

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 19 December 2016 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor M Carr

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor Byrne Councillor Fitzpatrick
Councillor Harte Councillor Harvey
Councillor Kimmins Councillor Loughran
Councillor McMurray Councillor Ó'Muirí
Councillor Trainor Councillor Walker

Non-Committee Members: Councillor Andrews Councillor Enright

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy
Communities (Health and Wellbeing)
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy
Communities (Leisure and Sport)
Ms J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community
Engagement
Mr C Haughey, Parks and Grounds Officer
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/163/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

The Chairperson congratulated Mr C Haughey on his recent appointment as Head of Outdoor Leisure and wished him luck in his new role, which he will take up in January.

The Chairperson advised a message had been received from a member of the public who praised the staff and facilities at Down Leisure Centre. He asked that this be passed onto the staff at the leisure centre.

The Chairperson stated Councillor Bailie was still battling in hospital and his thoughts and prayers were with her with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Chairperson thanked all of the Committee Members and officers for their attendance and support at the Committee throughout the year and wished them a very Happy Christmas.

AHC/164/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McMurray declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda – Education Authority Review of Residential and Outdoor Centres, as he was an employee of the Education Authority in one of the centre earmarked for closure.

AHC/165/2016: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 2016.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/166/2016 DRUMALANE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAPITAL BUILD

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Service Community Services and Mr S McKeivitt, NHR Manager regarding Drumalane Community Centre Capital Build (copy circulated)

Ms Hillen advised that Department for Communities had agreed to provide funding of up to £335k for a community building in Drumalane, Newry and a project Letter of Offer had been received which contained a number of pre-conditions to the funding. She recommended that the Committee implement the project in line with the conditions contained within the document and write to Department for Communities reaffirming Council's support for the project and request some flexibility around timescales outlined.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that Council implement the project in line with the following conditions:**

- 1. Ensure that procurement for the project is followed in line with Central Procurement Directorate guidance;**
- 2. Provide a copy of the relevant planning approval for the Modular Build Option; and**
- 3. Provide a written undertaking that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will meet the running costs of the new building for the first 3 financial years in the event of the community group being unable to do so.**

It was also agreed that Council write to the Department for Communities reaffirming its support for the project and requesting some flexibility around timescales outlined.

AHC/167/2016 POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Fearon, PCSP Manager dated 19 December 2016 regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership (Copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to note the Minutes and Officer Report to PCSP.**

AHC/168/2016 DEA FORA UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Coordinator (Crotlieve) dated 19 December 2016 regarding DEA Fora Update (Copy circulated).

Councillor Ó'Muirí queried an item under Slieve Gullion DEA Update regarding the opening of community centres for school children and families to be able to use wifi provision.

Ms Hillen advised that officers were working on the issue and would be seeking a meeting with IT consultants in the New Year to work out the best way to move forward. She stated that the Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinator was currently trying to identify wifi hotspots within the Slieve Gullion area that could be utilised.

Councillor Walker wished to express his gratitude to the DEA coordinators on the excellent work they have undertaken so far.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to note the report and approve the actions outlined in the action sheets from the DEA forum meetings held in October and November 2016.**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/169/2016 CRECHE SPACE OPERATING MODEL FOR NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE – PHASE 2

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 19 December 2016 regarding Crèche Space Operating Model for Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 (Copy circulated).

Mr Moore advised provision had been set aside in Newry Leisure Centre for a drop-in baby minding room however it was recommended that officers do not proceed with making arrangements to operate a drop-in baby minding service at this stage and

research alternate operating models and use for the space and bring back a report at a later date detailing proposed options for consideration.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to accept the officer's recommendation not to proceed with making arrangements to operate a drop-in baby minding service and research alternate operating models and use for the space. It was agreed that a report would be brought to Committee at a later date detailing proposed options for consideration.

AHC/170/2016 **SUN SAFE BEHAVIOURS SUB-GROUP, REGIONAL SKIN CANCER PREVENTION STRATEGY**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Parks and Grounds Officer dated 19 December 2016 regarding Sun Safe Behaviours Sub-Group, Regional Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Byrne to accept the officer's recommendation to agree, in principle, to support the Department of Health in the provision and planning for shaded areas within any future outdoor developments.

AHC/171/2016 **THE PROVISION OF STRETCHERS AT OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Parks and Grounds Officer dated 19 December 2016 regarding the provision of stretchers at outdoor sports facilities (Copy circulated).

Mr Moore advised following a recent incident at a football pitch, a footballer had to be carried off the pitch after sustaining a bad injury and as there was no stretcher available he had to remain lying on the ground until a medical ambulance crew arrived. He stated it would cost approx. £7000 to locate stretchers at the 35 outdoor sports fields and as there were not be storage containers these would need to be purchased also.

Mr Moore stated the recommendation was that Council should not provide the stretchers due to possible high risk to patients and stretcher bearers, however, Council should ensure all its outdoor facilities had easy access for ambulance crews to park as close as possible to pitches.

Councillor Walker advised he had asked the Director to bring this matter to the Committee as the incident had occurred recently in Killyleagh. He proposed that the matter be taken back by officers to look at the provision of stretchers in manned centres that have sporting pitches beside them.

Councillor Ó'Muirí seconded the proposal stating that clubs should also be written to asking that they become proactive in purchasing stretchers in a similar way to having purchased defibrillators with Council assisting them if possible.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí that the matter be referred back to officers to investigate other options for the provision of stretchers, in consultation with the Health and Safety Department, taking into account Health and Safety and insurance issues. A report would be brought back to the Committee with the options outlined.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

AHC/172/2016 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNCIL AND NIHE TO PROVIDE HOUSING FITNESS INSPECTIONS ON BEHALF OF NIHE

Read: Report from Mr J Campbell, Senior Environmental Health Officer dated 19 December 2016 regarding SLA between Council and NIHE to provide Housing Fitness Inspections on behalf of NIHE (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne to note the contents of the report and agree that the Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing sign the Service Level Agreement between Council and NIHE to provide Housing Fitness Inspections on behalf of NIHE.

AHC/173/2016 RED KITE – RAPTORS, PEOPLE AND PLACE PROJECT

Read: Report from Ms D Begley, Biodiversity Officer dated 19 December 2016 regarding Red Kite – Raptors, People and Place Project (Copy circulated).

Mr Devlin advised RSPB had contacted the Health and Wellbeing Department regarding a project focusing on Red Kites. He stated the total projects costs would be approx. £266,000 and an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund would be submitted along with £12,000 cash and in kind contributions from RSPB.

Mr Devlin advised the recommendation was that Council partner RSPB in this project at a cost of £6,667 per year over three years and requested the matter be submitted into the estimates process.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Red Kite project proposal for Council to partner RSPB at a cost of £6,667 per

year over three years be submitted into the estimates process.

HAVING PREVIOUSLY DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE NEXT ITEM, COUNCILLOR MCMURRAY LEFT THE CHAMBER AT THIS STAGE – 6.20PM

COUNCILLOR ENRIGHT ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE – 6.20PM

AHC/174/2016 EDUCATION AUTHORITY REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL AND OUTDOOR CENTRES

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing dated 19 December 2016 regarding Education Authority Review of Residential and Outdoor Centres (Copy circulated).

Councillor Walker proposed that Council seek an urgent meeting with the Minister in relation to the proposed closure of Delamont, Kilowen and Ardnabannon and move to self-catering of Killyleagh. He stated he was sick of being turned down by Ministers and this cannot continue to keep happening as people will lose their jobs and the young people of the District will be affected.

Councillor Trainor seconded the proposal and added that a letter be sent to the Minister seeking the urgent halt of the process as consultation should not be carried out on a half review. He stated the Priority for Youth Document was to review OEC provision as well as the full statutory youth estate however the Minister had only consulted on the OEC provision and until such time as the full review is carried out, the process should be halted.

Councillor Walker accepted the amendment to his proposal.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Trainor that a letter be sent to the Minister asking for the halt of the consultation until such time as the full review could be carried out and that an urgent meeting be sought with the Minister in relation to the matter.

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

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 9 January 2016.

Signed: Councillor M Carr
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities