

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2023

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 18 September 2023 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre and via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor R Howell (Chamber)

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor C Galbraith
Councillor J Jackson
Councillor A Mathers
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor K Murphy

In attendance via Teams: Councillor D Finn
Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor D Lee-Surginor
Councillor O Magennis
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor S O'Hare

Non-Members Councillor J Brennan

**Officials in attendance
in Chamber:**

Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/101/2023: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Devlin and Lewis.

The Chairperson advised the Mournes and Slieve Croob DEAS, as members of the Newcastle Suicide Prevention Task Group, were supporting a number of initiatives to be implemented throughout September as part of the Newcastle Festival of Light programme 2023 to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. These included Walk for Life, Senior Afternoon Tea, Online Mental health First Aid, Chi by the Sea, Good Food Moods, Cold Water Therapy and Sunrise Swim. She congratulated everyone involved for highlighting a very worthwhile issue.

AHC/102/2023: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/103/2023: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2023

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 August 2023. **(Copy circulated)**.

AHC/100/2023 – Letter of Offer, Area of Risk 2023/24

Councillor Finnegan advised she understood the rationale for the charges for courses and programmes however she felt the communities of Crossmaglen and Bessbrook should be consulted on how the funds were spent.

It was agreed that Mrs Robb would provide detail regarding programmes within Bessbrook and Crossmaglen and would meet with Councillor Finnegan to discuss the matter of consultation with the communities.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 August 2023.

AHC/104/2023: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 18 September 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the District Electoral Area Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, to note the update report on the District Electoral Area Forums.

AHC/105/2023 **COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB (CCH) UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 18 September 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finn, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, note the report and approve the actions in the action sheet for Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on 16 August 2023.**

AHC/106/2023 **PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Read: Report dated 18 September 2023 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Economy, Growth & Tourism and presented by Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the Peace IV Local Action Pan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the report and the Minutes of Peace IV Partnership Meeting 23 March 2023.**

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Mathers, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 19 and 20 which related to exempt information by virtue of para. Three 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.**

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

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

AHC/107/2023 **KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 18 September 2023 from Mrs P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Kilkeel Leisure Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor K Murphy, to note the officer's report and that management were continuing to address service continuity issues at Kilkeel Leisure Centre.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 October 2023.

Signed: Councillor R Howell
Chairperson

Signed: Paul Tamati
Assistant Director Leisure and Sport