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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2015

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2015 at 3.00pm in the Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Cllr L Kimmins

Vice Chairperson: Cllr L Devlin

In attendance: (Councillors)

Cllr M Carr	Cllr C Enright
Cllr G Fitzpatrick	Cllr V Harte
Cllr H Harvey	Cllr K Loughran
Cllr D Taylor	Cllr W Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Mr P Green, Legal Advisor
Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager
Mr J Campbell, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Ms K Bingham, Good Relations Officer
Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager
Ms C McKenna, Assistant Director of Administration (General Services)
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director Waste Management/Technical & Leisure Services
Mr P Power, Sports Officer
Ms S Rice, Good Relations Officer
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/13/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Burns, Ó'Muirí and Sharvin and Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities Committee.

The Chairperson extended the Committee's condolences to Mr Lipsett and his family on the recent death of his father.

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AHC/14/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

AHC/15/2015: ACTION SHEET FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2015

Read: Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2015, (copy circulated).

Noted: The Action Sheet was NOTED.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/16/2015: HIRE CHARGES FOR PRIVATE SWIM TEACHERS IN DOWN LEISURE CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015 from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director Waste Management/Technical & Leisure, recommending approval of operational arrangements for private individual swimming lessons at Downpatrick Leisure Centre. (Copy circulated)

Mr Moore provided some background to the issue of pricing for private individual swimming lessons, advising the Committee that the issue had been deferred from the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2015 for further consideration.

Mr Moore advised a financial and equality analysis had been requested and carried out, the result of which was that the application of separate pricing systems across the Council's leisure facilities could have potential to have an adverse impact upon current and future service users, which would require due consideration of subjecting the policy to a full equality impact assessment.

Mr Moore's report recommended that the Committee confirm its previous decision to implement the new pricing model for private individual swimming lessons as the proposed new pricing model gave the new Council a consistent and transparent policy across the district; it complied with the Council's Section 75 responsibilities and it also complied with the framework for the Charging Framework and Principles for the Hire of Council Facilities Policy which stipulated full cost recovery plus 10% for commercial hire of Council facilities.

Members discussed the issue at length with the following concerns being raised:

- Had a meeting taken place with the swimming instructors and parents?

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- Previously instructors were able to block book 6-8 weeks in advance. However under the new scheme this had been reduced to 8 days in advance - was there scope for any movement on the booking system?

Mr Moore responded to the comments as follows:

- A meeting had been arranged, however it had been cancelled by the swimming instructors. Although the recommendation to meet the instructors was agreed at the Committee meeting in April, the action could not be taken until those minutes were ratified by Council at the beginning of May.
- The Council was committed to assisting private tutors to ensure they were able to book effectively. This would be done by the tutors working with each other to ensure the bookings were shared evenly.

Mr Hannaway advised a way forward was required in order to progress this matter.

Councillor Harte proposed that the Committee accept the Officer's recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Kimmins.

Following further discussion, Councillor Harte and Councillor Kimmins agreed to withdraw their proposal.

Councillor Devlin proposed that the matter be deferred to allow for a meeting to be held before 1 June 2015 with parents and private instructors and that a paper be tabled at the Council Meeting on 1st June for consideration. This was seconded by Councillor Enright.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Enright that this matter be deferred to allow for a meeting to be held before 1st June 2015 with parents and private instructors and that a paper be tabled at the Council Meeting on 1st June 2015 for consideration.

AHC/17/2015: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015 from Mr P Power, Sports Officer recommending that one Councillor from each DEA and up to two representatives from the larger sports such as soccer, GAA and rugby sit on the SAND (Sports Association, Newry, Mourne and Down) Committee. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Harte to approve that one Councillor from each DEA and up to two representatives from the larger sports such as soccer, GAA and rugby sit on the SAND committee and that a Sports Association for the District be established in line with the

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recommendations previously presented to the April 2015 AHC Committee, with the exception of the change to the number of Councillor representatives.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/18/2015: NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN TRAVELLER FORUM REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015 from Ms K Bingham, Good Relations Officer recommending the following: (Copy circulated)

- **The Council reconstitutes the Newry and Mourne Traveller Forum as the Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum for one year to allow terms of reference for Council DEA to be established and the operational structures to be agreed.**
- **The Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum is chaired by the Chairperson of the Council.**
- **The 3 Elected Members currently sitting on the Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues should sit on the new Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum to ensure consistency of approach.**
- **The Council nominates up to an additional 3 Elected Members to sit on the Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum.**
- **A representative of the Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum sits on the newly established Newry, Mourne and Down Diversity Forum in order to facilitate ongoing communication and collaboration regarding Traveller issues.**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to approve the officer's recommendations.

AHC/19/2015: ERECTION OF COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE – MILLTOWN PLAYING FIELDS, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015 from Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance recommending that Council approve the request from Warrenpoint Town Football Club to erect commercial signage on Council property subject to the following conditions: (Copy circulated)

- Licence agreement being drawn up if required.
- The Club to be responsible for any necessary planning permission and public liability insurance.

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- The Club to maintain the structures to the satisfaction of the Council.
- The Council must give prior approval to the content and nature of advertising to ensure that it is not at variance with the Council's approach to sports development e.g. there should be no advertisements for tobacco, alcohol and any other products that the Council may deem to be unsuitable.
- The Council reserves the right to a 15% share of income raised if these advertisements are deemed to be of a substantial nature.

Councillor Carr congratulated Warrenpoint Town FC on staying in the league and proposed that the Committee accept the Officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to accept the Officer's recommendation, subject to the following conditions:

- Licence agreement being drawn up if required.
- The Club to be responsible for any necessary planning permission and public liability insurance.
- The Club to maintain the structures to the satisfaction of the Council.
- The Council must give prior approval to the content and nature of advertising to ensure that it is not at variance with the Council's approach to sports development e.g. there should be no advertisements for tobacco, alcohol and any other products that the Council may deem to be unsuitable.
- The Council reserves the right to a 15% share of income raised if these advertisements are deemed to be of a substantial nature.

AHC/20/2015: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015, from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, recommending that the applicants are awarded funding on a competitive basis with the highest receiving funding in descending order until the budget was allocated per programme area. Applicants who had achieved over the threshold would then be placed on a reserve list should more funding become available. (Copy circulated)

Ms Burns advised there had been 519 applications received which needed to be processed through stages 1 and 2. Stage 1 was to assess eligibility and 145 applications failed this stage. Stage 2 used 3 criterion to assess against and 156 of the submitted applications failed at this stage. She recommended that 190 applications be approved for funding.

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Members discussed the issue and raised the following queries:

- If a group applied for £1,000 and the scheme was only assessed as being equivalent to £500, would this scheme still be eligible to be processed?
- Had the unsuccessful groups been informed as yet of the outcome of their applications?
- When would all groups find out the result of the applications?
- Would the unsuccessful groups be advised of the areas their applications had failed on?

Ms Burns responded to the queries as follows:

- Assessments were undertaken based on the information requested and were weighted against costs and outcomes. Every eligible application would receive a contribution – sometimes less than they had applied for.
- Due to the high volume of applications received, and in line with the policies and procedures, groups would not be informed of their success or otherwise until Council ratified the recommended way forward at its meeting on 1 June 2015.
- The review process had been updated and groups could ring to have a telephone debrief on their application.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Taylor to accept the Officer's recommendation to award funding to the applicants on a competitive basis with the highest receiving funding in descending order until the budget was allocated per programme area, with applicants who had achieved over the threshold then being placed on a reserve list, should more funding become available.

AHC/21/2015: **REQUEST FROM SUICIDE DOWN TO ZERO TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE NEXT ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015, from Ms J Hillen, PCSP Manager recommending that the Committee consider a request received from Suicide Down to Zero to make a brief presentation on the importance of suicide prevention in the area to the Committee in June 2015. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Devlin to invite Suicide Down to Zero to make a presentation to the June 2015 Active and Healthy Communities Committee.

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AHC/22/2015: PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT SAVAL PLAYING FIELDS TO SAVAL GFC

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015, from Ms C McKenna, Assistant Director of Administration, recommending that Council note the agreement to sell a 1.06 acre portion of land which had previously been leased by Newry and Mourne Council to Saval GFC, and advising of the valuation now received in relation to this land. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Loughran to note the agreement to sell a 1.06 acre portion of land to Saval GFC.**

AHC/23/2015: GOOD RELATIONS ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 18 May 2015, from Ms S Rice, Good Relations Officer, recommending that the Committee note the Council's amended Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan with the revised budget based on the allocation of funding from OFMDFM for the financial year 2015/16. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Enright raised an issue around the wording used within the action plan. He asked that 'Catholic' and Protestant' be amended as he considered this wording was inaccurate and insulting to all church going people.

Mr Hannaway advised that the Council must use wording in line with statutory requirements.

NOTED: **Report dated 18 May 2015 on Good Relations Strategy & Action Plan.**

Councillor Walker queried if there were any plans to establish a Good Relations Committee or Forum.

Mr Hannaway advised a discussion would take place on this issue at the Party Representatives Forum and a paper would be brought to the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting in June.

AHC/24/2015: CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Read: Invitation received from Community Relations Council to a Symposium on Civic Leadership from 10am to 12noon on Wednesday 10 June

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2015 at Hilsborowe Room, Malone House, Barnett's Demesne, Belfast.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed that the invitation be forwarded to all Councillors for their information.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.00pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 1 June 2015.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr L Hannaway
Chief Executive