminal investigation, that protection of potential victims was of paramount importance and the vast majority of people were fully supportive of the Warden Scheme.

Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Walker seconded to accept the verbal report given by Ms Flynn.

7 Bonfire Sub Group Report

Read: Report by Ms M Flynn, dated 30 July 2019, regarding Bonfire Sub Group Report (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Ms. Stephens, seconded by Ms. McQuiston it was agreed to note the Draft Minutes of the Bonfire Sub Group Meeting held on 10 June 2019 and to agree recommendations arising.

8 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: Report by Ms M Flynn, dated 30 July 2019, regarding ASB Sub Group Report (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Walker it was agreed to note the Draft Minutes of the ASB Sub Group Meeting held on 12 June 2019 and to agree recommendations arising.

Ms McQuiston, Ms. Kelly and Ms Byrne stated that they did not agree that these Minutes were an accurate record of the meeting held on 12 June 2019.

9 PEACE IV PCSP Update

Read: Report by Ms M Flynn, dated 30 July 2019, regarding PEACE IV PCSP Update (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed to note the report and note the Peace IV PCSP update.

10 DEA Co-ordinator's Report

Read: DEA Co-ordinator's Report by Ms M Flynn, dated 30 July 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The DEA Co-ordinator's Report was noted.

11 PCSP Web Page – Item at the request of Ms A Byrne.

Ms Flynn advised Members that the PCSP web page on the Council website had been updated on 17 June 2019 and confirmed this by showing Members' the information on the website.

12 Update from PSNI on implications of, and preparations for Brexit in relation to Policing in Newry, Mourne and Down (Standing item)

Chief Inspector McMinn advised Members that detailed preparations were in place for Brexit in relation to policing in Newry, Mourne and Down.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 7pm in the Boardroom, Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2019
Subject:	Social Investment Fund - Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Head of Programmes

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose To note the report.				
1.2	Background The Council is covered by two Social Investment Zones – Southern (legacy Newry and Mourne) and South Eastern (legacy Down). The Council has completed the 'Work It' programme in the Southern Zone. The South Eastern Zone includes two programmes: Castlewellan Community Centre and Community Operated Sports Facilities (Ballyhornan and Kilkooley).				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	Castlewellan Community Centre The project is now complete and a lease agreement is being finalised. Council is working with TEO and the community group to arrange an official launch of the centre. Ballyhornan The land transfers are complete and works have commenced on site. Technical progress is to be reviewed and updated through the monthly SIF meetings. Projected date of completion is May 2020. Kilcooley DFI Rivers has responded to the adjacent reservoir flood risk assessment (FRA) prepared by the design team, by indicating they have assessed the FRA proposal using alternative policy, which introduces a higher standard that the current FRA does not meet. The design team have been instructed to remodel the report outputs in response to the alternative criteria and carry out studies to assess whether mitigation measures can comply.				

	<p>Due to the delays encountered, the contractor PQQ tender process will need to be re-run, and the ITT thereafter. Estates and Project Management estimate a programme of 48 - 52 weeks are required to progress through pre-construction to construction completion.</p> <p>The Executive Office has indicated funding will remain in place past the previously advised SIF programme end date of 31 March 2020, but the length of that extension of time has currently not been confirmed.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee note the report and minutes.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Current Council contribution: Ballyhornan £125K
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
	<p>Appendix 1: Minutes of SIF Board Meeting – 8 July 2019</p> <p>Appendix 2: Minutes of SIF Board Meeting – 5 August 2019</p> <p>Appendix 3: Minutes of SIF Board Meeting – 9 September 2019</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	None

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF SIF CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD MEETING
Monday 8 July 2019 @ 10am, Monaghan Row, Newry.**

CHAIRPERSON: Conor Mallon

Present:

Anita Waite
Lisa Wightman
Francesca Dowler
Justyna McCabe
Sarah McClory
Tom McClean
Raphael Crummy
Janine Hillen
Fiona Hogan

APOLOGIES:

Kenny Knox
Kirk Marshall
Ciara Burns
Paul Brannigan

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Conor Mallon welcomed all the members of the project board and thanked all those in attendance.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were raised.

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. ACTION SHEET:

Castlewellan –mobile unit post construction – The group plan to keep the mobile but the use will be outside of the business case outputs.

Castlewellan – Janine Hillen and Julie McCann are still working on the lease agreement, this to be provided to the Executive Office when complete.

Castlewellan – The group are yet to confirm a date in September for the official opening.

Community Operated Sports facilities – Ballyhornan – Paul to update.

Community Operated Sports facilities – Kilcooley – flood risk information has been forwarded to Fran. Fran and Paul met with group to provide update.

Community Operated Sports facilities – Kilcooley – Conor has provided Flood Risk Report to Lisa Wightman.

Community Operated Sports facilities – Kilcooley – Paul to update.

5. Castlewellan: Community Centre

Tom McClean provided an update on Castlewellan.

The final defects list is being composed between Tom and the architect. The building control final inspection is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 10th July. A demonstration day is due to take place on the 17th July, and the building should be handed to the community group by the following Friday (19th July). The group is planning to keep their mobile unit post construction, but this is to be confirmed. The cooker and fridge are yet to be installed. These remain at the contractors yard and will be fitted before the demonstration day.

The possibility of an FMA was discussed for the group. Janine provided a brief explanation of why this could be a viable option for the group. Date for the Closure event to be confirmed.

Action: Tom to update the Risk and Issues Log.
Closure event date to be confirmed.

6. Community Operated Sports Facilities

Ballyhornan:

Conor Mallon provided an update to the Project Board.

Conor confirmed that the preferred contractor can't be appointed until all the land transfers are in place. There is a signed land transfer on the way from Milligan Brothers. Brian Feeney (Solicitor) was on leave and will return on the 18th July.

In the meantime, a licence to carry out works on this land to be in place by end of July with a view to start work in August.

The Executive Office will require confirmation for the ITT that the price of works will not have increased.

**Action: To update the risks and issues log for Ballyhornan.
Conor to confirm with the Executive Office that the construction price has not increased.**

Kilcooley

Conor provided an update. Paul and Fran met with the group three weeks ago to provide an update. It was noted that the group was angry at the lack of progress being made. Conor noted tests are being carried out to determine the flood risk, and modelling and drainage assessments are being completed. Conor noted that there is potentially £400,000 of risk associated based on 40% of risk on costs. However, risk will be re assessed when models comes back at the end of July. We will know the cost of mitigating the flood risk, however, this could still come in at £120,000 for 10% risk.

In terms of the timeframe, Conor reiterated concern from the last Project Board Meeting. Planning approval will take another 2-3 months. This means that contractors may not be in place by March 2020 next year when SIF funding ends. Department for Communities noted that they would need to know as soon as possible if the project was viable as this was impacting on funding for other projects.

**Action: Risk and Issues Log to be updated.
Risk of DfC monies being lost in the new financial year to be added to the risk log.
Fran to seek clarification from Ards and North Down Council if they are able to meet the DfC funding shortfall of £250,000.**

7. Update from Department for Communities

Raphael confirmed that the DfC is still committed to funding the projects but funding deadline was March 2020.

8. Finance

No Further update.

9. OBA NISRA report cards

No update on the Report card.

Signed: Conor Mallon
 Chairperson

Signed: Justyna McCabe

Next Project Board Meeting:

Monday 5th August 2019.

Location: Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

Time: 10.00am

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SIF CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD MEETING
Monday 5th August @ 10am, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

CHAIRPERSON: Conor Mallon

Present:

Lisa Wightman
Francesca Dowler
Ciara Burns
Paul Brannigan
Justyna McCabe
Sarah McClory
Tom McClean
Janine Hillen
Stephen Courtney
Fiona Hogan

APOLOGIES:

Raphael Crummy
Anita Waite

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Conor Mallon welcomed all the members of the project board and thanked all those in attendance.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were raised.

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. ACTION SHEET:

Castlewellan – Risk and issues log has been updated.

Castlewellan – Janine confirmed the lease has been agreed and draft issued.

Castlewellan – A provisional official opening date of 14th October has been provided

Community Operated Sports facilities – Ballyhornan – Risks and issues logs have been updated

Community Operated Sports facilities – Ballyhornan – Conor provided confirmation of no increase of construction cost

Community Operated Sports facilities – Kilcooley – Risks and issues log has been updated

Community Operated Sports facilities – Kilcooley – Fran confirmed that no funds available to meet the DFC shortfall.

5. Castlewellan: Community Centre

Tom McClean provided an update on Castlewellan.

Tom noted that the completion certificate is imminent once the push bar mechanism being fitted.

Tom noted that the contractor has submitted final costs. He is waiting for the contractor to come back and justify some items. All final costs will be forwarded to Kenny Knox and Alistair Walker.

Building handover is expected at the end of this week.

A demonstration day had been arranged with the group, however the group did not attend. This is to be rescheduled

Action: Demonstration day/demo to be rescheduled with community group

6. Community Operated Sports Facilities

Ballyhornan:

Paul Brannigan provided an update to the Project Board.

It was confirmed that deeds and contracts have been signed. A cheque was issued on the 1st of August, and by the time it clears the contractor can start works.

Conor noted that the legal department is currently dealing with works licences. The contractor has confirmed that tender validity period has been extended by

three months. Contractors also confirmed availability; will be on site mid/late August.

Action: None

Kilcooley

Conor provided an update. The risk assessment to determine flood risk has been carried out. Community group has been informed that they must develop an emergency plan in the unlikely event that the dam does break.

The report has been handed over to Ards and North Down Council planning department for decision.

If ITT docs are to be issued to the 6 contractors, & contractors could be appointed end of October with project completion date July 2020.

Action: ITT to be issued to 6 contractors by end of August
Francesca Dowler to follow up Kilcooley planning application

7. Update from Department for Communities

No further update.

8. Finance

No Further update.

9. OBA NISRA report cards

No update on the Report card.

Signed: Conor Mallon
Chairperson

Signed: Justyna McCabe

Next Project Board Meeting:

Monday 9th September 2019.
Location: Monaghan Row, Newry
Time: 10.00am

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF SIF CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD MEETING
Monday 9th September 2019 @ 10am, Monaghan Row, Newry**

CHAIRPERSON: Conor Mallon

Present:

Anita Waite
Paul Brannigan
Sarah McClory
Kenny Knox
Raphael Crummy
Fiona Hogan

APOLOGIES:

Justyna McCabe
Stephen Courtney
Janine Hillen
Tom McClean
Francesca Dowler

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Conor Mallon welcomed all the members of the project board and thanked all those in attendance.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were raised.

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. ACTION SHEET:

Castlewellan – Demonstration day with the community group has taken place

Castlewellan – The official opening has been confirmed as Monday 14th October.

Community Operated Sports facilities – Ballyhornan – ITT will be issued this week.

Community Operated Sports facilities – Kilcooley –There was no update from Planning Department, a noise report was outstanding but there will be landscaping to mitigate this.

5. Castlewellan: Community Centre

Paul provided an update.

All final figures have been sent to Kenny for approval. Defects list is being checked by Graham. The final invoice to be claimed by Programmes Unit in order to then close off Castlewellan.

Sarah requested that an updated claim form be issued by The Executive Office in order for final invoice to be claimed.

Action: Updated claim form to be issued to Programmes Unit.

6. Community Operated Sports Facilities

Ballyhornan:

Paul Brannigan provided an update to the Project Board.

Paul noted that the contractors had no issues with the health and safety plan. A pre-commencement meeting was held on 23rd August. The first site meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 27th September. Paul to update risk register to reflect the fact that works have commenced. Technical progress is to be reviewed and updated through the monthly SIF meetings;

Projected date of completion is 27th May.

Update risk register to remove land transfer risk.

Action: Update risk register to remove land transfer risk and commencement of work.

Kilcooley

Conor provided an update.

A noise impact risk assessment is outstanding but should be completed by end September. This may impact on overall time frame of planning if not completed soon. For project to be viable, planning must be completed by the end of October. Conor noted that confirmation is also needed if there are any other potential risks.

Department of finance noted that this may run over projected SIF end date of March 2020.

Anita noted that there is no DFC money available for this project, this may cause a potential shortfall in funding.

SIF to forward confirmation that SIF funding to continue into 2021.

A 120 day 'tender validity period' to be included in the ITT.

Any proposed noise mitigation will incur additional costs.

Confirmation of funding to be in place before tender is issued.

ITT to be issued to CPD for comment.

Construction phase for Kilcooley would be approximately 9 months.

Action:

ITT to be issued to CPD for comment.

SIF to forward confirmation that SIF funding to continue into 2021

A 120 day 'tender validity period' to be included in the ITT

7. Update from Department for Communities

No further update.

8. Finance

No Further update.

9. OBA NISRA report cards

No update on the Report card.

Signed: Conor Mallon
 Chairperson

Signed: Justyna McCabe

Next Project Board Meeting:

Monday 7th October 2019.

Meeting room 1, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Time: 10.00am

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	21 st October 2019
Subject:	Rowallane District Electoral Area Forum (DEA) Existing provision of Community Centre facilities in Crossgar.
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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For decision		For noting only	x
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p>At the September meeting of AHC, a discussion took place on the possibility of Council purchasing the Crossgar Community Centre site. Subsequently,</p> <p><i>'It was agreed a report was to be brought back to Active & Healthy Communities Committee in relation to identifying needs and outlining options following on from the Community Facility Strategy.</i></p> <p><i>Seek potential funding from the Department for Communities.'</i></p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to outline current provision of community centre facilities in Crossgar and to help facilitate the decision-making process as part of the upcoming Community Facility Strategy.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>Current Council support for community centre provision within the village of Crossgar includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Level Agreement with Crossgar War Memorial Hall (includes financial contribution for next 2 years) • Neighbouring Community provision supported by Council includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saintfield CC – 5.4 Miles (Supported through an FMA) Ballynahinch CC - 6.8 miles (Council staffed) Bridge Centre Killyleagh - 4.3 miles (Council staffed) • Crossgar & Kilmore Village Plan has recently identified key priorities in the area, which should also inform any further Community Facilities Strategy. • Officers have also initiated contact with Department for Communities (DfC) to establish whether funding is likely to become available for community provision (Officers will subsequently update AHC should opportunities be identified) 		
	Recommendations		
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. 		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	None		
5.0	Equality and good relations implications		

5.1	The actions detailed have been developed to meet Council's statutory duty to promote Equality and Good Relations and therefore it is not anticipated that the actions will have an adverse impact on Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The actions detailed have been developed to meet Council's statutory duty to have due regard to rural needs.
7.0	Appendices
	Crossgar & Kilmore Village Plan
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Appendix 1

PAPER ON CURRENT COMMUNITY CENTRE PROVISION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CROSSGAR OCTOBER 2019

BACKGROUND

Historically the Crossgar Community Centre owned by the Catholic Church was operated by a team of volunteers who opened it when required. Due to the existing building requiring renovation/improvement the legacy Down District Council was asked in 2012 to finance an economic appraisal on various options aimed at delivering a new community/sporting facility in Crossgar. At the time there was a distinct lack of community facilities within Crossgar and wide support for the redevelopment of the site was forthcoming from both political representatives and Crossgar Area Community Association who represented the Village's residents.

CURRENT SITUATION

Since 2012 there have been some significant developments on the provision of community facilities within the village. Crossgar War Memorial Community Hall has undergone a substantial extension in 2014 and has entered into a £1,000 4-year SLA agreement with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. There are 3 Council owned Community Centres within a 7-mile radius of Crossgar i.e. Saintfield which has been recently opened is 5.4 miles, Bridge Centre Killyleagh 4.3 miles and Ballynahinch 6.8 miles. It must be acknowledged however, that there are infrequent or non-existent public transport links from Crossgar to the other towns/villages.

In addition, St. Colmcille's High School currently make their school meeting rooms and premises available for rent in the evenings and a youth club currently operates from there each Friday evening.

Whilst it can be argued that the War Memorial Hall is not viewed as a 'neutral' venue existing bookings would demonstrate cross community usage.

The 2018 Crossgar and Kilmore Village Renewal plan stated "A project to explore a potential community HUB within the village to connect with the current play park. The location for the community HUB could integrate into the existing community hall within Crossgar at Killyleagh Street immediately facing the greenspace. The land which currently facilitates informal car parking could offer a potential development opportunity to deliver a strengthened community HUB which strengthens a relationship with the green space within Crossgar".

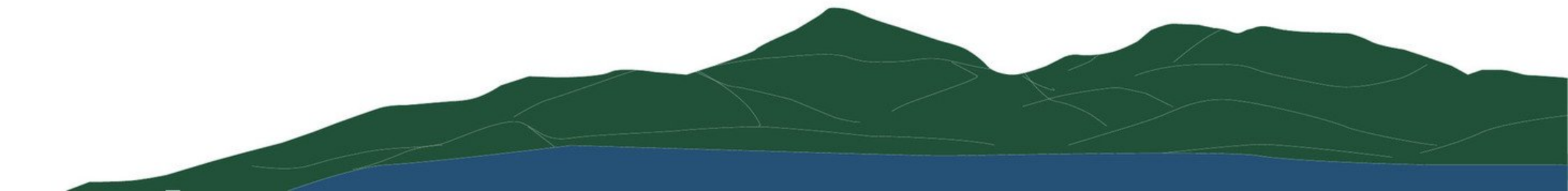
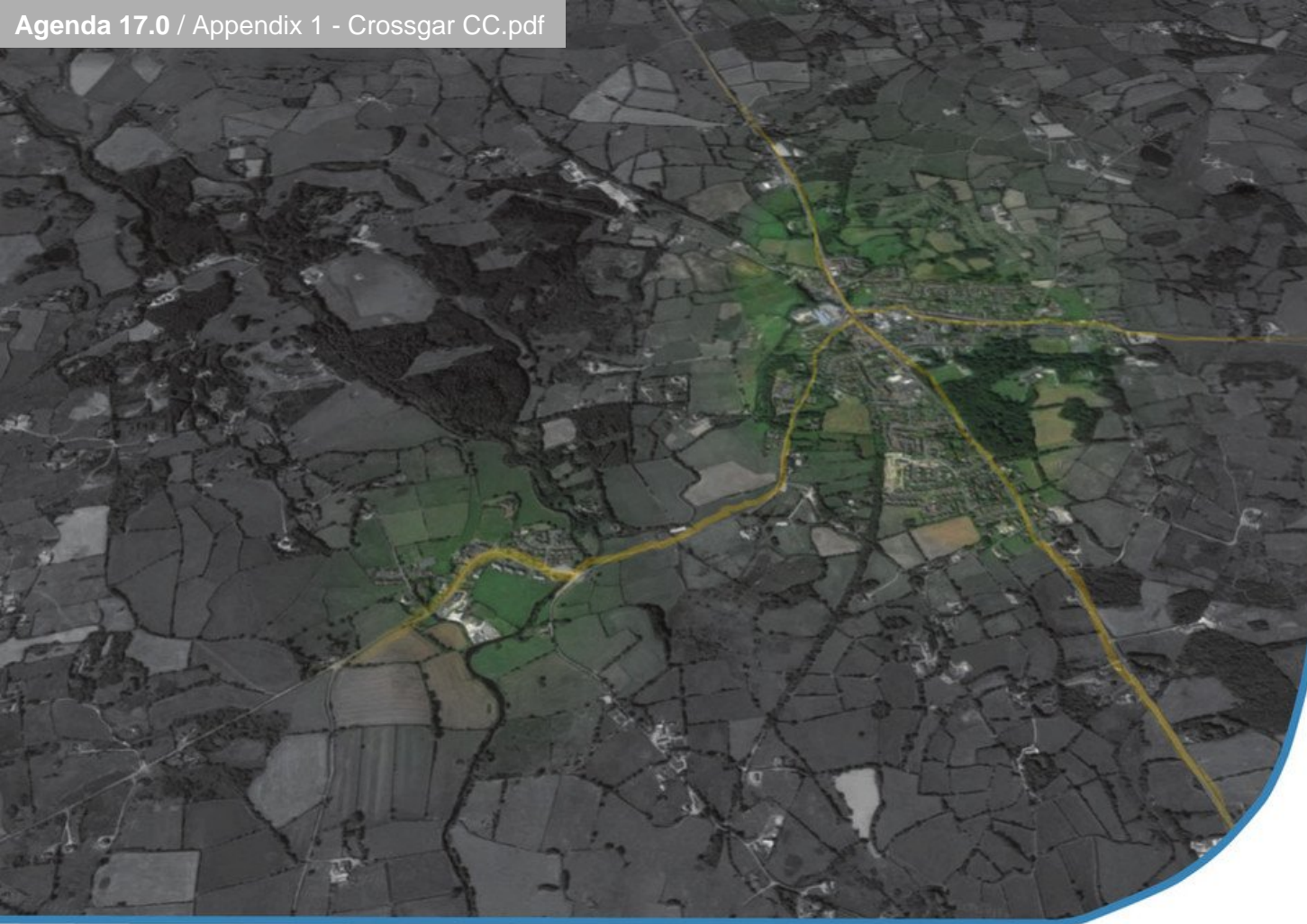
There has been significant private and social housing development within the village of Crossgar especially over the past two years.

January 2018

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Crossgar and Kilmore Village Renewal Plan

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council





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Introduction

This document explores and illustrates the village renewal plans for Crossgar and Kilmore, Rowallane. The purpose of the village renewal plan is to revive and enhance the social, economic and environmental fabric of the settlement and the communities that underpin their activity and future development. Building on this, the communities within each settlement have helped craft and shape the contents of the renewal plan through an extensive consultation process entailing village walkabouts with local community representatives, extensive desktop research and community workshops to help create the most reflective plan possible. Having established this, the document provides Crossgar and Kilmore with their own relevant and distinctive section to illustrate and explore each of their settlements respectively.

The settlements of Crossgar and Kilmore rest within the rich Rowallane rural landscape between Ballynahinch and Killyleagh. Building on this the settlements are located within 1.5 miles of each other with Kilmore situated South West of Crossgar. The village of Crossgar is significantly more developed than Kilmore due to its strategic location along the arterial A7 carriageway connecting Downpatrick with Saintfield, Carryduff and onward to Belfast. Additionally, the location of the settlements allow for the retention of a rich rural character whilst offering effective connectivity with much larger urban areas such as Downpatrick and Ballynahinch.

Having established this, the role of the village renewal plan is to provide a community built tool kit in order to guide and navigate the future development of Crossgar and Kilmore. The preservation and expression of local character, culture and heritage is key in the development of vibrant, strong and distinctive communities.



Masonic Hall, Crossgar. Credit: Eric Jones



Former Northern Bank, Crossgar. Credit : Albert Bridge



Rich Heritage, Kilmore



Glasswater and Ballynahinch Rivers, Kilmore

The Village Renewal Plan

The Village Renewal Plan has been developed by the community in conjunction with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to meet the requirements of the Rural Development Programme for Northern Ireland 2014-2020.

Ove Arup and Partners (Arup) was appointed as the consultancy team to facilitate the delivery of the Village Renewal Plan for Crossgar and Kilmore. This Village Renewal Plan has been facilitated by a stakeholder workshop. The outcome of this is a Village Renewal Plan which includes a range of projects and initiatives that we believe will have a real impact on the area.

The Village Renewal Plan was funded under Priority 6 (LEADER) of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the European Union, and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

The Rural Development Programme uses the LEADER approach which adopts a community led model to assist rural communities to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area, through the allocation of funds based on local need. Village Renewal and Development is an important element of the Rural Development Programme.

The Village Plan is a working document that requires the support of the community and in many cases the community working in partnership with other agencies and statutory bodies.

It should be noted that the progressing of a 'Village Plan' under the Rural Development Programme does not mean that the settlement or area, to which the 'Village Plan' applies, is designated as a village in the settlement hierarchy as identified in the current development plans that apply to the District (i.e. the Banbridge/Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015, and the Ards and Down Area Plan 2015) or in the Council's new Local Development Plan for the District, which is currently under preparation.

It is important to note that some projects and initiatives set out within the action plan may be subject to future feasibility studies and analysis, detailed design, landowner agreements, statutory approvals and available funding.





Presbyterian Church. Credit: Eric Jones

A1 | Context

Crossgar

Village Location

Crossgar rests on the main A7 Downpatrick to Belfast Road, approximately 27 km from Belfast and 8 km from Downpatrick. Building on this, it's location is strategically poised allowing the settlement to steadily develop. Having established this, the village had a population of 1,892 in 2011.

The village developed as a small market village at the intersection of five main routes over the Glasswater River. Situated between Saintfield and Downpatrick, the village derives its name from the Gaelic translation for "The short cross" mirroring its natural morphology as a cross road settlement.

Village Character

Crossgar embodies a unique, traditional and distinctive setting due to the retention of historic built fabric and expression of rich heritage. Building on this, the village comprises a stunning roofscape due to the spires of the multiple religious institutions within Crossgar. Places of interest within the village include the Tobar Mhuire Monastery, St. Patrick's Church, War Memorial Hall and Ulster Wildlife Centre.

Additionally, Crossgar is home to the first Free Presbyterian denomination of its kind worldwide with an additional Presbyterian church located along the Downpatrick Road (Lissara). Other points of interest within the village are the Crossgar Orange Hall which is home to the local Orange Lodge. Crossgar village also expresses its cultural heritage via the listed Market House and Masonic Hall.



Downpatrick Street, Crossgar (Credit: Peter Benton)

History and Development of the Village

Within the village, development was originally focused along Downpatrick Street, Killyleagh Street and the secondary routes / pathways encompassing the Market Square, which is overlooked by the visually commanding church, the listed Market House with its central clock and the historically renown Masonic Hall. The vast majority of development within the settlement has occurred over the past thirty years particularly to the south and south-east along the arterial Downpatrick Road. The settlement comprises an extremely rich and vast history encompassing an Anglo-Norman invasion to Scottish settlers alongside a series of territorial and religious conflicts. Today, the village expresses a rich, shared and vibrant setting, embracing its diverse past and cultural heritage whilst striving for a shared, safe and prosperous future.

Village Profile

For the purposes of understanding the demographic profile of the villages, both Crossgar and Kilmore Wards are analysed below. These two areas take in both the villages themselves, as well as the surrounding rural hinterland they serve.

From 2006-2016 the population of Crossgar and Kilmore grew at an estimated rate of 8.6% and 5.8% respectively. The age profile of both areas is similar to the NI average, with 20-21% of the population aged under 16, and 14-17% aged over 65. The average age of the areas is slightly above the NI average of 37.

According to the 2011 Census, 19% (Crossgar) and 16% (Kilmore) of the population stated that they had a long term health problem or disability that limited day to day activities, which is lower than the NI average of 21%. Similarly, the proportion of population that stated they had good or very good general health in both areas is higher than the NI average (82% in Crossgar, 84% in Kilmore).

The villages and surrounding area is characteristic of a healthy working population living and settling in the area, as reflected by a high proportion of economically active residents (70-71%, compared with an NI average of 66%), and a low unemployment rate (2.5-3%, compared with an NI average of 5%).

According to the Multiple Deprivation Index 2010, both villages are within the top 25% least deprived wards in Northern Ireland, with Crossgar scoring 455 out of 582, and Kilmore 517 out of 582, where 1 represents most deprived and 582 represents the least deprived ward. Both areas score low, however in terms of proximity to services, and are within the top third most deprived wards in Northern Ireland. Crossgar also scores below the Northern Ireland average in terms of crime and disorder, whilst Kilmore remains within the top 25% least deprived wards in Northern Ireland.



Women's Institute Gate (Credit: Albert Bridge)



Drake's Bridge Road (Credit: Paul McIlroy)



Downpatrick Street (Credit: Paul McIlroy)



Tobar Mhuire Monastery. Credit: Paul McIlroy



Sir James Martin Plaque (Credit: Albert Bridge)

Recent and Future Development

Future Development

Housing Policy Area 3: Lands east of Kilmore Road and South of Edenvale (Ards and Down Area Plan 2015)

The following Housing Policy Areas are designated in accordance with Policy SETT 2 in Volume 1 of the Plan and as indicated on Map No. 3/010, Crossgar Settlement Map. Development of the land East of Kilmore and South of Edenvale are subject to key design considerations ranging from a minimum gross site density of 20 dwellings per hectare, provision of satisfactory sited accesses and visibility splays onto Kilmore Road along with design of access arrangements and dwelling layouts (remaining design considerations found within the Ards and Down Area Plan 2015, Crossgar)

Recent Development

Station Court. Planning Ref. LA07/2017/1457/F Status: Application Pending

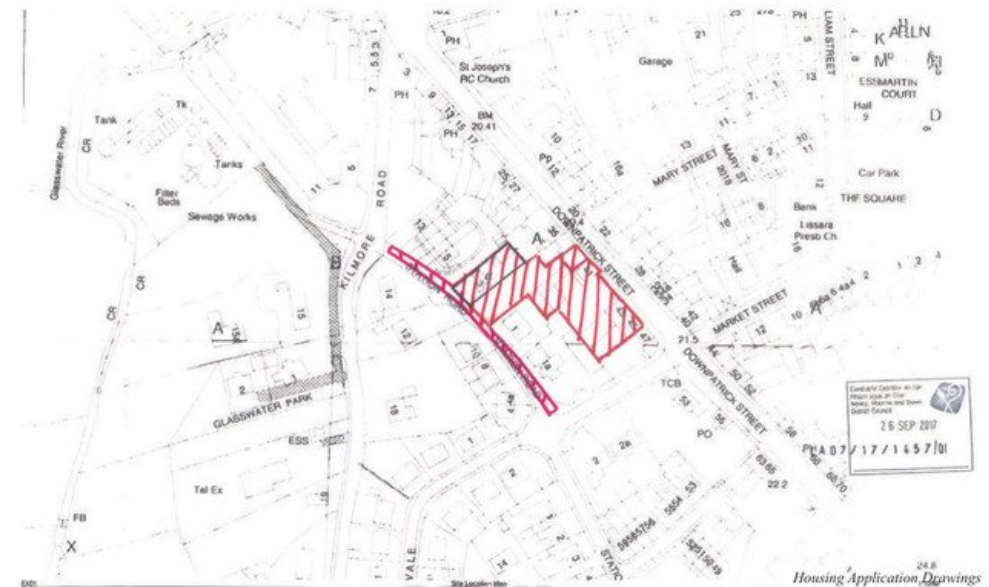
Proposed erection of 6 dwellings and 14 apartments with access arrangements from Station Road at lands 37-45 Downpatrick Street.

Church Hall. Planning Ref. LA07/2016/0145/F Status: Granted

Construction of new church hall with associated storage and adjustments to car park at Crossgar Free Presbyterian Church 85 Killyleagh Street.

St. Colmcille's High School: New Drama suite. Planning Ref. LA07/2015/0643/F Status: Permission Granted

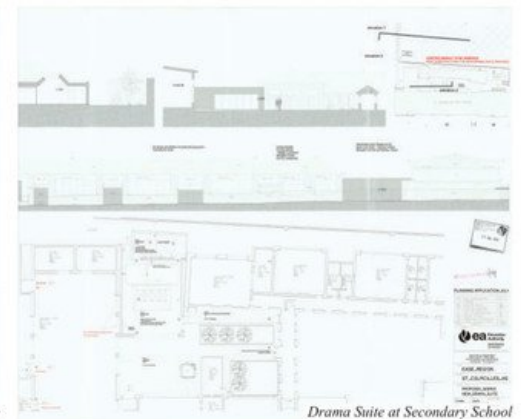
Installation and enhancement of High School facilities to develop a new drama suite at 1 Killyleagh Road.v



Housing Application Drawings



Church Plan Drawings



Drama Suite at Secondary School

The development above highlights the growing need for services and amenities within the village to facilitate the continuous population growth of Crossgar and the wider rural area.

A2 | Policy Analysis

A2.1 Planning Policy

Regional Development Strategy 2035 'Building a Better Future'

The Regional Development Strategy (RDS) is a statutory plan, and sets the spatial vision for the region up to the year 2035. One of the central aims of the RDS is to support our towns, villages and rural communities to maximise their potential.

Our rural areas including our towns and villages have a key role in supporting economic growth. They offer opportunities in terms of their potential for growth in new sectors, the provision of rural recreation and tourism, their attractiveness as places to invest, live and work, and their role as a reservoir of natural resources and highly valued landscapes (RDS, p19)

The RDS sets out Strategic Guidance for the economic, society and the environment. RG7 highlights the need to support rural renaissance which is about revitalising the centres of small towns and villages so that they meet the immediate needs of the communities they serve.

The RDS emphasises the need to sustain rural communities living in smaller settlements and the open countryside and to improve accessibility for rural communities.

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) 'Shaping a Better future'

The SPPS covers the whole of Northern Ireland and sets out the strategic policies for the sustainable development of the region, which it defines as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

The policy objectives for development in the countryside are to:

- manage growth to achieve appropriate and sustainable patterns of development which supports a vibrant rural community;
- conserve the landscape and natural resources of the rural area and to protect it from excessive, inappropriate or obtrusive development and from the actual or potential effects of pollution;
- facilitate development which contributes to a sustainable rural economy; and
- promote high standards in the design, siting and landscaping of development.

Ards and Down Area Plan 2015 (ADAP)

The Ards and Down Area Plan (ADAP) was adopted in March 2009 and sets a number of site specific statutory policies relevant to Crossgar village that should be taken into consideration by developers, landowners, the Council and the local community in the forward planning of the villages.

In relation to Crossgar, the policy illustrates that the village is capable of harnessing increased development through 3 Housing Policy areas, additionally the natural landscape of the village is protected via 2 distinctive local landscape policy areas for both the river and Tobar Mhuire environs.

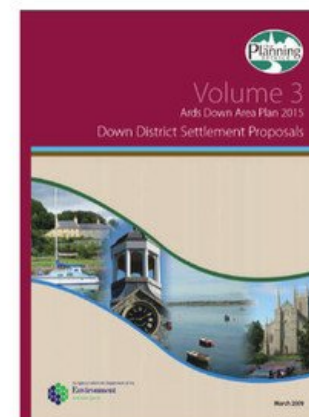
Living Well Together: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Community Plan (2016)

Community planning is a new function of Councils here in Northern Ireland since the reorganisation of local government in 2014. Councils have a requirement to create a Community Planning Partnership for their District whose role is to work in collaboration with all partners to achieve the aspirations of the Community Plan.

The overarching principles of the Plan are ensuring effective community engagement in the planning and delivery of services, utilising the strengths and resilience within communities, promoting equality and tackling inequality, adopting a preventative approach, driving efficiency and performance improvement, supporting a sustainable approach to development, holding each other as partners to account for delivering the community plan outcomes in collaboration and creating a Partnership Board responsible for monitoring and directing impact.

Emerging Local Development Plan

The Local Development Plan (LDP) will deliver a 15-year plan framework to support economic and social needs in the District, in line with regional strategies and policies, while providing the delivery of sustainable development. The new Local Development Plan will be the key consideration in the determination of planning applications for the development or use of land in the Council area. The next stage of the LDP process is the publication of the preferred options paper which will contain a series of options for dealing with key issues in the District, as well as the Council's justification for its proposed approach. The POP will indicate the Council's preferred options for growth and development in the District. The POP will be subject to public consultation. It is at this stage in the plan preparation process, that the public and stakeholders will have their first opportunity to put forward views and influence the LDP.



A2.2 Other Strategies, Plans and Initiatives

The Village Plan seeks to align with wider strategies and plans for the District, taking into account the importance of local assets of natural surrounding beauty in encouraging tourism and economic development into the area, and finding areas of complementarity where different stakeholders could work together to deliver shared ideas and projects. Below is a snapshot of the strategies and plans that have been taken into consideration in the development of the Village Plan.

NMDDC Corporate Plan 2015-2019

The Newry Mourne and Down District Council Corporate Plan for 2015-2019 aims to envisage a new era for the District. The plan strives to strike a balance between the ambitions of the district whilst taking account of key issues which can influence the future of the district area and its population. Additionally, the corporate plan aims to create opportunities for local people and local communities to thrive by supporting sustainable economic growth over time and helping them to lead fulfilling lifestyles. The visionary stance of the strategy aims to create a district that is that is attractive to visit and do business, where people and communities can unlock their enterprising spirit as well as play their part in contributing to its social and economic development along with a district that facilitates and encourages healthy lifestyles. By 2019, the corporate plan will aspire to create a premier tourism destination for the island of Ireland, attract investment and support the creation of new jobs and support the improved health and well-being of its people.

Economic Regeneration & Investment Strategy 2015-2020

The Strategy aims to develop the Newry, Mourne and Down region to be recognised as a vibrant, dynamic and connected region of enterprise and economic growth; a place of sustainable natural beauty and a premier tourist destination encompassing excellence in culture and arts and enabling and creating opportunities for all. The Strategy is developed around five themes: 1.) Economic Development, 2.) Tourism Development, Marketing, Promotion and Events, 3.) Urban Development and Regeneration, 4.) Rural Development and Regeneration, 5.) Arts, Culture and Heritage. The strategy aims to develop a synergy between the five themes that need to be developed in the period to 2020. Within each theme we have a number of strategic priorities which will be delivered against.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Tourism Strategy 2017-2022

The Tourism Strategy for Newry, Mourne and Down aims to maximise tourism growth for the district area by adopting a new and fresh approach that recognises the distinctive elements and strengths which sets the district apart to other destinations. The Tourism Strategy focuses on a key thematic headline 'Mountains, Myths and Maritime' which outline the core elements that shape a distinctive and strong image for Newry, Mourne and Down.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Sports Facility Strategy (October 2016)

The purpose of the Strategy is to identify the strategic need for Sports facilities in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. This is one of 11 Local Strategies to be developed in the context of the NI-wide work. A consistent approach to developing the Local Strategies has been undertaken. The same methodology for applying supply and demand standards for sports halls, swimming pools and health and fitness facilities have been used in all 11 Local Authority Strategies and agreed with Sport NI. The Strategy rationale is to develop a framework for the future prioritisation and development of sporting facilities within the district.

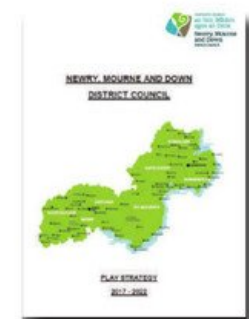
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Play Strategy 2017 - 2022

The Play Strategy for NMDDC identifies need for new or upgraded play facilities in the district. The strategy makes a recommendation for improvements to Westlands play area at an estimated cost of between £25,000 and £65,000.

In addition to this it is also recommended that consultation is carried out on the development of a new fixed play area in Kilmore.

Department for Infrastructure Strategic Plan for Greenways (July 2016)

In July 2016, The Department for Infrastructure published its Strategic Plan for Greenways which seeks to fulfil a commitment in the Bicycle Strategy (2015) in order to explore the possibility for the development of greenways throughout the region. It sets out a high level plan for the overall region to enable people to connect to places locally, regionally and nationally by active forms of travel. In relation to Crossgar, the area will substantially benefit via the future implementation of the Comber to Downpatrick Greenway which runs through settlement.







Tobar Mhuire Monastery. Credit: Paul McIlroy

A3 | Consultation Process

The Crossgar Village Plan has been developed in collaboration with the local community. Key aspects of the process are outlined below.

Village walkabout

A community walkabout took place on 6th June 2017 with representatives of the Council, the consultant team, and the local community. During this time a site survey was carried out to understand the background and context of the Village, key assets, issues and potential ideas for how the Village could be improved.

Community Event

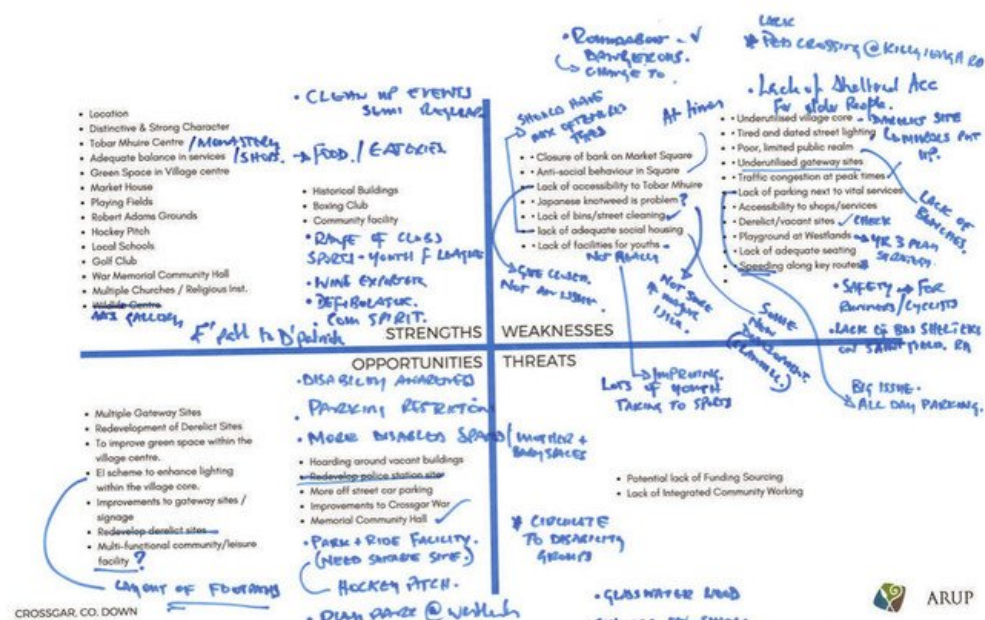
A public consultation event was held on the evening of 27th September in the War Memorial Community Hall. The purpose of the event was to present the findings of the desktop research, site walkabout, together with draft proposals for actions and priorities for tackling the issues identified by the local community and village analysis work.

The event was publicly advertised via the Council's website and social media. Council officers also distributed details of the event to community and voluntary groups in the area, and a public advertisement was placed in the newspaper.

This draft Village Plan was then prepared and published for public consultation in January 2018.



Consultation Venue - War Memorial Hall



Consultation Venue - War Memorial Hall



Consultation Venue

A4 | Site Analysis



Strengths

- Location – Access to Belfast and Downpatrick and surrounding rural network.
- Community Clean-up events - Community spirit supports the environmental quality of the village
- Tobar Mhuire Monastery – Strengthens character and setting
- Local services – a wide variety of essential services within Crossgar
- Footpath to Downpatrick - community benefits greatly via the safe linkage to Downpatrick.
- Community Spirit – A strong, passionate and resilient community
- Activities & Clubs – A wide variety of popular club, activities and community groups.
- Local Business – A strong local business community
- Defibulator – Vital service within the village centre
- Religious Institutions – Multiple places of worship offer a significant expression of local heritage.



Weaknesses

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Associated with play space within the village core.
- Street Cleaning – There is a lack of public bins within Crossgar
- Housing - Lack of Sheltered Accommodation for elderly
- Dangerous Village core – Vehicular dominance at the village core
- Parking & Access - "all day" parking can reduce access to parking spaces
- Public Realm – environmental quality of the village requires urgent enhancement
- Speeding – A major concern within the entire village



Opportunities

- EI scheme – To enhance environmental quality of the village including condition of footpaths
- Disability Awareness – Project to promote and raise awareness
- Parking Restriction – due to reduce impact of 'all day' parking
- Disabled Parking – Disabled parking along with mother & toddler spaces.
- Park & Ride – transport initiative to reduce the impact of the private car
- Play Park - Play and recreational facilities for older children (10+)
- Community Noticeboard - Promotion, awareness and community information signage



Threats

- Disability – disability services must be safeguarded and comprised throughout future development of village
- Road Safety – will remain a major concern if not addressed
- Funding - potential lack in funding for particular projects
- Collaboration - potential lack in integrated community working.

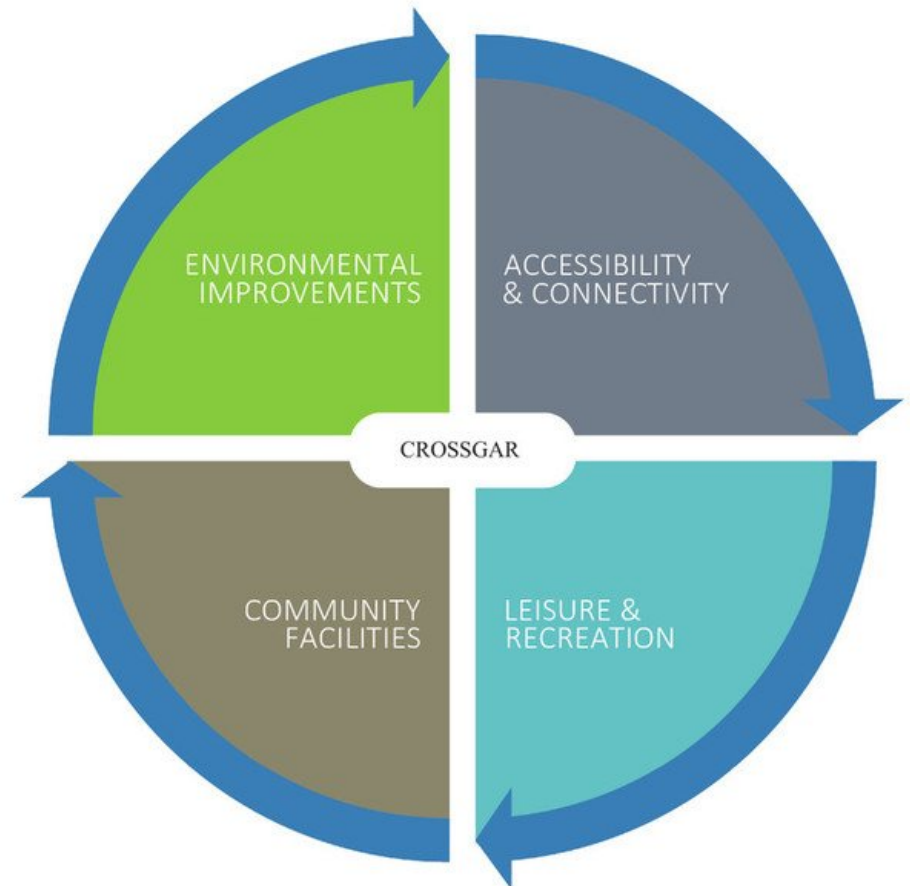


A5 Opportunities

Following consultation with the community of Crossgar, various projects have been identified which could contribute to the social and physical renewal of the village. The projects outlined in this draft plan are aspirations which are achievable with the relevant support. Constraints will face all the projects identified such as land ownership, funding and the requirement for statutory consents. However, such constraints can be addressed and overcome through dedicated and ongoing work by the community and other key stakeholders.

The opportunities presented in this plan range from a Community HUB in the heart of the village to an enhanced village centre through a high quality environmental improvement scheme along with traffic calming initiatives at the village gateways. One of the key projects identified aims to implement a dedicated shared community space within the village. A further opportunity which would be of substantial benefit to the community is to enhance the environmental quality of Crossgar through a comprehensive public realm scheme. Additionally, a further project within the village is to implement improved traffic management initiatives at the key gateway sites within the settlement.

Please note that all illustrations within this plan are conceptual. Any improvements to Crossgar will require the development of detailed designs through consultation with local businesses and residents.





A5 Opportunities

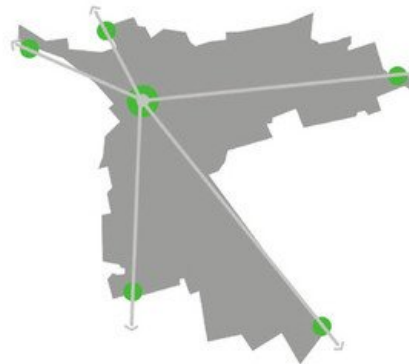
A | GATEWAYS AND TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

This project aims to enhance the physical standard and condition of the key gateway sites into the village by improving their environmental and visual quality. Due to the natural layout and functionality of Crossgar, the village comprises a series of primary and secondary gateway sites which facilitate varying levels of traffic intensity. Having established this, the primary gateways for the village are found along the Saintfield and Downpatrick Road as they facilitate a significant volume of movement through village. Furthermore, the secondary gateway sites within the village facilitate lower volumes of traffic flow and as such are located along the Kilmore, Killyleagh, Derryboye and Ballynahinch Road.

Due to the nature of primary and secondary gateways, the strategic significance of each site will vary. Building on this, the primary gateway sites within the village will benefit from enhanced welcome signage, high quality landscaping, boundary treatment and landmark features. On the other hand, the secondary gateway sites within the village will benefit via improved signage, boundary treatment and high quality landscaping. Having established the importance of physical renewal of gateway sites, they also play a key role in traffic calming and management. Building on this, gateway sites within Crossgar will substantially benefit via enhancement traffic management initiatives such as rumble strips, dragon's teeth and improved speed signage. Additionally, traffic management initiatives will have the potential to improve levels of road and pedestrian safety within the village core.

The need for such a project is evident due to the tired and dated quality of the village gateways. This project has the potential to physically uplift the key entry routes into the village strengthening the visual aspect of Crossgar and its community.

in order to deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



ENHANCING THE GATEWAY

The quality of the physical environment of a Village gateway has the ability to express the character of the village. A project which aims to enhance the Village entry points to revitalise the unique and picturesque setting of the Village.



Rumble Strips



Renewed Gateway signage

B | ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

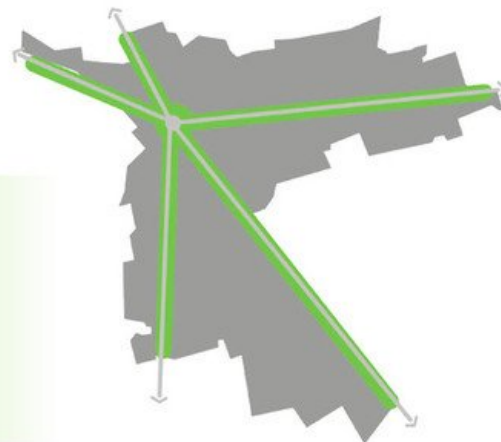
This project will enhance the visual and physical condition of the village by improving the environmental quality of Crossgar. The village core and arterial routes play a key role in expressing the character, culture and heritage of a place. As such, a project to physically revitalise these key spaces will enhance the quality of environment within Crossgar. The project would include the delivery of improved lighting within Crossgar to improve levels of safety and surveillance, additionally, the environmental improvement scheme will enhance the physical quality of the streets throughout the area by improved floral planting, landscaping, seating, landmark features and resurfacing of paving to uplift the visual quality of the village.

A justification for such a project is evident due to the need to upgrade the environmental quality of the village. Crossgar expresses a rich, diverse and historical character however its physical environment is tiring and in need of urgent attention. The benefits of regenerating the quality of the village to accommodate for ageing, youth, disability and access needs will benefit the entire community and future development of the settlement.

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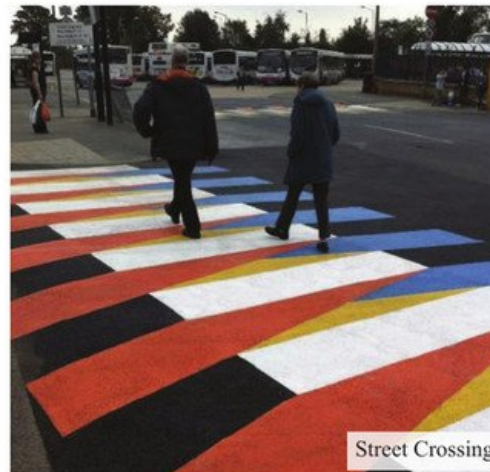


Improved Lighting



VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

High quality environmental improvements play an important role in creating an improved and safe environment. Both pedestrians and road users are provided with a sense of security and safety.



Street Crossing



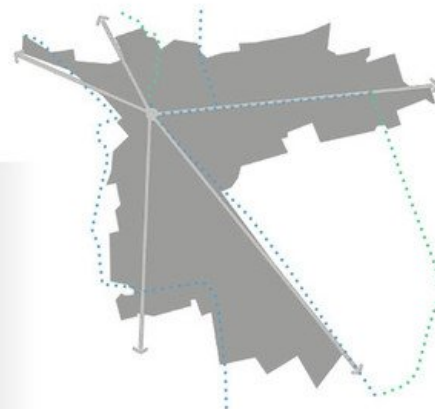
Public Art

C | IMPROVING WALKING TRAILS

A project to safeguard and enhance key walking routes within the village. The New Line along with the linkage connecting the Kilmore Road with Station Park are key for levels of access and connectivity between key areas within Crossgar. Building on this, the New Line pathway offers a key linkage between the Killyleagh and Downpatrick Road passing along the eastern boundary of Tobar Mhuire Monastery. Furthermore, this pathway acts as a key walking route within the area connecting key residential developments within Crossgar. Additionally, the linkage connecting the Kilmore Road, immediately opposite Cedar Integrated PS with Station Park offers a strategic desire line connecting a key residential area with the school. Building on this, this pathway must be protected and safeguarded in relation to future development on the land.

For the New Line Pathway, the project will aim to revive the environmental quality of the linkage by improving the quality of lighting along the route. Improvement to lighting will increase levels of safety and surveillance for those who use it whilst visually uplifting the space. In relation to the linkage connecting the Kilmore Road with Station Park, the project will explore the potential to deliver a designated and protected public right of way to safeguard the linkage between the key areas of the village. The benefit of this project will safeguard and enhance key linkages within the village to improve and protect access and connectivity within Crossgar.

In order to deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY & CONNECTIVITY

Safety and connectivity are crucially important for community mobility, therefore a project which strengthens the key linkages within the village will improve levels of community safety



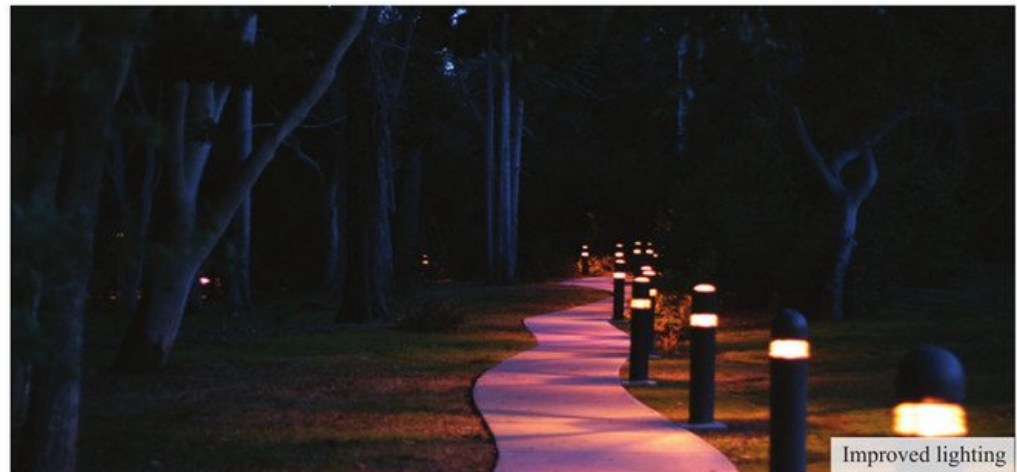
Improved walking trails



Opportunity to connect with river



Unlocking Connectivity



Improved lighting

D | SPORTING FACILITIES

A project to enhance the GAA Facilities within the village to increase the value, standard and quality for the community and wider area. Having established this, the St. Colmcille's HS within the village centre express a successful and developing Ulster Schools GAA club with their facilities located on the grounds of the high school at Killyleagh Road. This project aims to explore the potential to redevelop the sporting facilities for the sports clubs to enhance the quality and condition of both training and match day amenities. Currently, the quality of the sporting facilities requires urgent redevelopment to accommodate the successful development of the club, whilst providing improved facilities for the wider community and sporting clubs.

By improving the GAA facilities within the village the value of sport, physical activity and recreation will continue to advance to accommodate intergenerational development strengthening inter-community relations.

In order to deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



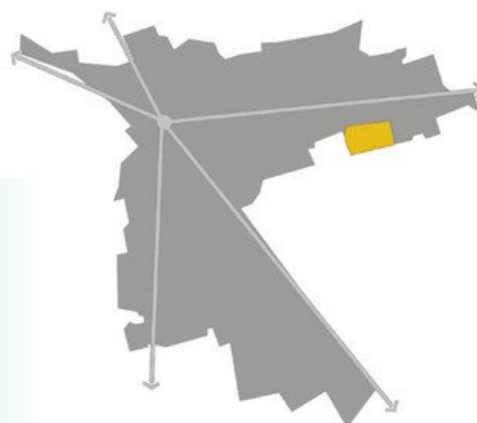
GAA Facilities



Improving Provision



Harnessing Activity



CREATING RECREATIONAL SPACES

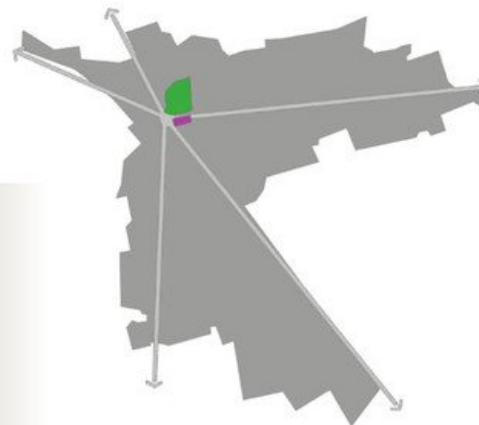
Enhancing recreational space within the village to provide all residents and visitors with the opportunity to benefit from quality open space.

E | COMMUNITY HUB

A project to explore a potential community HUB within the village to connect with the current play park. The location for the community HUB could integrate into the existing community hall within Crossgar at Killyleagh Street immediately facing the greenspace. The land which currently facilitates informal car parking could offer a potential development opportunity to deliver a strengthened community HUB which strengthens a relationship with the green space within Crossgar.

The project includes the development of an improved community HUB to offer a shared space within the village for necessary community functions and activities. The community HUB would act as social focus within the community offering an inclusive space for all residents within Crossgar. Furthermore, the HUB would strengthen the connection with the play park located adjacent the current site offering improved levels of safety and surveillance for those using the space. The benefit of this project will provide a shared, diverse and purpose built community facility to both complement and enhance existing community services.

In order to deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



PROVIDING QUALITY SPACE

An initiative which aims to enhance, improve and benefit the community by providing a project to harness the vibrancy and activity of the village.



Improving Community Facilities



A Space to Connect



Potential Location

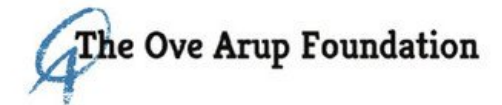
A6 | IMPLEMENTATION

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The Village Plan is a working document and should be kept relevant and updated. It sets ambitious targets for the delivery of identified projects, however it must be acknowledged that this may change with funding availability. Aspirations may change as the Village continues to change and grow. Therefore, it is important to identify priorities in the short, medium and long term, and who needs to be involved in the delivery of the projects set out in the action plan.

In order to ensure the Plan is realised, it is recommended that a village renewal steering group is setup to drive the delivery of the Village Plan forward. The steering group should consist of representatives from key stakeholder groups, to include the local community, Council officers, elected representatives, voluntary organisations and relevant statutory bodies as appropriate. The action plan should be used to guide the steering group's work programme, and identifies priorities, timescales, funding opportunities etc.

It is important to ensure that the Plan remains relevant, and takes into account the many changes that are taking place across government, but also within the village itself. It may be appropriate for the village renewal steering group to review the plan at key intervals, for example, when the new Local Development Plan for the District emerges. It will provide a fifteen-year statutory framework to support economic and social needs in the District and will set future growth and development policies for the Village.



	Regeneration Initiative	Priority Level H- High M-Medium L- Low	Timeframe for Delivery Short (0-3 years) Medium (3-9 years) Long (9+ years)	Stakeholders	Potential Funding Source
A	Gateway Project	H	S	TNI, DfI, NMDDC, Com	RDP, BIG, DfC, NMDDC
B	Social Housing Project / Scheme	M-H	M-L	NIHE, NMDDC, Com, Priv.	NIHE, RDP
C	Environmental Improvement Scheme (EIS)	H	M	DfC, NMDDC, TNI, DfI, Com	DfC, NMDDC, RDP, BIG
D	Roundabout / Junction Enhancements	L	S-M	TNI, DfI, NMDDC, Com	RDP, NMDDC
E	Improved Green Space	H	S-M	Com, NMDDC	RDP, NMDDC, DfC
F	Car Parking Improvements	M	S	NMDDC, Com, TNI	NMDDC, TNI, DfI
G	Sporting Facilities (GAA)	M	M	Com, Priv. NMDDC	NMDDC, BIG, HLF
H	Sporting Facilities	M	M	Com, NMDDC, Priv	NMDDC, BIG, HLF
I	Improved Access to Sports Ground	M	S	Com, NMDDC, Priv	NMDDC, RDP, BIG
J	Community HUB	M-H	S-M	Com, NMDDC, DfC, Priv	RDP, BIG, HLF, NMDDC
K	Greenway Project	L-M	S-L	Com, Priv, NMDDC, DfI	RDP, DfI
L	Highway to Health	M-H	S	Com, Priv, NMDDC	RDP, NMDDC, BIG, HLF
M	River Walkway	L	M-L	Com, Priv, NIW, NIEA, DfI, NMDDC, DfC	RDP, BIG, HLF, NMDDC, DfI, DfC

Com	Community Groups
DfI	Department for Infrastructure
DAERA	Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
NMDDC	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
NIHE	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Priv	Private Landowners
TNI	Transport NI
CDRCN	Co. Down Rural Community Network
PSNI	Police Service Northern Ireland
RDP	Rural Development Programme
DfC	Dept. for Communities
BIG	BIG Lottery Fund
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
ORNI	Outdoor Recreation NI



Ballynahinch River, Kilmore. Credit : Albert Bridge

B1 | Context

Kilmore

Village Location

Kilmore is a small village settlement 2 km south-west of Crossgar. The settlement of itself acts as a natural extension to its larger settlement and is primarily comprised of residential housing development. The village is surrounded by a vast green landscape of rolling hills and intermittent forestry with the Annacloy River passing along its natural eastern boundary.

Village Character

As an extension of Crossgar, Kilmore acts as compact residential settlement area residing within a gently rolling landscape. As an extension of Crossgar, Kilmore acts as compact residential settlement area residing within a gently rolling landscape. The physical fabric of the village resembles similar character to settlements of a comparable size. The village encompasses a rich and unique historical narrative although recent development has done little to enhance the cultural quality of Kilmore. Building on this, the village comprises a predominantly residential fabric with a village convenience store located along the Kilmore Road. The southern area of the village expresses the historical built fabric of Kilmore with more contemporary and recent housing found within the northern quarter of the settlement. The Annacloy River creates a natural and topographical boundary to the East which sinuates in a northerly direction to connect Crossgar with Kilmore.



Village Letterbox. Credit : Albert Bridge

History and Development of the Village

The historical morphology of Kilmore has not varied dramatically to what it presents today. The village concentrated its development at the contemporary junction at Church, Teconnaught and Kilmore Roads and by 1832 established a distinctive village fabric. The village core benefitted greatly via passing transport and communication which supported the functionality of the corn and flax mill within the area. Additionally, Kilmore comprised a Roman Catholic Church within the village centre which assisted the establishment of the village further alongside the Glebe School and Church at Church Road. By 1862, Kilmore had consolidated its village from further via the establishment of a post office school in the south of the settlement. By 1900, Kilmore had remained similar by maintaining its village fabric within a similar scale however the introduction of the Orange Hall within the north of the village allowed the settlement to consolidate its northern half of the main street. Today, Kilmore expresses a similar built fabric comprising increased contemporary residential areas to accommodate the recent growth within the village.

Village Profile

For the purposes of understanding the demographic profile of the villages, both Crossgar and Kilmore Wards are analysed below. These two areas take in both the villages themselves, as well as the surrounding rural hinterland they serve.

From 2006-2016 the population of Crossgar and Kilmore grew at an estimated rate of 8.6% and 5.8% respectively. The age profile of both areas is similar to the NI average, with 20-21% of the population aged under 16, and 14-17% aged over 65. The average age of the areas is slightly above the NI average of 37.

According to the 2011 Census, 19% (Crossgar) and 16% (Kilmore) of the population stated that they had a long term health problem or disability that limited day to day activities, which is lower than the NI average of 21%. Similarly, the proportion of population that stated they had good or very good general health in both areas is higher than the NI average (82% in Crossgar, 84% in Kilmore).

The villages and surrounding area is characteristic of a healthy working population living and settling in the area, as reflected by a high proportion of economically active residents (70-71%, compared with an NI average of 66%), and a low unemployment rate (2.5-3%, compared with an NI average of 5%).

According to the Multiple Deprivation Index 2010, both villages are within the top 25% least deprived wards in Northern Ireland, with Crossgar scoring 455 out of 582, and Kilmore 517 out of 582, where 1 represents most deprived and 582 represents the least deprived ward. Both areas score low, however in terms of proximity to services, and are within the top third most deprived wards in Northern Ireland. Crossgar also scores below the Northern Ireland average in terms of crime and disorder, whilst Kilmore remains within the top 25% least deprived wards in Northern Ireland.



Kilmore Village Core



Kilmore Rec. FC



Christ Church Kilmore (Credit: Callum Bowles)



Old Kilmore Bridge (Credit: Peter Benton)



New Village Bridge (Credit: Down News)

Recent and Future Development

This section highlights recent and any future planning applications within the village to provide an understand as to the development climate for the area.

Private Residential Work. Planning Ref. LA07/2015/1299/F Status: Permission Granted

2 storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling at 19 Kilmore village.

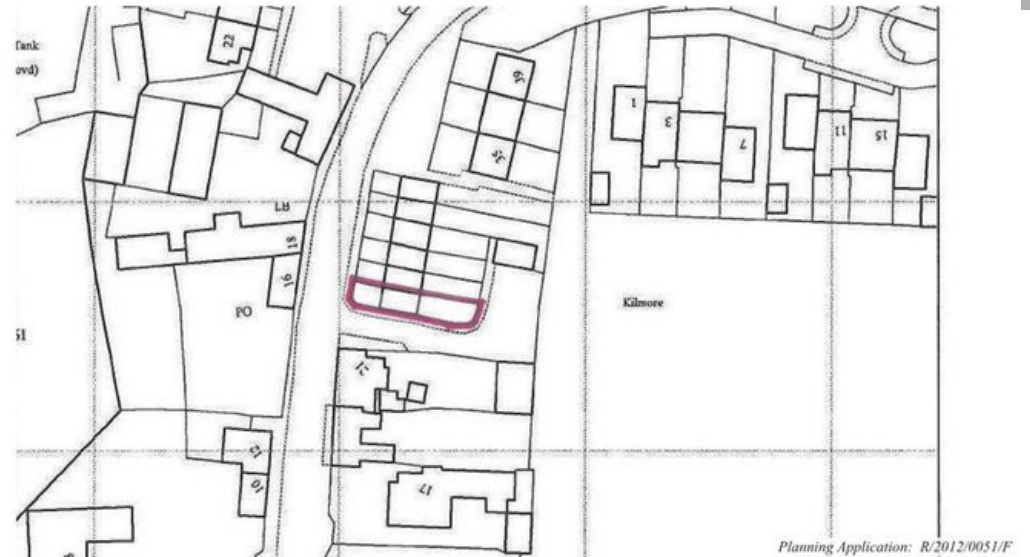
Private Residential Work. Planning Ref. R/2011/0167/F Status: Permission Granted

Single Storey extension to rear of dwelling at 1, The Old Mill.

Private Residential Work. Planning Ref. R/2012/0051/F Status: Permission Granted

Construction of new single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 23 Kilmore village.

Due to the remote rural location of the village, it is clear that development pressure is minimal and primarily consists of extensions and alteration to private residential dwellings throughout the community. The community within Kilmore express a unique and remote setting and it is clear that development patterns reflect that accordingly.



The development above highlights the type of development primarily found within the settlement. Patterns of development reflect the sensitive character, setting and sense of place.

B2 | Policy Analysis

B2.1 Planning Policy

Regional Development Strategy 2035 'Building a Better Future'

The Regional Development Strategy (RDS) is a statutory plan, and sets the spatial vision for the region up to the year 2035. One of the central aims of the RDS is to support our towns, villages and rural communities to maximise their potential.

Our rural areas including our towns and villages have a key role in supporting economic growth. They offer opportunities in terms of their potential for growth in new sectors, the provision of rural recreation and tourism, their attractiveness as places to invest, live and work, and their role as a reservoir of natural resources and highly valued landscapes (RDS, p19)

The RDS sets out Strategic Guidance for the economic, society and the environment. RG7 highlights the need to support rural renaissance which is about revitalising the centres of small towns and villages so that they meet the immediate needs of the communities they serve.

The RDS emphasises the need to sustain rural communities living in smaller settlements and the open countryside and to improve accessibility for rural communities.

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) 'Shaping a Better future'

The SPPS covers the whole of Northern Ireland and sets out the strategic policies for the sustainable development of the region, which it defines as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

The policy objectives for development in the countryside are to:

- manage growth to achieve appropriate and sustainable patterns of development which supports a vibrant rural community;
- conserve the landscape and natural resources of the rural area and to protect it from excessive, inappropriate or obtrusive development and from the actual or potential effects of pollution;
- facilitate development which contributes to a sustainable rural economy; and
- promote high standards in the design, siting and landscaping of development.

Ards and Down Area Plan 2015 (ADAP)

The Ards and Down Area Plan (ADAP) was adopted in March 2009 and sets a number of site specific statutory policies relevant to Kilmore village that should be taken into consideration by developers, landowners, the Council and the local community in the forward planning of the villages.

ADAP identifies the Settlement Limit and is drawn to maintain the separation and protect the setting of Christ Church to the north west and allow for frontage development to reflect the existing pattern of development. Furthermore, the plan highlights the rich natural environment present within Kilmore via the Local Landscape Policy Area protecting the environs associated with the Annacloy, Ballynahinch and Glasswater Rivers.

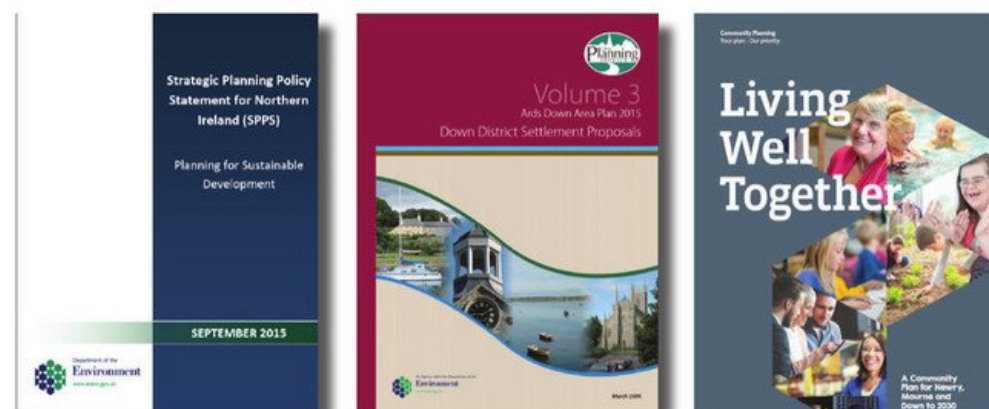
Living Well Together: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Community Plan (2016)

Community planning is a new function of Councils here in Northern Ireland since the reorganisation of local government in 2014. Councils have a requirement to create a Community Planning Partnership for their District whose role is to work in collaboration with all partners to achieve the aspirations of the Community Plan.

The overarching principles of the Plan are ensuring effective community engagement in the planning and delivery of services, utilising the strengths and resilience within communities, promoting equality and tackling inequality, adopting a preventative approach, driving efficiency and performance improvement, supporting a sustainable approach to development, holding each other as partners to account for delivering the community plan outcomes in collaboration and creating a Partnership Board responsible for monitoring and directing impact.

Emerging Local Development Plan

The Local Development Plan (LDP) will deliver a 15-year plan framework to support economic and social needs in the District, in line with regional strategies and policies, while providing the delivery of sustainable development. The new Local Development Plan will be the key consideration in the determination of planning applications for the development or use of land in the Council area. The next stage of the LDP process is the publication of the preferred options paper which will contain a series of options for dealing with key issues in the District, as well as the Council's justification for its proposed approach. The POP will indicate the Council's preferred options for growth and development in the District. The POP will be subject to public consultation. It is at this stage in the plan preparation process, that the public and stakeholders will have their first opportunity to put forward views and influence the LDP.



B2.2 Other Strategies, Plans and Initiatives

The Village Plan seeks to align with wider strategies and plans for the District, taking into account the importance of local assets of natural surrounding beauty in encouraging tourism and economic development into the area, and finding areas of complementarity where different stakeholders could work together to deliver shared ideas and projects. Below is a snapshot of the strategies and plans that have been taken into consideration in the development of the Village Plan.

NMDDC Corporate Plan 2015-2019

The Newry Mourne and Down District Council Corporate Plan for 2015-2019 aims to envisage a new era for the District. The plan strives to strike a balance between the ambitions of the district whilst taking account of key issues which can influence the future of the district area and its population. Additionally, the corporate plan aims to create opportunities for local people and local communities to thrive by supporting sustainable economic growth over time and helping them to lead fulfilling lifestyles. The visionary stance of the strategy aims to create a district that is that is attractive to visit and do business, where people and communities can unlock their enterprising spirit as well as play their part in contributing to its social and economic development along with a district that facilitates and encourages healthy lifestyles. By 2019, the corporate plan will aspire to create a premier tourism destination for the island of Ireland, attract investment and support the creation of new jobs and support the improved health and well-being of its people.

Economic Regeneration & Investment Strategy 2015-2020

The Strategy aims to develop the Newry, Mourne and Down region to be recognised as a vibrant, dynamic and connected region of enterprise and economic growth; a place of sustainable natural beauty and a premier tourist destination encompassing excellence in culture and arts and enabling and creating opportunities for all. The Strategy is developed around five themes: 1.) Economic Development, 2.) Tourism Development, Marketing, Promotion and Events, 3.) Urban Development and Regeneration, 4.) Rural Development and Regeneration, 5.) Arts, Culture and Heritage. The strategy aims to develop a synergy between the five themes that need to be developed in the period to 2020. Within each theme we have a number of strategic priorities which will be delivered against.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Tourism Strategy 2017-2022

The Tourism Strategy for Newry, Mourne and Down aims to maximise tourism growth for the district area by adopting a new and fresh approach that recognises the distinctive elements and strengths which sets the district apart to other destinations. The Tourism Strategy focuses on a key thematic headline 'Mountains, Myths and Maritime' which outline the core elements that shape a distinctive and strong image for Newry, Mourne and Down.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Sports Facility Strategy (October 2016)

The purpose of the Strategy is to identify the strategic need for Sports facilities in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. This is one of 11 Local Strategies to be developed in the context of the NI-wide work. A consistent approach to developing the Local Strategies has been undertaken. The same methodology for applying supply and demand standards for sports halls, swimming pools and health and fitness facilities have been used in all 11 Local Authority Strategies and agreed with Sport NI. The Strategy rationale is to develop a framework for the future prioritisation and development of sports facilities, based on identified need, increasing participation, addressing health inequalities and other local specific factors. The focus of the facilities analysis has been sports halls of 3 courts or above (except those on education sites), pools of 20 m and above, health and fitness suites of 20 stations and above and full size artificial grass pitches (AGPs), together with other facilities specific to each local area.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Play Strategy 2017-2022

The purpose of the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Play Strategy is to establish an effective strategic framework for decision making as it relates to the development, maintenance and roll-out of play opportunities (both fixed and non-fixed) across the district. At the core of the strategy is a recognition that play is a natural, fundamental part of children and young people's lives that supports growth and development, enhances health and well-being, supports social and intellectual development, and enables children and young people to develop essential life skills. Importantly for children, play is fun.

Department for Infrastructure Strategic Plan for Greenways (July 2016)

In July 2016, The Department for Infrastructure published its Strategic Plan for Greenways which seeks to fulfil a commitment in the Bicycle Strategy (2015) in order to explore the possibility for the development of greenways throughout the region. It sets out a high level plan for the overall region to enable people to connect to places locally, regionally and nationally by active forms of travel. The village of Kilmore will substantially benefit via the future implementation of the Comber to Downpatrick Greenway which runs through settlement.







Kilmore Scale and Location

B3 Consultation Process

The Kilmore Village Plan has been developed in collaboration with the local community. Key aspects of the process are outlined below.

Village walkabout

A community walkabout took place on 6th June 2017 with representatives of the Council, the consultant team, and the local community. During this time a site survey was carried out to understand the background and context of the Village, key assets, issues and potential ideas for how the Village could be improved.

Community Event

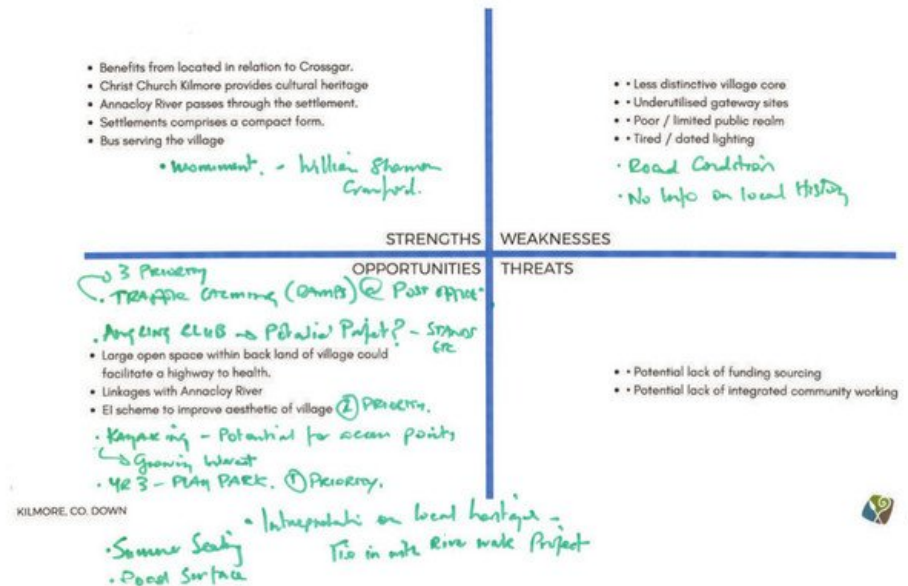
A public consultation event was held on the evening of 27th September in the War Memorial Community Hall. The purpose of the event was to present the findings of the desktop research, site walkabout, together with draft proposals for actions and priorities for tackling the issues identified by the local community and village analysis work.

The event was publicly advertised via the Council's website and social media. Council officers also distributed details of the event to community and voluntary groups in the area, and a public advertisement was placed in the newspaper.

This draft Village Plan was then prepared and published for public consultation in January 2018.



Consultation Venue - War Memorial Hall





Community Event Location

B4 | Site Analysis



Strengths

- Location – *Effective linkage with Crossgar*
- History – *String industrial heritage within the village*
- River – *Meanders through the settlement*
- Church – *strengthens cultural character*



Weaknesses

- Roads – *quality of road surfacing in need of improvement*
- Information Panels – *Lack of signage to express village history*
- Public Realm – *absence of quality pubic realm degrades the appearance of Kimora*
- Lighting – *poor quality, condition and standard of street lighting*



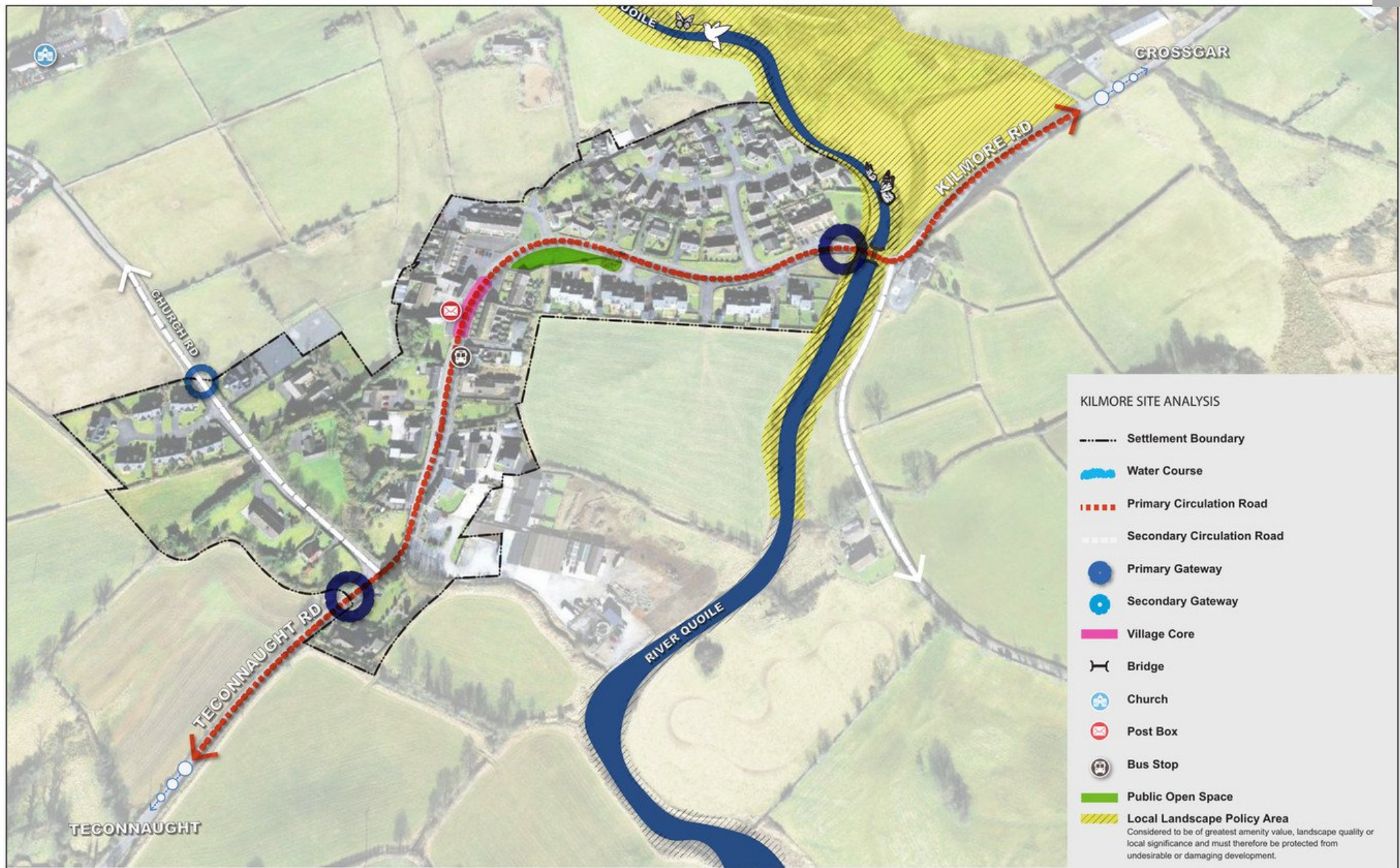
Opportunities

- Fishing Stands – *Leisure and recreation potential of Annacloy River*
- Street Lighting – *Opportunity to enhance the quality of street lighting within the village*
- Traffic Calming – *Initiatives to manage the intensity and speed of traffic*
- Play Park – *enrichment of play value for children in the community*
- Gateways – *improvement of visual, physical and environmental quality*
- EIS – *Public realm enhancements to revitalise the area*



Threats

- Funding – *Potential lack in funding for future projects*
- Collaboration – *potential lack in integrated community workingv*



B5 Opportunities

Following consultation with the community of Kilmore, various projects have been identified which could contribute to the social and physical renewal of the village. The projects outlined in this draft plan are aspirations which are achievable with the relevant support. Constraints will face all the projects identified such as land ownership, funding and the requirement for statutory consents. However, such constraints can be addressed and overcome through dedicated and ongoing work by the community and other key stakeholders.

The opportunities presented in this plan range from improved street lighting to fishing stands in the river and improved traffic calming measures within the core of the settlement. Having established this, one of the key projects identified aims to address the poor quality of street lighting in Kilmore by providing enhanced lighting throughout the village core and linkage with Crossgar. A further opportunity which would be of substantial benefit to the community is to explore the potential for fishing stands along the Annacloy River to enhance its leisure potential. Additionally, a project to introduce improved traffic calming initiatives within the village will dramatically safeguard levels of road and pedestrian safety within Kilmore.

Please note that all illustrations within this plan are conceptual. Any improvements to Kilmore will require the development of detailed designs through consultation with local businesses and residents.





06 Opportunities

A | ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A project to revitalise the environmental quality of Kilmore by uplifting the visual and physical appearance of the village. Due to the layout and form of the village, its compact nature helps shape and harness the natural character and history of the settlement. The scale of the village core is extremely compact offering an opportunity to uplift the overall appearance of the area. The village gateways are located within a close distance from the core highlighting their importance in relation to physical renewal in conjunction with improvements to the wider area.

The project will aim to enhance and uplift the physical quality of the village through high quality hard and soft landscaping, boundary treatment, public realm enhancements and landmark features along with improved welcome signage, floral planting and landscaping at the village gateways. Additionally, the project will aim to deliver improved lighting within the village core whilst extending onto the Kilmore Road to help strengthen the walkable connection with Crossgar.

This project will transform the village through environmental improvements in order to help express the rich cultural character within Kilmore. Currently, the physical quality of the village requires urgent attention due to its tired and dated condition. The benefits which this project can bring is a renewed sense of place and expression of community spirit throughout Kilmore.

To deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



Improved Landscaping to uplift village



Distinctive Gateway Signage

ENHANCING VISUAL QUALITY

The quality of the physical environment plays a crucial role in the expression of character and place. A project which aims to enhance the standard of lighting will revitalise the unique and picturesque setting of the Village.



B | TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

This project aims to improve the standard and quality of traffic management initiatives within the village core. The project will aim to manage traffic within the village core through the introduction of speed bumps / tables along the Kilmore Road at the Post Office and village green space in order to reduce the speed of traffic passing through the area.

Improved speed restricting surfacing such as rumble strips would help slow traffic upon entry to the village. The need for such a project is evident due to the concern around road safety within the village due to the speed and intensity of traffic that passes through the area. The community had stated that the need to address / manage this issue is a key priority for the future safety of the community. This project has the potential to safeguard future and levels of road and pedestrian safety within the village by implementing much needed traffic management initiatives.

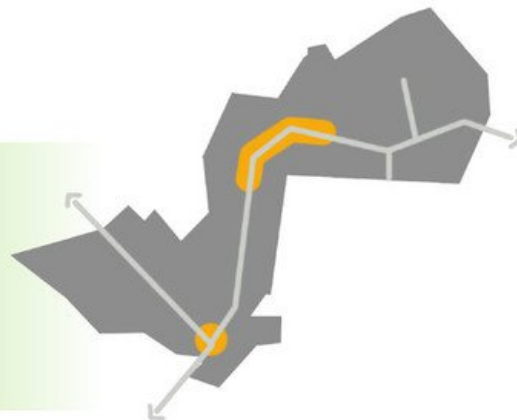
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Grass Verge at Ballycutler Rd

ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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Speed Bumps



A safer village

C | RIVER WALK

A project to explore the potential to unlock the Annacloy River as a recreational asset by implementing a walkway to connect Kilmore with Crossgar. The Annacloy River meanders through Kilmore village to extend north to link Crossgar. A project to explore the potential to link the two settlements via a designated River Walk pathway would significantly increase levels of access and connectivity between Crossgar and Kilmore. The River walkway would comprise access to the River via the Kilmore Bridge and offer a seamless waterside connection northward toward Crossgar.

High quality landscaping, flood alleviation, lighting and wayfinding signage would help create a truly mystical pathway following the natural meander of the Annacloy River to connect Kilmore with Crossgar. This project has the potential to improve levels of access and connectivity between the two communities as the current walkable connection is weakened due to the absence of lighting and quality paving along the Kilmore Road.

In order to deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



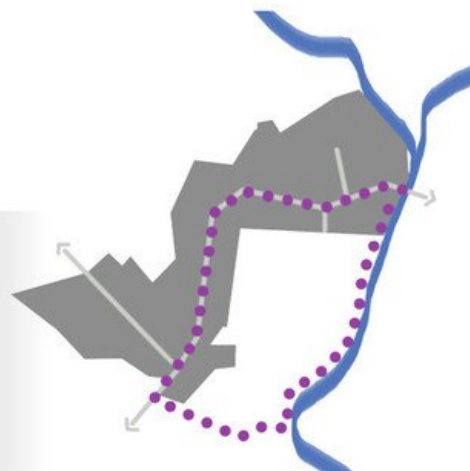
Weaving nature with health



Connection with Crossgar

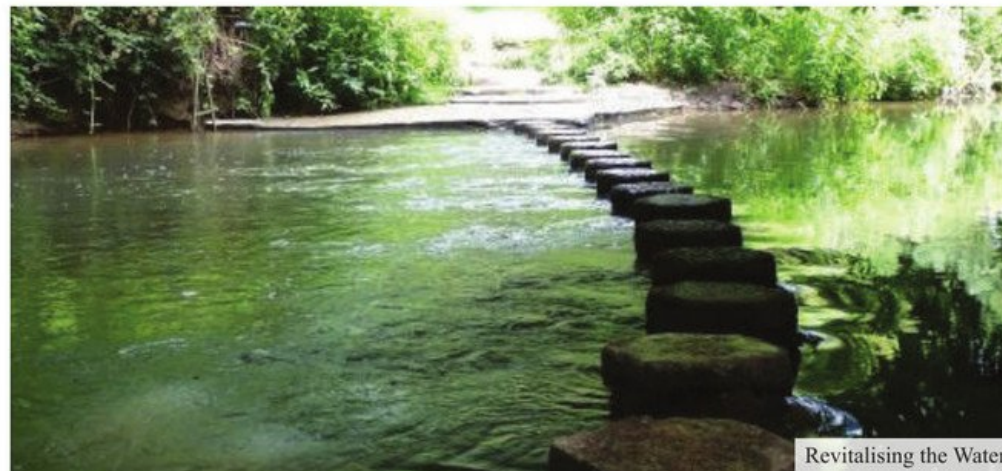


Unlocking an Asset



ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY & CONNECTIVITY

Safety and connectivity are crucially important for community mobility, therefore a project which strengthens the key linkages within the village will improve levels of community safety



Revitalising the Water

D | RIVER REVIVAL

Closely related to project C, this project has the potential to unlock the leisure and recreational potential of the Annacloy River for activities such as Angling and Kayaking. Having established this, the project aims to improve access to the river via the Kilmore Bridge to unlock the asset for the community to use. The Annacloy River has the potential to harness activities such as Kayaking and Angling and as such would require amenities such as fishing jetties and space for equipment to support such uses.

The leisure and recreational potential for the River is restricted due to a lack of effective community access and so the project aims to address this issue. The benefit of this project will unlock the River as a useable, diverse and attractive asset for the community to use, offering a distinctive connection with the natural heritage of the village.

To deliver this project, further consultation with the community and key stakeholders is needed to assess the feasibility and support for such an initiative. Furthermore, a detailed business case, design and feasibility study is required alongside statutory approvals and necessary funding if required.



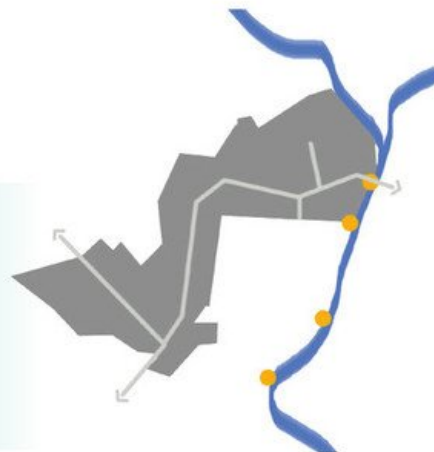
Light weight Structures



Fishing Pontoons

CREATING RECREATIONAL VALUE

Enhancing recreational value within the village to provide all residents and visitors with the opportunity to benefit from the River.



E | PLAY PARK / SPACE

A project to explore the potential for a dedicate play space within the village to increase the value of play and recreation. A possible site location for this project is at lands North of Mason's Bar and bounding 17 Kilmore Road. This project aims to deliver a dedicated play space within the village to accommodate future and current youthful generation by enhancing the standard, quality and condition of play facilities.

The absence of dedicated play facilities within the village threatens the vibrancy and vitality of Kilmore, furthermore as the village develops, such services must be in place in order to accommodate for the needs of younger people within the community.

The need for a play facility is evident within the NMDDC Play Strategy 2017-2022 for the delivery of a designated facility within year 4 of the plan (est. 2020) at an indicative cost of £100,000. Based on the agreed rural criteria population level and settlement pattern analysis identifies a need for the development of a fixed play area at Kilmore. Additionally, the Council should commence identification of a suitable location and initiate community consultation as outlined within the play strategy as it relates to the design of new fixed play provision.

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Harnessing a community



Innovative Play Spaces



Unlocking Play Value

SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITY SERVICES

An initiative to relocate the community post box in order to safeguard levels of access and provision for the service which is vital to the community.



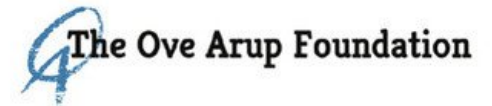
B6 | IMPLEMENTATION

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This plan is designed to improve the social and economic fabric of the area. The Village Renewal Plan provides an indication of the key tasks which need to be undertaken to progress specific projects. This often includes detailed scheme design, preparation of the business case and funding application, and in some cases further feasibility and analysis.

The source of funding will often dictate the order in which tasks need to be undertaken, for example the Rural Development Programme expects all statutory consents to be place before the funding application is submitted. There are potential sources of funding available for the projects and initiatives set out within this Village Renewal Plan. It is important to note that reference to potential funding is a guidance only. Other funding opportunities may become available during the lifetime of this plan, and all projects will be subject to appropriate eligibility checks, application and assessment procedures as set by each funding body.

The draft Acton Plan (Secton 08) provides an indication of the priority level of each project based on discussions with key stakeholders during plan preparation. Alongside this, a lead delivery agent and key stakeholders have also been noted. There may also be other interested groups who should be engaged during project implementation or those whose agreement must be sought, such as a private landowners or statutory bodies. It is also important to recognise that priorities may change as funding opportunities become available.



B7 | ACTION PLAN

	Regeneration Initiative	Priority Level H- High M-Medium L- Low	Timeframe for Delivery Short (0-3 years) Medium (3-9 years) Long (9+ years)	Stakeholders	Potential Funding Source
A	Gateway Project	H	S	NMDDC, TNI, DfI, Com	RDP, NMDDC, BIG, HLF
B	Environmental Improvement Scheme	H	S-M	DfC, NMDDC, Com	DfC, NMDDC, BIG, HLF
C	Traffic Calming Scheme	H	S-M	DfI, TNI, NMDDC, Com	TNI, DfI, NMDDC, BIG
D	Fishing Pontoons	M	S-M	NIW, NIEA, Com, NMDDC	RDP, BIG, HLF, Fundraising
E	Kayak Access	M	S	Com, NMDDC	RDP, NMDDC
F	Play Park / Space	H	S-M	NMDDC, Com, Priv	NMDDC, RDP, BIG

- Com
- DfI
- DAERA
- NMDDC
- NIHE
- Priv
- TNI
- CDRCN
- PSNI
- RDP
- DfC
- BIG
- HLF
- ORNI
- Community Groups
- Department for Infrastructure
- Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Private Landowners
- Transport NI
- Co. Down Rural Community Network
- Police Service Northern Ireland
- Rural Development Programme
- Dept. for Communities
- BIG Lottery Fund
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Outdoor Recreation NI

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