

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2020

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 20 January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic  
Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor B Ó Muirí

**In attendance: (Councillors)**

Councillor S Doran	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor McKeivitt
Councillor G Malone	Councillor C Mason
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor W Walker	

**Also In Attendance:** Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor L Devlin  
Councillor H McKee

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

**AHC/1/2020: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gibbons and Mulgrew.

The Chairperson advised Members the initial Peace Plus Consultation would run until 25 February 2020. Members were invited to participate in the consultation which had two elements, Stakeholder engagements and an online survey. Hard copies of the consultation were distributed at the meeting.

The Chairperson acknowledged the tremendous achievement of Kilcoo GAC in making the All Ireland Club Final and wished them every success in the future.

**AHC/2/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/3/2020:                    ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019**

Read:                                    Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                                    **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2019.**

**It was agreed by all to take Item 8 at this point of the meeting.**

**LEISURE AND SPORT**

**AHC/4/2020                    OVERFLOW CAR PARK AT DONARD PARK**

Read:                                    Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Donard Park, unofficial overflow car park. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Clarke welcomed the capital build and grass screed car park solution and stated it was essential to have the overflow car park open for as many months as possible, particularly when Newcastle is busy, with Council working with local businesses to assist.

In response to Councillor Devlin, Mr Tamati advised it was envisaged subject to planning approval and processes that contractors could be on site by November 2020, and temporary arrangements would be in place for the summer period. Mr Tamati stated he would come back with specifics about the length of time it would take from start to finish for the project.

Further to a query from Councillor McMurray, Mr Lipsett confirmed it was not a tarmac car park but one which was sympathetic to the area with a grass screed like product. He pointed out permission was being sought to include the project in the Capital Programme, submit planning permission and go to tender for works.

In response to Councillor Devlin, Mr Lipsett advised that the recommendation was as presented within the report with an addition that should a budget be found in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days. He pointed out that there was currently no budget available to do this.

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

- **with ‘winter arrangements’ for the unofficial overflow car park at Donard Park to remain in place until Easter 2020 as per historical arrangement.**  
**Winter arrangements – closed from the 1<sup>st</sup> November to Easter 2020 (10<sup>th</sup> April)**
- **If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020.**
- **The proposed establishment of official and permanent overflow car parking arrangements at Donard Park as**

per appendix 1, and commit £250k to Council Capital Programme. Following such approval, a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.

Councillors Clarke, Devlin and McKee left the meeting at this point – 6.25pm.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/5/2020**

### **DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor O’Hare to note the report and to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 4 December 2019
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2019
- Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2019
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2019
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2019
- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2019

**AHC/6/2020**

### **ANNUAL LICENCE AGREEMENT AT COMMUNITIES FACILITIES**

**Read:** Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, regarding Annual Licence Agreement at Communities Facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Ruane, to replace existing tenancy arrangements within Council Community Facilities to updated Licence agreements.

AHC/7/2020

**SOCIAL INCLUSION: RED CROSS CRISIS FUND/INCLUSIVE CITIES**

Read: Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, regarding Social Inclusion: Red Cross Crisis Fund/Inclusive Cities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Doran to note the acceptance of the grant offer of £5,000 to administer TEO Crisis Fund and that Council participate in the Inclusive Cities Initiative.**

AHC/8/2020

**PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Read: Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **Further to a request from Councillor McKevitt, Mrs J Hillen advised an update in relation to works at Forkhill Barracks would be provided for all Active and Healthy Community Committee Members.**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran the recommendations of the Peace IV Partnership to change the frequency of Partnership meetings from monthly to bi-monthly were agreed.**

**LEISURE AND SPORT**

AHC/9/2020

**KILCLIEF PLAY PARK**

Read: Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Kilclief Play Park. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Savage, Mr Tamati confirmed additional works to the extension of fencing along the road side area at Carrievemaclone Play Park had been commissioned. Costs for additional work to fence the complete area would need to be examined.

Agreed: **It was agreed Mr Tamati would confirm the completion of works regarding the fencing along the road side area at the new Play Park at Carrievemaclone.**

**Assurance was given that once the Carrievemaclone Play Park was completed and operational, if concerns were raised these would be examined.**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane to proceed with:**

- The leasing of land from the Trustees of Kilclief Gaelic Athletic Club for the creation of a play area at Kilclief Gaelic grounds as identified as part of play strategy consultation process.
- The revised estimated capital spend for Kilclief Play Park of £159,000.00 was as a result of feedback from the final stage consultation process.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **AHC/10/2020: GATING ORDERS**

Read: Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Gating Order, Downpatrick Traffic Regulation Order 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Walker to approve the Downpatrick Traffic Regulations Order 2020**

### **AHC/11/2020: SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM**

Read: Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin highlighted the date for the Climate Symposium as being 12 March 2020 at Killeavy Castle, with further details to be provided nearer the time.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Trainor to note the report and approve the actions from the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum on 19 December 2019.**

## **DIRECTORS PAPERS**

### **AHC/12/2020: SCHEME OF DELEGATION – DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

Read: Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Scheme of Delegation.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt to note the report on Scheme of Delegation for the Director of Active and Healthy Communities.**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, 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/13/2020      No 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

**Read:** Report dated 20 January 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding No 16 The Square, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, 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 to approve officers proceeding as outlined in the report:

- Withdraw the original application.
- Complete the procurement process.
- Submit an application to the RDP for up to 75% through the Village Renewal Scheme of the total project costs.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.40pm.

**Signed:** Councillor B Ó Muirí  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities