

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 June 2015 at 6.00pm in the Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor S Burns Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor H Harvey Councillor K Loughran
Councillor B Ó'Muirí Councillor D Taylor

Non-Committee Members: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy
Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy
Communities (
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy
Communities (Leisure and Sport)
Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager
Mr J Campbell, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager
Mr K Gordon, Assistant Leisure Services Officer
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/25/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Devlin, Harte, Sharvin and Walker.

The Chairperson congratulated Mr E Devlin and Mr R Moore on their recent appointments as Assistant Directors.

AHC/26/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Enright declared an interest in item 9 – Service Level Agreement Affordable Warmth as his family had benefitted from the scheme.

Councillors Andrews and Loughran declared an interest in item 11 – LIFE Funding – Proposed Green Infrastructure Project as they were members of East Border Region.

AHC/27/2015: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2015

Read: Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2015. (copy circulated).

AHC/17/2015 – Establishment of Sports Association
Councillor Enright stated there should be an equal spread of sporting organisations on the Association for example GAA should be split into Hurling, Camogie and Football and should have representation from all of these sports.

Mr Lipsett advised it was decided to have one representative from each sport on the Association in order that it remained workable and efficient.

Mr Hannaway advised Council had already made a decision on this matter, however it could be looked at in the future if it was not working.

Noted: **The Action Sheet was NOTED.**

PRESENTATION

AHC/28/2015: PRESENTATION BY SUICIDE TO ZERO

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Pat McGreevy and Mr David Smyth to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Smyth and Mr McGreevy highlighted the following issues:

- Every year in Northern Ireland there were on average 300 deaths by suicide.
- In 2001 there were 144 deaths through suicide and 158 Road Traffic Accidents.
- By 2013 the deaths in Road Traffic Accidents had fallen to 59 while the number of suicides had almost trebled to 303 deaths.
- Suicide to Zero's aim was to ensure a similar attitude to preventing suicide through campaigns such as that used to reduce deaths by Road Traffic Accidents.
- The group was inspired by the work of the Henry Ford Health System in Illinois, USA whose methods succeeded to the point where for periods of almost two years they did not have a single suicide death in their entire system.

Mr McGreevy advised the group were asking the Council to influence and persuade the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to fully endorse and

adopt the suicide zero approach. They ask that Council support efforts to increase the level of funding from the Executive and help those in pursuit of new sources of funding.

Councillor Burns advised Council had recently agreed to set a strategy in place to deal with suicide and training of staff to recognise the signs of suicide. He stated Council had also agreed to mark World Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Days.

Councillor Burns also encouraged the Suicide to Zero group to become involved in the Community Planning process being set up by Council along with other suicide prevention groups such as PIPS and MYMY.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their excellent presentation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/29/2015: PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR BONFIRES/BEACONS

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015 from Mrs J Hillen, Ms S Burns and Ms S Rice recommending that the Committee agree to the following:

- (i) Adopt the Beacons and Bonfires policy
- (ii) Put in place a bonfire management programme which would include selling the beacons and match funding from PCSP and Good Relations (Copy circulated)

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran to accept the Officers' recommendations.

Councillor Taylor expressed his concerns at the removal of the beacon scheme and highlighted it may encourage groups to revert back to the burning of bonfires. He said it was important for the Council to engage with communities and work alongside them on this matter.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran to accept the officer's recommendation to:

- (i) **Adopt the Beacons and Bonfires Policy**
- (ii) **Put in place a bonfire management programme which will include selling the beacons and match funding from PCSP and Good Relations.**

AHC/30/2015: RESULTS OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND SOUTH ZONE REVENUE PROJECTS

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015 from Ms S Burns, which provided background to the 'Work It' programme which involved engaging 160 individuals back into work combined with 500 community projects. The

report recommended that the Committee agree to appoint the Service Delivery Organisation as per the Central Procurement Directives decision. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to appoint the Service Delivery Organisation as per the Central Procurement Directives.

AHC/31/2015: RESULTS OF SECOND CALL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015 from Mrs S Burns, recommending that the Committee agree to award the following:

- i. Community Festivals – 57 at a cost of £52,862.00
- ii. Good Relations – 29 at a cost of £8,426.44
- iii. Capital Schemes – 31 at a match funding cost of £345,983.00 (copy circulated)

Members asked when groups would find out if they had been successful and whether they were able to find out why they failed. Ms Burns advised the minutes from the meeting would be presented at the Council meeting on 6th July 2015 and letters would be issued to groups on Friday 10th July to advise if successful or otherwise. She stated there will be a full review with debrief and appeals system for groups to access.

Councillor Enright stated festival and events in seaside villages are linked to tourism and should be considered collectively rather than individually. Mr Lipsett advised he would investigate this possibility.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to award the following:

- i. Community Festivals – 57 at a cost of £52,862.00
- ii. Good Relations – 29 at a cost of £8,426.44
- iii. Capital Schemes – 31 at a match funding cost of £345,983.00 (copy circulated)

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/32/2015: IMPLEMENTATION OF PART III OF SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS (NI) ORDER 2006

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Mr E Devlin and Mr P McVerry which recommended that the Committee note the report and agree to approve implementation of Part III of The Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: The report on the Implementation of Part III of the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006 was noted and it was agreed on the

proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Burns to approve implementation of Part III of the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006.

AHC/33/2015: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT AFFORDABLE WARMTH

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Mr E Devlin recommending that the Committee note the report and consider and agree to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the SLA for Affordable Warmth project on behalf of the Council. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to give authorisation to the Chief Executive to sign the SLA for Affordable Warmth project on behalf of the Council.**

AHC/34/2015: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR 2015-2016

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Mr E Devlin recommending that the Committee note the report and consider and agree to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the SLA on behalf of the Council. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Taylor to give authorisation to the Chief Executive to sign the SLA in relation to Public Health Agency Funded Activities for 2015-2016.**

AHC/35/2015: LIFE FUNDING – PROPOSED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Read: Report dated 15 June 2015, from Ms S McEldowney & Mr J Campbell, recommending that the Committee agree to Council Officials working with Officers of the East Border Region and Officers from other East Border Region Councils in preparing an application for LIFE funding for a Green Infrastructure Project. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if it would be possible to incorporate the citypark for Newry into this project.

Mr Campbell advised the project would initially be to look at smaller towns and villages across the East Border Region.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Burns that Council Officials working with officers of the East Border Region and officers from other East Border**

Region Councils in preparing an application for LIFE funding for a Green Infrastructure Project.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.00pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 6 July 2015.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities