

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2017

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 18 December 2017 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire
Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor Walker

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor Andrews Councillor Brown
Councillor Burns Councillor Enright
Councillor Fitzpatrick Councillor Loughran
Councillor McMurray Councillor Ó Muirí
Councillor Quinn Councillor Taylor
Councillor Trainor

Officials in attendance: Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Health & Wellbeing)
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Active & Health Communities (Community Engagement)
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Leisure & Sports)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Miss A Braiden, Down Youth Council
Mr T Laird, Down Youth Council
Mr M Reynolds, Down Youth Council
Mr F Cumiskey, Contact NI

AHC/189/2017: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Kimmins and Mr Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities.

The Chairperson asked for a letter of condolence to be sent to the family of Mr Paul Straney who had passed away recently. He advised Mr Straney was a fantastic footballer who had played for Cliftonville, was a coach of Kilmore Rec and was a great ambassador for the local area.

ACTION: It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Mr Paul Straney.

AHC/190/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

AHC/205/2017 - Social Investment Fund – Update

Councillor Burns declared an interest if Castlewellan Community Centre was discussed under the above item.

AHC/191/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2017

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 November 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

PRESENTATIONS

AHC/192/2017: PRESENTATION BY DOWN YOUTH COUNCIL ON THE YAFTAS

The Chairperson welcomed representatives from Down Youth Council and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Laird, Ms Braiden and Mr Reynolds advised the Committee of their upcoming Youth & Future Talent Awards (YAFTAS) which was being held in Millbrook Lodge Hotel, Ballynahinch in March. They stated this was the first time the event was being held by Down Youth Council as Newry & Mourne Youth Council have hosted for the past five years.

They stated the awards were broken down into 7 categories and recognise the achievements of young people outside of academic or sporting arenas. They had secured funding for most of the costs with each of the categories receiving £100 along with a trophy for 1st place and £50 for 2nd place.

The youth council members thanked Councillor Brown for his liaison work with Phoenix Gas to secure sponsorship for the new Inclusion Award and invited Members to attend their launch in January in Carnbane Resource Centre and the YAFTAS event in March in Ballynahinch.

Members congratulated the youth council members for their presentation and wished them every success in the event, offering assistance as required.

AHC/193/2017: PRESENTATION BY CONTACT NI

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

Mr Cumiskey stated Contact NI was a charity specialising in crisis counselling and

suicide prevention and their vision was to have a society free from suicide. He stated they provide the free-phone regional Lifeline crisis response helpline and wraparound counselling service. They had pioneered Independent Schools Counselling in Northern Ireland as well as the independent counselling support and advice service to the Northern Ireland Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry.

Mr Cumiskey advised the best way to bring about change is through legislation and the NI Suicide Prevention Bill with clinical duties of candour, competence and cooperation should be established.

Members asked the following questions:

- What, if any, links had been established with local groups in the District such as Suicide Down to Zero, PIPS, MYMY etc?
- What can Council do assist?
- The ethos of the Bill seems very health driven, would it cross into education also?
- How would the Bill help in terms of education, resources were not mentioned as presumably the resource of lifeline number and longterm plan to tackle suicide prevention would be put in statute?

Mr Cumiskey responded to the queries as follows:

- There was an all-party working group on suicide prevention that many local groups were represented at. Each meeting had 40-50 people in attendance.
- Awareness training should be provided to all staff on how to recognise if someone is trouble, asking the question “are you ok”, staying around to hear the answer, knowing how and where to refer people. There should be mandatory training and education for every workplace and educational facility.
- There needed to be community response and attitude around suicide prevention with people noticing and engaging those people who are at risk of suicide. If more people adopted a good Samaritan attitude, it would make an immense difference to the overall rate of suicide but people need to be educated and trained in recognising the symptoms and signs and how to ask someone if they are ok.
- There were many resources available to tackle suicide however until the data was in place in terms of how many deaths occur each year in each health trust by suicide there would be no way to drive the kind of service and preventative patient health systems required to tackle it.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Cumiskey for attending the meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/194/2017: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Burns to agree to the**

recommendations of the Peace IV Partnership as follows:

- **Children and Young People:**
 - * To move forward with developing the EA identified cross-border project (Young Women's Youth Group) in the South Armagh/North Louth Area, including approaching Louth CC to come to an arrangement regarding cofinancing the project. Once development is complete and agreeable, the project will move forward to implementation. Estimated cost: £15,000
- **Shared Spaces and Services:**
 - * Tender and appoint a provider for the Preparatory Programme for disengaged communities and leaders. Estimated cost: £84,700
- **Building Positive Relations:**
 - * Appoint facilitators to carry out needs analysis and matching under the Capacity Building Programme for Groups. Estimated costs: £20,000
 - * Appoint a facilitator to carry out a needs analysis with DEA Fora. Estimated cost: £12,000
 - * Carry out a number of older people good relations programmes in various areas. Estimated cost: £25,000
 - * Carry out small scale ethnic minority projects as identified. Appoint facilitators as required. Estimated cost: £30,000

AHC/195/2017: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report from Mrs J McCabe, Programmes Unit dated 18 December 2017, regarding Financial Assistance (copy circulated).

Councillor Burns asked that officers work with those groups who had been successful, however were unable to meet the funding threshold, to investigate other sources of funding for their programmes such as Awards For All.

- Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker to:**
- **Open Financial Call 1 in January 2018 to include revenue programmes, potential minor capital budget and ERT projects as recommended by ERT.**
 - **Implement the financial assistance review recommendations to include a revision of the application form and scoring.**
 - **Deliver information workshops to communities on the open financial call.**

It was also agreed that officers work with successful groups who had not reached the funding threshold to investigate other sources of funding for their programmes.

AHC/196/2017: DEA FORA - UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Coordinator (Crotlieve), dated 18 December 2017, regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Quinn, to approve the actions outlined in the action sheets from the following DEA Forum meeting:**

- **Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 11 October 2017;**
- **Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 25 October 2017;**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 9 November 2017;**
- **Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 14 November 2017;**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 23 November 2017.**

AHC/197/2017: STRENGTHENING THE LINKS BETWEEN DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Strengthening the Links between District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora and Community Planning (including Revised Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol for DEAs) (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to note the recommendations agreed at the Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board's meeting on Tuesday 24 October 2017 and to:**

- **Allocate an operational budget of £10,000 for each DEA Coordinator to help them undertake actions, and respond to issues, in their respective DEA.**
- **Allocate a budget of £2,000 per DEA to develop and enhance communication.**
- **Allocate a budget of £2,000 per DEA to support capacity building initiatives.**
- **Approve the revised Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol for the DEA Fora.**

AHC/198/2017: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DfC) FOR FRONTLINE ADVICE SERVICES

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Additional Funding from Department for Communities (DfC) for Frontline Advice Services (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Andrews to award the additional DfC funding of £14,460.57 to Citizens Advice Newry, Mourne and Down.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/198/2017: VACANT CRECHE SPACE AT NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 18 December 2017, regarding vacant Crèche Space at Newry Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri, seconded by Councillor Loughran to commence expression of interest process for vacant drop in baby minding area at Newry Leisure Centre.

AHC/199/2017: OPTIONS FOR EXTENDED OPENING TIMES WITHIN INDOOR LEISURE

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Options for Extended Opening Times within Indoor Leisure (copy circulated).

Councillor Brown queried whether an economic analysis on the extension of opening hours had been carried out.

Mr Moore advised there had been a very low response rate to the consultation, with half of those already attending the leisure centre, therefore, it would not be robust enough to state what the income increase would be. He stated it was something that would be monitored going forward.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked why no staff members had responded from Down and Newry Leisure Centres.

Mr Moore advised it had previously been agreed by Council that Down and Newry Leisure Centres opening hours would be extended.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Taylor to:

- Continue to open DLC and NLC in line with previously approved opening hours and monitor usage over the next 6-12 months to determine level of interest from members of the public;
- Continue to monitor staff and customer feedback from Ballymote, Kilkeel and Newcastle to facilitate any future reviews;
- Maintain current opening arrangements at Ballymote,

Kilkeel and Newcastle and to promote the availability of additional Sunday morning opening at the Newry and Downpatrick centres;

- **Present further paper to Committee in October-December 2018 to determine success of Sunday opening hours at DLC and NLC to influence future decision on remaining facilities at Ballymote, Kilkeel and Newcastle.**

AHC/200/2017: WARRENPOINT TENNIS CLUB

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Warrenpoint Tennis Club – Lease of Lands at Milltown Recreation Site, Warrenpoint (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri to enter into a 3 year lease agreement at a rental of £120 per annum (as assessed by LPS) subject to completion of all legal formalities in order to regularise the situation and in light of the Assets Management Review.**

AHC/201/2017: LICENCE REQUEST FOR A BOOKING AT NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 18 December 2017 regarding Licence Request for a Booking at Newry Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Quinn to proceed with licence request for a booking at Newry Leisure Centre.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/202/2017: RESPONSE NI CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024

Read: Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 18 December 2017, regarding response NI Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024 (copy circulated).

Councillor Andrews advised the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum had received a presentation from Sustainable NI and suggested they be invited to make a presentation to the Committee.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Enright to note the report and to submit the response as outlined in the report. It was also agreed to invite Sustainable NI to present to the**

Committee at a future date.

AHC/203/2017: REQUEST FROM AGE SECTOR PLATFORM TO HOST PENSIONERS PARLIAMENT

Read: Report from Ms L O'Reilly, Age Friendly Co-ordinator, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Request to Host Local Sitting of NI Pensioners Parliament (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor to agreed that the Council hosts and facilities a local sitting of the Pensioners Parliament.**

AHC/204/2017: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS

Read: Report from Ms S Murphy, Senior Environmental Health Officer (Food Safety), dated 18 December 2017, regarding Appointment of Public Analysts (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews to formally appoint the following Public Analysts to provide services to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council:**
Ronald Anthony Ennion BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC, MIFST
Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC
Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/205/2017: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programme Manager, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Social Investment Fund - Update. (copy circulated).

Noted: **The update report on Social Investment Fund was noted.**

AHC/206/2017: POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Ms D Brannigan, Head of Engagement & Ms S Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Policing & Community Safety Partnership (copy circulated).

Noted: **The update report on Policing & Community Safety Partnership was noted.**

AHC/207/2017: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement & Mr S McKevitt, Neighbourhood Renewal Officer, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. (copy circulated).

Noted: **The update report on Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership was noted.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/208/2017: PLAY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 18 December 2017, regarding Delivery of Play Strategy Consultation Process (copy circulated).

Noted: **The update report on delivery of play strategy consultation process was noted.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.36pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 8 January 2017.

Signed: Councillor W Walker
 Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
 Director of Active and Healthy Communities