

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2022

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 19 December 2022 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre and via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor H Gallagher (Chamber)

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor J Brennan
Councillor A Lewis
Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance via Teams: Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor D Lee- Surginor
Councillor G Malone
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó'Muirí
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Non-Members
in attendance on Teams:** Councillor T Andrews

**Officials in attendance
in Chamber:** Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure & Sport
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in attendance
via Teams:** Ms L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer
Mr B Rankin, Head of Sustainability

AHC/204/2022: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

The Chairperson congratulated Clonduff Camogie team on winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Final at the weekend.

Commiserations were paid to Leitrim Fontenoys hurlers who missed out on the All-Ireland Club Intermediate Hurling Semi-Final.

The Chairperson wished Drumaness Mills good luck in the Border Cup Final.

AHC/205/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/206/2022: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2022

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022. **(Copy circulated)**.

AHC/096/2022: Dunleath Park Enhancement

Councillor Sharvin enquired about a timescale for feedback on the outcome of the levelling up applications that had been submitted. Mr Tamati advised that was stage one of the process and that there was no timescale on stage 2, and it was hoped to see something in the new year.

Councillor Sharvin asked if officers were continuing to identify money available to fund those defibrillators that had not been funded. Mr Devlin advised a suitable resource for funding defibrillators had not yet been identified however as year-end was approaching any significant underspend would be considered and possibly diverted to that financial call.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lewis to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/207/2022: PEACE IV REPORT

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding PEACE IV. **(Copy circulated)**

In welcoming the Public Art Feature for the Tom Dunn Project, Councillor Tinnelly asked that Committee be given the opportunity to see what the proposed artwork would look like.

Mrs Hillen advised artwork had not yet been designed and would have to be agreed through the Peace IV Partnership and that she would make sure the Active and Healthy Communities Committee would have sight of it.

Councillor Ó'Muirí commented that he had thought the Urban Sports Track would have been more advanced. Mrs Hillen advised they had hoped the consultation would have been completed at this stage however there had been some recommendations from the DEA Forum and that recommendations from the consultation would be presented at the next meeting of the Peace IV Partnership.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to approve recommendations agreed by the Partnership on 24 November 2022 as detailed within section 2.1 of the officer's report.

AHC/208/2022: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS - UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Sharvin took the opportunity to speak about how beneficial the DEA Forums were particularly in engaging with local communities.

In response to a query from Councillor McAteer about a report from the Crotlieve DEA Mrs Hillen confirmed she would check the date of the last meeting and when the report would be presented.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Brennan, to note the report and approve the actions for the following:

- Downpatrick DEA Forum Ad Hoc Meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2022.
- Newry DEA Forum Special Meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2022.
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2022.
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2022.

- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2022.**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2022.**

AHC/209/2022: COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Co-ordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó’Muirí, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2022.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/210/2022 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE NI (SNI)

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding a request for support for Sustainable NI. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer spoke of the importance of requests such as this being subject to scrutiny within the rates process.

Mr Devlin confirmed that within the resource implications section of the report it was accounted for within existing budgets, subject to the rates process.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to provide financial support and sign a Service Level Agreement with Sustainable NI for 2023-24 year.**

AHC/211/2022 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM ACTIONS – 20 OCTOBER 22

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding actions arising from the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Meeting held on 20 October 2022. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the report from the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum held on Thursday 20 October 2022 and approve the actions contained within the action sheet.**

AHC/212/2022

CONSULTATION RESPONSE DFE ONE STOP SHOP FOR ENERGY

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding a consultation from the Department for the Economy (DfE) on proposals for an Energy 'One Stop Shop' in Northern Ireland. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor McAteer to return the attached Consultation response as attached to the officer's report.**

AHC/213/2022

GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE OF PRODUCT SAFETY AND STANDARDS (OPSS)

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding a grant funding agreement with the Office of Product Safety and Standards. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McAteer to approve the signing of the Contract with Office of Product Safety and Standards as attached to the officer's report and accept the offer of Grant Funding.**

AHC/214/2022

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT PROCEDURES UPDATE

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding an on the recognition of achievement procedures.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to approve the updated Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport - Criteria & Processing Procedures as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Sharvin it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 12-16 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 any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

AHC/215/2022 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MAJOR SPORTS CAPITAL

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active and Healthy Communities and presented by Mr P Tamati regarding financial assistance, major sports capital. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to approve the new financial assistance arrangements for Sports Capital as outlined in 1.1.A of the officer's report and to approve the budget for Sports Capital as outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report, subject to the rates estimates process for 2023/24.

AHC/216/2022 PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY CONTRACTS

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing and presented by Mr B Rankin regarding the procurement of energy contracts. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor to approve initially proceeding with option 2 and procure energy collaboratively with other Councils. Should this not be feasible to procure directly for the Council.

AHC/217/2022

LEASING OF LAND – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport providing an update on expressions of interest received for the leasing of land and facilities as per the Sport and Community Leasing Policy 2016 in relation to former Playground, Station Avenue, Castlewellan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the contents of this report and that Expressions of Interest for the former playground, Station Avenue, Castlewellan progress to stage 3 of the Sport and Leasing Policy 2016.**

AHC/218/2022

ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY – SCHEME OF DELEGATION SCHEDULE

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active and Healthy Communities regarding the scheme of delegation for the Active and Healthy Communities April – December 2022 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Brennan it was agreed to note the report and attachments.**

END OF CLOSED SESSION

FOR NOTING

AHC/219/2022

POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor McAteer regarding the installation of SIDs including one at Mill Street, Burren, Mrs Hillen confirmed she would get back to him with a timescale on the full implementation of the SID.

Mr McAteer referred to the community safety aspect of the report and expressed concern that Community Policing overtime had been severely cut and the implications of that. Mrs Hillen confirmed she would raise those concerns to the PCSP.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2022, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 29 November 2022.**

AHC/220/2022 **DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Development regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Lewis to note the report and Minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 21 September 2022, approved at Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2022.**

AHC/221/2022 **NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Development regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the report and Minutes of Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2022 and the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plan for 2022/2025, approved at Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2022.**

AHC/222/2022 **REPORT ON COST OF LIVING INITIATIVES**

Read: Report dated 19 December 2022 from Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active and Healthy Communities and presented by Mr P Tamati regarding initiatives to help with the Cost of Living crisis. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó'Muirí referred to Councillor Murphy's motion presented in November 2022 in relation to cost of living and congratulated officers on the work.

In response to a query from Councillor McAteer regarding attendance at the open houses Mrs Hillen confirmed she would present an evaluation report to the next Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting.

Councillor Sharvin enquired as to the timing of the health and wellbeing events being during the working day to which Mr Devlin explained they had been scheduled around open space at that time and he appreciated the point made about people who work during the day and would take that on board.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor McAteer to note the report and actions outlined in appendix 1.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.48pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 9 January 2023.

Signed: Councillor H Gallagher
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities