

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 18 June 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire
Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor R Howell	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr A Herron, PlayBoard NI

AHC/114/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Harte.

AHC/115/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/116/2018: TO AGREE A START TIME FOR ACTIVE & HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2018
TO APRIL 2019**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to approve the proposed dates for the AHC Committee Meetings for June 2018-April 2019 as circulated.

AHC/117/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2018

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

PRESENTATIONS

AHC/118/2018: PRESENTATION FROM PLAYBOARD

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Newry Play Parks – Consolidation Report. **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Herron to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation.

Mr Herron provided some background stating Council had asked PlayBoard to undertake a further survey in order to identify the community's preferred site to focus investment on for future play investment. He stated the preferred option in order to meet the needs of all houses in the wider area, both existing and planned, was a new site which had been identified between Martins Lane and Loanda Crescent.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Herron for his presentation and invited questions from Members:

Councillor Kimmins asked if the new site was developed, what would happen to the existing playparks and whether it could be given to the community for their use.

Mr Herron advised that as part of the focused investment the other sites would not be replaced and would be removed over a period of time.

Councillor Kimmins proposed that the Committee approve the findings of the survey and that Council proceed with a view to developing the potential new neighbourhood play area at Martin's Lane/Loanda Crescent. This was seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick who stated the proposals looked fantastic.

Councillors Walker and Trainor, while acknowledging the work carried out by PlayBoard and officers, stated they could not support the proposals as the concerns regarding the naming of the play park remain.

The proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	11
AGAINST:	2
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was **CARRIED**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to approve the findings of the survey and proceed with a view to developing the potential new neighbourhood play area at Martin's Lane/Loanda Crescent.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/119/2018: DEA FOR A UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) For a Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 8 May 2018
- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 17 May 2018

AHC/120/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out within para. 2.1 of the officer's report at a total cost of £75,800.

AHC/121/2018: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LAND AT BESSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Expression of Interest for land at Bessbrook Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí queried whether Craig Rua Hurling Club had been notified regarding the Expression of Interest as they had previously been interested.

Mrs Hillen advised she would find out and revert back to Councillor Ó Muirí on the issue.

Councillor Loughran advised, by way of information, the hurling club had been interested in a separate piece of land, not the one being discussed at the meeting.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to approve Council officials to draw up a suitable lease between Council and Sure Start South Armagh in relation to land at Bessbrook Community Centre.

AHC/122/2018: **ADDITIONAL VEHICLES COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Additional Vehicles Community Services Department. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the Fleet Department to procure 2 large panel vans and 2 small vans for the Community Services department.

AHC/123/2018: **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Read: Report dated 18 June 2010 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to:

- Approve the funding applications in Call 2 for the 2018-2019 periods as set out in the appendix to the officer's report;
- To agree the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trustees of Thomas Davis GAC Newry, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in order to progress the delivery of the project.

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/124/2018: **NEW DLC TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding New Down Leisure Centre Transitional Arrangements. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed to approve as follows:**

- **Closure of existing Down Leisure Centre immediately following new building handover;**
- **Allowing an approx. 21 day period for final 'fit out', key training, familiarisation and independent consultant health and safety procedural sign off;**
- **Development of marketing launch plan to include a 'soft launch' to test procedures.**

AHC/125/2018: STA APPROVED TRAINING CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding STA Approved Training Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray queried whether this training would help to improve the waiting times that parents have for children to get into swimming lessons and whether Council worked with Lecale Swimming Club to get young people into being coached rather than teaching to swim thereby freeing up swimming lessons for others.

Mr Gordon advised there would be additional lessons with the extended opening times when the new leisure centre opened. He stated that Council were fostering relations with Lecale regarding pathways however at present it was his understanding that there was no waiting list for swimming lessons in Down Leisure Centre and that lesson spaces would be advertised 1st come 1st served during designated enrolment sessions but will check the current up to date status with the centre.

Councillor Enright stated it had been previously agreed that a review on Council's association with STA which was based in England would be undertaken in order to ascertain if they would be better to associate with Swim Ireland.

Mr Lipsett advised the differences had been previously investigated and currently all lifeguards etc were qualified under STA.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to proceed to complete registration forms to apply to be an approved training centre for the delivery of training and qualifications.**

AHC/126/2018: BALLYKINLAR CO DOWN GAMES CENTRE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Ballykinlar Co Down Games Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that Down County Board should submit a planning application which included the Council's current football pitch and agreed in principle to surrender the lease for Ballykinlar Football Pitch back to the MoD.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/127/2018: TRANSFER FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the progress report in the transfer of the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) function from the Northern Ireland Executive (NIHE) to Councils. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to approve:

- **The Service Delivery Model of one lead employing Council and two cluster areas of remaining Councils on a geographical spread;**
- **A collaboration agreement permitting Belfast City Council to procure ICT systems for the delivery of the function.**

AHC/128/2018: AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the Affordable Warmth Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

Members discussed the Affordable Warmth Scheme stating the postcode system used was unfair and, even when chosen, the process can take a long time to implement.

Councillor Quinn proposed to write to the Department expressing the need for the scheme that exists within the District as opposed to other areas and asking that the level of referrals be increased to, at least, what was in existence previously. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to write to the Department expressing the need for the scheme that

exists within the District as opposed to other areas and asking that the level of referrals be increased to, at least, what was in existence previously. It was also agreed to sign the SLA.

AHC/129/2018: SAR PROJECT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding SAR project, Atlantic Area Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Enright, it was agreed that Council become a partner to the SAR Project.**

AHC/130/2018: MEMBERSHIP OF PORT HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Membership of Association of Port Health Authorities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the payment of Corporate membership fees of £1000 of the Association of Port Health Authorities for 2018/19.**

AHC/131/2018: REPORT ON SUICIDE PREVENTION MEETING HELD IN 3 MAY 2018

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding meeting to discuss Suicide Prevention in the Newry, Mourne and Down District held on 3 May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Sharvin stated it had been raised at the meeting that links to organisations within the District that provide support should be added to the Council's website.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran it was agreed to approve the recommendations arising out of the meeting to discuss Suicide Prevention in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area held on 3 May 2018, to include the addition onto Council's website of organisations within the District that provide support.**

AHC/132/2018: SHIP SANITATION INSPECTION CHARGES

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Ship Sanitation Inspection Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to approve the new Ship Sanitation Inspection charging regime outlined in para.2.1 of the officer's report.**

AHC/133/2018: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding Appointment of Public Analysts. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed that Council formally appoint the Public Analysts listed in para.3.1 of the officer's report employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd to provide services to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/134/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – UPDATE

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement regarding Social Investment Fund – Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update.**

AHC/135/2018: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

AHC/136/2018: POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report. **(Copy Circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

AHC/137/2018: WARRENPOINT PSNI STATION

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Former Warrenpoint PSNI Station. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

AHC/138/2018: UPDATE REPORT ON LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR EVENTS 2017/18

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement regarding update report on logistical support for events 2017/18. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

AHC/139/2018: BESSBROOK AND CROSSMAGLEN AREAS AT RISK PROGRAMMES 2017/8

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Areas at Risk Community Education Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORT

AHC/140/2018: DUNDRUM COASTAL ROWING CLUB – PURCHASE OF SITE AT 32 MAIN STREET, DUNDRUM

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Mr Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Dundrum Coastal

Rowing Club – Purchase of Site at 32 Main Street, Dundrum.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the report.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Howell, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

AHC/141/2018: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – LEASING COUNCIL LAND

Read: Report dated 18 June 2018 from Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding an Expression of Interest regards leasing Council Land. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that Council grant a 5 year lease to each of the three successful clubs as outlined in para.3.1 of the officer's report, subject to a valuation from LPS, each club being responsible for the Council's legal costs in respect of the matter and legal formalities.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.04pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 2 July 2018.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities