

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2020

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 15 June 2020 at 6.00pm via Skype**

Chairperson: Councillor L McEvoy

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Casey
Councillor A Finnegan	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor C Mason
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

Also In Attendance: Councillor O Magennis
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor J Tinnelly

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

AHC/54/2020: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Malone.

AHC/55/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gibbons declared an interest in relation to Men Shed, Rostrevor.

AHC/56/2020: TO AGREE A STARTING TIME FOR THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to start the Active and Healthy Communities Committee meetings at 6pm.

AHC/57/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 March 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/043/2020 – Notice of Motion re: Domestic Violence

In response to a query from Councillor Mason, Mrs Hillen confirmed PCSP had a number of ongoing campaigns in relation to domestic violence and she would bring back an update to the Committee.

AHC/206/2019 – Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero

Councillor Gibbons enquired about the Suicide Down to Zero Working Group. Mr Devlin advised prior to the lockdown Council were working with the Health Trust in relation to the Council's aspiration for Suicide Down to Zero which would be picked up once restrictions eased. He added there was a financial assistance call which had £10,000 funding available to groups in relation to the work they do with suicide.

Councillor O'Hare spoke of the need to retain money for Suicide Down to Zero particularly given the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr Devlin confirmed it would be the intention to retain funding within the following years estimates.

AHC/202/2019 – Sport NI, Your School Your Club Funding

Councillor Taylor asked that the meeting with Newry City Football Club be arranged as soon as possible given that restrictions were beginning to ease. Mr Tamati confirmed there were ongoing communications with Newry City Football Club and he would report back to the Member directly with an update.

Councillor Taylor enquired if there would be an extension of timelines for Your School Your Club scheme due to the pandemic. Mr Tamati confirmed the Your School Your Club was likely to be extended subject to funding, the specific project the members refers to is led by the Education Library Board, at this stage funding would be likely be extended any successful project applications will be subject to planning permission and match funding being in place.

AHC/051/2020 – Summer Activity Programme for 2020

In response to a query from Councillor Trainor Mr Tamati indicated that it was unlikely the summer activity programme would proceed at this stage in its planned format, however depending on restrictions and budget there might be scope for outdoor activities. Mr Tamati added it was a fluid situation which required restrictions to be analysed as and when they changed.

AHC/053/2020 – Lease of Lands at Barcroft Community Centre

Councillor Casey asked if he could raise an issue on this item which had been held in closed session. Mr Lipsett advised this could be raised at the end of the meeting when the Committee was in closed session.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 March 2020.**

DIRECTORS PAPERS

AHC/58/2020: EMERGENCY BUSINESS PLAN APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2020

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding the Active and Healthy Communities Department Emergency Business Plan, April – September 2020.

Members acknowledged the fluidity around COVID-19 and the easing of restrictions. Mr Lipsett commented how things were continuously changing and that it was likely to be gradual scaling up over a long period of time. The Active and Healthy Communities Emergency Business Plan would be regularly reviewed and updated in response to legislative changes from the Northern Ireland Executive.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the emergency Active and Healthy Communities Business Plan, April – September 2020.**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Andrews to write a letter of goodwill to the Minister for Communities, Ms Deirdre Hargey.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/59/2020 PEACE IV REPORT

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, to agree to the following recommendations:
- **Shared Spaces and Services:**
Capacity Building Programme for Developing Shared Space - Post-Graduate Certificate in Public Administration for approximately 30 participants from statutory, community/voluntary sector. Estimated cost: £2,509.80 per participant. Approval has been granted by SEUPB to award this contract for up to £75,294.00 (ex VAT) to Ulster University.
 - **Youth Leadership Seasonal Projects (PCSP) - Procure and appoint a delivery company to deliver a youth leadership programme to include residential.**
Estimated cost: £92,775.
 - **Building Positive Relations:**
Procure and appoint providers for the delivery of BME engagement mechanisms. Estimated cost: £56,500.00

AHC/60/2020

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query, Mrs Hillen confirmed that in light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation staff within the Programmes Unit were contacting groups to provide any help and assistance.

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews to agree to the following:
- **Approval for Call three which would be completed in line with the new Financial Assistance Policy and Electronic Grant Management System.**
 - **Approval for the processes being followed.**
 - **Approval for 2019-2020 claims to be submitted up to the end of September 2020.**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/61/2020

THE OUTDOOR PARTNERSHIP – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the Outdoor Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and The Outdoor Partnership and that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is represented on the NI Stakeholder Group.

AHC/62/2020

REOPENING OF OUTDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES – PHASE 2

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the reopening of outdoor leisure facilities, Phase 2.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to approve to note the reopening of the following outdoor Leisure Facilities with restrictions from Monday 22 June 2020:

- Designated Bowling Greens: Bessbrook, Newry, Warrenpoint, Kilkeel, Annalong & Newcastle.
- Designated Artificial Surfaces: St Colman's Athletics Track and 3G Pitch, Donard and Saintfield Synthetic Pitches, Dunleath, Langley Road Shale Pitches, the Ropewalk in Newry, Castlewellan 3G pitch and Threeways Pitch along with designated Council owned community centre surfaces.
- Tennis Facilities: To move to phase 2 of the tennis Ireland guidance.
- Club and Commercial Coaching: To be allowed to commence at designated facilities in line with block booking requirements and subject to submission of all appropriate documentations.
- Councils scale of charges: Should be applied accordingly with a common-sense approach.
- Kilkeel, Warrenpoint park and Annalong Tennis Courts to remain closed for casual hire.

AHC/63/2020

**UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT OF CORONAVIRUS REGULATIONS
AND SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, regarding an update on enforcement of Coronavirus Regulations and Social Distancing.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Andrews that the Chief Executive sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the PSNI with the regard of the enforcement of the Coronavirus regulations in relation to premises.

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

AHC/64/2020

CASTLE PARK SEASONAL OPERATIONS – PUBLIC TENDER

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

Read: Report dated 15 June 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Castle Park Seasonal Operations, Public Tender. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed to agree to put on hold the progressing of the Public Tender and entering into a contract with the preferred bidder for the delivery of alternative and enhanced seasonal operations and services at Castle Park in Newcastle.

It was further agreed a report come back to Committee for approval on the next steps of this tender where there is further clarity in terms of COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Agreed: **In response to points raised by Councillor Casey, Mrs Hillen advised she would forward an update on the Barcroft Community Centre via email**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.10pm.

Signed: Councillor L McEvoy
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities