

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2019

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 19 August 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic  
Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor L Kimmins

**In attendance:** (Councillors)

Councillor G Bains	Councillor S Doran
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor G Malone
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor B Walker

**Also In Attendance:** Councillor T Andrews

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing  
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)  
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/111/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Trainor.

**AHC/112/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gibbons declared an interest in item 9 - No 16 The Square Rostrevor, Councillor McKeivitt declared an interest in item 8 - Ballyholland FMA and item 24 - Ballyholland Land Transfer.

**AHC/113/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 June 2019 (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the action sheet.

**AHC/114/2019 AHC BUSINESS PLAN - ANNUAL REVIEW**

Read: AHC Mid-Year Assessment Business Plan 2018-19 (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor O Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare it was agreed that Committee approve the Mid-Year Assessment of the AHC Business Plan 2018-2019.

**AHC/115/2019**      **DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, 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 Tuesday 18 June 2019.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 2019.
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 2019.

**AHC/116/2019**      **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CALL 1 2020/21**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Head of Programmes, regarding Financial Assistance Call 1 – 2020/21 **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor O Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed that the Committee:

- open the Financial Assistance Call 1 2020/21 prior to Christmas (subject to the confirmation of budgets);
- and note the outcomes of the Equality Screening of the Financial Assistance Policy.

**AHC/117/2019**      **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Head of Programmes, regarding Financial Assistance – Service Level Agreements for Community Centres **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to accept the following recommendations:

- to allocate legacy SLA groups 50% of legacy payments for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021;



New Model Farm Community Centre Proposal Downpatrick (**Copy circulated**)

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, it was agreed to accept the following recommendations:
- that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application.

**FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/121/2019: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, head of Engagement, regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**AHC/122/2019: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, head of Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**AHC/123/2019 POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, head of Engagement, regarding Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**AHC/124/2019 COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGY**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services Facilities and Events, regarding Community Services Strategy Update (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**AHC/125/2019**      **PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Read:                      Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                      **It was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

**LEISURE AND SPORT**

**AHC/126/2019**      **AUTISIM FRIENDLY SWIM SESSIONS**

Read:                      Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr K Gordon, Director of Leisure and Sport, regarding Autism Friendly Swim Sessions **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairperson asked if the pilot scheme could be extended to Newry leisure centre. Councillor Doran also requested if Kilkeel could be included in this scheme.

Mr Tamati confirmed that they were anticipating implementing pilot programmes across the District in the future.

Agreed:                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor McKevitt to accept the following recommendation:**

- **to permanently introduce Autism Friendly Sessions at Downpatrick Leisure Centre (subject to closures and holiday arrangements) on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7:00pm with a 6-month review period.**

**AHC/127/2019**      **COMMUNITY TRAILS FUNDING**

Read:                      Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, Community Trails Funding Report **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran to accept the following recommendation:**

- **subject to the securing of external funding, Council will provide £289,626 match funding for Community Trails at Drumkeeragh Forest, Tievenadarragh Forest, Seaforde Plantations, and Corry Wood as per appendix 1.**

**FOR NOTING LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/128/2019:**      **SWIM ULSTER POOL BOOKINGS**

Read:                      Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr K Gordon, Director of Leisure and Sport, regarding Swim Ulster Pool Bookings **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairperson asked if it was possible to negotiate some of the swimming gala dates with Swim Ulster as they are all weekends and particularly the one in March which falls over St Patrick's week. She advised there had been a number of complaints about the pool being closed to the public at peak times and especially conscious for full paying members, this was seconded by Councillor Savage.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Savage, to go back to Swim Ulster and negotiate the dates requested for the Swim Ulster Gala.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**AHC/129/2019: HOME TO HOSPITAL SCHEME FOR SLIEVE GULLION DEA**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Home to Hospital Scheme for Slieve Gullion DEA (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O Muirí, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Committee agree to allocate £10000 to facilitate a Home to Hospital scheme for Older Persons within Slieve Gullion DEA and issue an Expression of Interest to suitable Community/Voluntary Groups to administer the scheme

**AHC/130/2019: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms S Trainor, Senior EHO (Health Improvement) regarding Service Level Agreement in relation to the Affordable Warmth Scheme (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the Committee approve the signing of the attached Service Level Agreement with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in relation to the provision of the Affordable Warmth Scheme

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Ruane, 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 para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (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/131/2019            YOUR SCHOOL YOUR CLUB FUNDING**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure Regarding Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor O’Hare to approve the recommendation as set out in para 3.1 of the officer’s report.**

**AHC/132/2019:        LAND AT BARCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services Facilities and Events, regarding land at Barcroft Community Centre **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the Committee agree to extend the existing lease with Newry Felons to include the site marked G2 on the site plan (subject to a satisfactory valuation from LPS)**

**AHC/133/2019        MULLAGHBANE COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE**

**Read:** Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services Facilities and Events, regarding Mullaghbane Community Centre Lease **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                    **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

**Agreed:**                    **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O Muirí, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, that the Committee agree to changes to the original terms of the Mullaghbane Community Centre lease as per recommendations as set out in para 3.1 of the officer’s report and that a deadline of all lease negotiations to be finalised by 31 December 2019 and agreement that failure to do so will result in lease not being renewed.**

Having previously declared an interest, Councillor McKeivitt left the room at this point.

**AHC/134/2019      BALLYHOLLAND LAND TRANSFER**

Read: Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, regarding Ballyholland land transfer **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare that the Committee agree to proceed with the leasing of Councils play area in Ballyholland to BHGAC in exchange for the leasing of separate lands from BHGAC to Council for the establishment of play park facilities in line with the Councils Play strategy.**

Councillor McKeivitt re-entered the meeting at this stage.

**AHC/135/2019      PLAY PARK UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, regarding Play Strategy Upgrade/Transformation Schemes **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor O'Hare that the Committee agree to proceed with the commencement of design consultation, capital works and spend for the play areas as per the Councils Play Strategy as set out in para 3.1 of the officer's report.**

**AHC/136/2019      BALLYKINLAR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Read Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services Facilities and Events, regarding Relocation and Refurbishment of NIFRS Building from Strangford Road to Ballykinlar **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

**AHC/137/2019**

**BANN ROAD PAVILLION**

Read

Report dated 19 August 2019 from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, regarding Bann Road Sports Pavilion, Castlewellan (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:**

**On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session**

**Agreed:**

**It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O Muirí to proceed with the revised capital budget and commencement of works for the Bann Road Sports Pavilion in Castlewellan as set out in para 3.1 of the officer's report.**

**FOR NOTING**

**AHC/138/2019**

**SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE**

Read:

Report dated 19 August 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Head of Programmes, regarding Social and Investment Fund update (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:**

**It was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.42pm.

Signed:

Councillor L Kimmins  
Chairperson

Signed:

Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities