

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2020

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 16 March 2020 at 6.15pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor B Ó Muirí

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor S Doran	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor C Mason	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

Also In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews
Councillor R Howell

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
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/37/2020: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Gibbons.

An apology was received from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing.

AHC/38/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/39/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2020**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2020.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/40/2020 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding updates on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- **Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020.**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2020.**
- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020.**
- **Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 21 February 2020.**
- **Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2020.**

AHC/41/2020 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Lipsett referred to the ongoing emergency planning regarding COVID-19 and the impact it would have on the delivery of training required to launch the electronic grant management system, that the new system be delayed until the training can be carried out safely.

Councillor Ruane raised concerns in relation to the amount of capital funding available and if a group was successful there was a 3-year veto. Councillor Ruane asked that criteria be based on a longer picture as there were clubs that had been very successful in obtaining funding in the past and others that had not.

Councillor Ó Muirí urged Council officials to examine alternative arrangements to enable training online.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Savage, that in light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation that the launch of the electronic grant management system be delayed and a report on the community and sports capital funding restrictions be brought back to the next Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting.**

AHC/42/2020

PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 16 March 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 McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, to approve the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as follows:**

- **Children and Young People:**
To procure and appoint a provider for ‘Hands on History’ Summer Scheme. Estimated costs £30,000.
- **Shared Spaces and Services:**
To withdraw project I.10 due to time and budget constraints (subject to approval from SEUPB);
To re-allocate budget from project I.10 to a capital project in the same DEA (subject to approval from SEUPB).
- **Building Positive Relations:**
To procure and appoint facilitators for two Shared History and Culture projects: Newcastle Community History Project and Textiles Project: Exploring 200 years of South Armagh Lace-making. Estimated costs: £6,000 each.

AHC/43/2020

NOTICE OF MOTION - REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2020

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Howell:

“That this Council recognises 2019 saw the North of Ireland experience the highest number of domestic abuse incidents since records began and agrees to work collaboratively with the statutory agencies and health trusts to ensure support and protection of individuals and families experiencing domestic violence be a priority in all Council facilities”.

In presenting the motion Councillor Howell highlighted the various forms of Domestic Violence inflicted on anyone irrespective of age, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation, by a current or former intimate partner or family member. In 2018/19 there were 31,682 incidents of domestic abuse recorded in the North of Ireland, a 10% increase from the previous year and the highest number of incidents in 15 years.

Councillor Howell stated she believed Newry Mourne and Down District Council could aid these statutory and voluntary agencies by taking small measures which would hopefully have an impact on some of the victims lives. This included ensuring staff within council facilities and buildings could avail of ONUS training and were made aware of and kept updated of the Good Practice Guidelines of Recognise – Respond – Refer – Record as outlined by the South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership.

Councillor Howell asked that all council buildings and facilities were recognised as a ‘Safe Place’ with staff aware of the aforementioned guidelines, including facilities like the recently opened community centres in Saintfield and Castlewellan.

As part of the strategic review on public convenience provision in the district Council should consider placing material in all public conveniences informing users of the domestic violence helpline.

Councillor Mason seconded the Motion, stating it was very timely that the Motion was being put forward with the unfortunate situation with COVID-19 and social isolation.

Councillor McKeivitt put forward the following amendment to the motion, accepted by Councillors Howell and Mason.

"That DEAs in this Council encourage the uptake of training for local groups to register their premises as a Safe Place".

Councillor McKeivitt urged Council officials to examine alternative arrangements to enable training with the current situation regarding COVID-19.

Councillors Walker, McMurray and Taylor spoke in support of the motion and it was unanimously agreed.

Agreed: **"That this Council recognises 2019 saw the North of Ireland experience the highest number of domestic abuse incidents since records began and agrees to work collaboratively with the statutory agencies and health trusts to ensure support and protection of individuals and families experiencing domestic violence be a priority in all Council facilities.
That DEAs in this Council encourage the uptake of training for local groups to register their premises as a Safe Place".**

AHC/44/2020

LISNACREE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Renewal of Lease Agreement for Lisnacree Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Doran, Mrs Hillen advised that should there be any issues with the renewal of lease agreement for Lisnacree Community Centre a report would be brought back to Active and Healthy Community Committee.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to contact the Parish to advise that they would not like to purchase the land and would like to extend the lease for another ten years.**

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/45/2020 ENERGY STRATEGY CALL FOR EVIDENCE – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Consultation from DfE on Energy Strategy Call for Evidence. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to return the consultation response as provided. The response was returned by the required date on the proviso that it would be subject to Council approval.**

AHC/46/2020 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM ACTION SHEET – 20 FEBRUARY 2020

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Sustainability and Climate Change Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to approve the actions in the attached action sheet from the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum on 20 February 2020.**

AHC/47/2020: REQUEST FROM SUSTAINABLE NORTHERN IRELAND FOR ANNUAL SUPPORT

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding funding request from Sustainable NI. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to agree to provide funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2020-21 year.**

AHC/48/2020: FSA CONSULTATION ON NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, regarding Consultation on the Draft Update to Nutritional Standards for School Food. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to agree to the attached response being submitted to the Department of Education which agreed with the Department of Education's proposals to improve the nutritional**

standards for school foods and notes some considerations in respect of the proposals.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/49/2020: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019, which were approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020.**

FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/50/2020: LETTER FROM EDWIN POOTS, MLA REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding a letter from Edwin Poots, MLA in relation to Climate Change. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the letter from Edwin Poots, MLA relating to Climate Change.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/51/2020: SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 16 March 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding AHC 2020 Summer Activity Draft Programme. **(Copy circulated).**

Noted: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor O'Hare to acknowledge the first draft of the alternative and enhanced Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020 as per appendix 1.**

It was noted this would be subject to change in light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

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

AHC/52/2020 LISLEA GREEN FIELD LEASE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, 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 16 March 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Lislea Recreational Gaelic Football Pitch, Hall Road, Camlough. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Doran, to terminate the lease arrangement at Lislea Recreational Gaelic Football Pitch with immediate effect.

AHC/53/2020 LEASE OF LANDS AT BARCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, 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 16 March 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding the lease of lands at Barcroft Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage seconded by Councillor Ruane, that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council provide Newry Felons with a lease for the additional lands requested at a Peppercorn rent as agreed by the Department for Communities.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.45pm.

Signed: Councillor B Ó Muirí
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities