

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2017

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor M Carr

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor S Burns Councillor P Byrne
Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor H Harvey
Councillor L Kimmins Councillor K Loughran
Councillor A McMurray Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport)
Ms J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement
Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/15/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte, Taylor, Trainor and Mr Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing).

The Chairperson congratulated the following three groups from the District on their success at the recent Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Live Here Love Here awards:

1. St Louis College Kilkeel, who were the NMDDC litter heroes.
2. Ardglass Development Association who received the Contribution to Tourism Award.
3. Love your Lough who received the biggest award of the evening, The Spirit of Live Here Love Here.

The Chairperson said Council was one of the 7 local authorities currently supporting this scheme which allocated £13,000 of grants to groups within the District each year. He added groups from the District were doing a great job at creating awareness of litter especially along the shores.

The Chairperson advised Item 16 – Recognition of Achievement Award – had been removed from the agenda as further comments from officers were to be submitted and the item would be brought back to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee in March.

AHC/16/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McMurray declared an interest in Item AHC/18/2017 – Action Sheet of AHC Committee held on 23 January 2017 (AHC/174/2016) – Education Authority Review of Residential and Outdoor Centres).

AHC/17/2017 NM&D LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PREPARATORY STUDIES, PAPER 14: EDUCATION HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Read: Report from Mr A Hay, Chief Planning Officer, dated 20 February 2017, regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies, Paper 14: Education, Health and Community Services (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the content of the report regarding the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies, Paper 14: Education, Health and Community Services.**

AHC/18/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2017

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 January 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray declared an interest in this item and left the chamber at this stage – 6.05pm

AHC/174/2016 Education Authority Review of Residential and Outdoor Centres

Mr Lipsett advised a response had been received from the Minister of Education declining Councils' request for a meeting regarding the closure of the residential and outdoor centres.

Councillor Walker expressed disappointment that the Minister was unable to meet with Council and he proposed that the previously drafted Council response be sent to the Minister. He added that the Education Authority had previously offered to meet with Council and asked that this meeting would be arranged.

Councillor Kimmins seconded Councillor Walker's proposals and requested that the potential loss of jobs for youth provision would also be discussed at the meeting with the Education Authority.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that the previously drafted response from Council be sent to the Minister for Education and that a meeting be organised with the Education Authority to discuss the proposed closure of the residential and outdoor centres and also the potential loss of jobs for youth provision.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 January 2017.

Councillor McMurray re-joined the meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/19/2017 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN U3A AND NM&DDC; FOR USE OF THE CLOUGHREACH CC

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the proposed licence agreement between U3A and NM&DDC for use of Cloughreagh CC (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Burns, that:

1. Approval be given to the LPS valuation for proposed five year Licence for the full use of Cloughreagh Community Centre form 9am – 4pm, Mon-Fri, during school term time.
2. If the valuation is agreeable to both parties, documentation in relation to a Licence agreement be drawn up and brought back to Committee for approval.

AHC/20/2017 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DOWN COMMUNITY AND NM&DDC; FOR USE OF MEETING ROOM IN DAN RICE HALL

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the proposed licence agreement between the Down Community and NM&DDC for use of the Dan Rice Hall (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that:

1. Approval be given to the LPS valuation for proposed five year Licence for the full use of the meeting room in Dan Rice Hall by the Down Community Group (estimate for both five and seven days).
2. If the valuation is agreeable to both parties, documentation in relation to a Licence agreement be drawn up and brought back to Committee for approval.

AHC/21/2017 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CALL 1 (2017-2018)

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement and Ms J McCabe, Diversity & Inclusion Projects Co-ordinator, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Financial Assistance Call 1 (2017-2018) (Copy circulated).

Mrs Hillen explained there was an error in the dates for the workshops within the report, which she would amend and would circulate the correct dates to Members, which were:

Monday 27 February	Kilmorey Arms Hotel, Kilkeel	6.45pm
Tuesday 28 February	Millbrook Hotel, Ballynahinch	6.45pm
Wednesday 1 March	Canal Court Hotel, Newry	6.45pm

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Burns, that the Committee notes the Funding Capacity Workshops being rolled out in advance of the first Financial Assistance Call. Thresholds and budgets approved by the Efficiencies Working Group on 1 February 2017 for spend in financial year 2017/18.

AHC/22/2017 COMMUNITY SUPPORT REVIEW REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Community Support Review Report and Recommendations (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that Community Support Review Report be noted, and agreement given to implement recommendations as detailed in the report.

AHC/23/2017 PRICING & OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Community Centre Scale of Charges 2017/18 (copy circulated).

In response to queries from Councillor Burns, Mrs Hillen explained that all of the Council owned or managed community centres had a Service Level Agreement in place and the pricing schedule was being set to ensure equality across these centres.

Mrs Hillen further advised that the provision of play inflatables was being reviewed in Council run buildings.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that the Community Centre Scale of Charges 2017/18, be approved.

AHC/24/2017 SLA/FMA TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS 2017/18

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the SLA/FMA to community organisations 2017/18 (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the release of Facility Management Agreements (FMAs) and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for 2017/18.

AHC/25/2017 DEA FORA UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Co-ordinator (Crotlieve), dated 20 February 2017, regarding the DEA Fora Update. (copy circulated).

In response to queries from Councillor Burns regarding the requirement of a play park not identified within the Play Strategy, Mr Moore explained the Play Strategy facilitated community groups to seek their own funding to develop play parks in their own areas, although in order to achieve support, the play parks did require to be aligned to the 10 principles contained in the Play Strategy.

Agreed: It was agreed that the actions outlined in the following action sheets be noted:

- **Crotlieve DEA Private Meeting – 10 January 2017.**
- **Downpatrick DEA Private Meeting – 12 January 2017.**
- **Newry DEA Private Meeting – 15 December 2016.**
- **Slieve Croob DEA Private Meeting – 17 January 2017.**
- **Slieve Gullion DEA Private Meeting – 12 January 2017.**

AHC/26/2017 POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Mrs S Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the PCSP (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed to note the following:

- **PCSP Minutes 22 November 2017**
- **Policing Committee Minutes 22 November 2017**
- **Officer Report 22 November 2017**
- **PCSP Action Plan 2017/18**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/27/2017 LEISURE CENTRE BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2017/18

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Indoor Leisure Facility Arrangements for 2017/18 Public Holidays (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that agreement be given to the Public Holiday Operating Arrangements for Indoor Leisure Facilities for 2017/18 – Ballymote Sports and Well Being, Castle Park, Down LC, Kilkeel LC, Newcastle LC, Newry LC, Newry SC, Rock Pool, Tropicana and St. Colman’s Sports Complex Newry.

AHC/28/2017 LEISURE CHARGES 2017/18

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Indoor Leisure Scale of Charges 2017/18 (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that approval be given to the Indoor Leisure Scale of Charges 2017/18.

AHC/29/2017 PROVISION OF STRETCHERS AT PITCHES

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the provision of stretchers at outdoor sports facilities (copy circulated).

Mr Moore advised that research had been sought from a specialist sports medical response team used by Council and further to this advice, the recommendation was not to proceed with the provision of stretchers at pitches as the risk of injury to personnel, as well as insurance costs, was too high.

Councillor Walker said he was disappointed, but could understand the rationale behind the decision.

Councillor Burns requested an audit of Council's sports facilities be carried out to ensure good access by ambulances.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council do not provide stretchers at their outdoor sports facilities and that an access audit be carried out at Council's outdoor sports facilities.

AHC/30/2017 **SANDSA**

Read: Report from Mr P Power, Sports Officer and Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the proposed change of name for SANDSA and approve Articles of Association relating to same (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Loughran, to note the confirmation of DCSA acceptance of SANDSA (Sports Association Newry Down & South Armagh) and the amended Articles of Association (originally DCSA) for SANDSA.

AHC/31/2017 **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

It was agreed that this item be taken off the agenda and brought back to the March AHC Committee Meeting.

AHC/32/2017 **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MARY PETERS TRUST**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Mary Peters Trust, Financial Support (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that a financial donation of £1,000 be made to the Mary Peters Trust.

AHC/33/2017 **CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR PLAY STRATEGY**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Mary Peters Trust, Financial Support (copy circulated)

Councillor Fitzpatrick expressed disappointment that the tier 5 posts, required for the delivery of the Play Strategy, had not been progressed.

Mr Lipsett advised that the posts required to deliver on the strategies were additional resources at a tier 5 level and some of the tier 4 level posts had not yet been filled, which was holding the process up.

In response to a question from Councillor Burns, Mr Moore advised that the dis-used play park at Station Avenue, Castlewellan was identified in the Play Strategy for grassing the area over and if any change was identified in the usage, it would need to be raised at the Slieve Croob DEA in the first instance.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Burns, that the play strategy consultation process be approved.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/33/2017 FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP – NOMINEES

Read: Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 February 2017, regarding the Fairtrade Steering Group – Nominees (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed the 2 nominations to the Newry, Mourne and Down Fairtrade Steering Group, would be provided at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

NOTICE OF MOTION

AHC/34/2017 NOTICE OF MOTION – ITEM REFERRED BY COUNCIL

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Walker, referred from Council Meeting held on 9th January 2017:

"Council notes that many small community organisations do not have the cash flow to fund large projects that have been agreed for grant-aiding by Council. Council's policy of releasing 50% of grants to assist cash flow does not resolve this situation sufficiently for projects that involve several thousand pounds.

Management are required to bring forward practical proposals to enable such projects to proceed without cash-flow issues."

The proposer of the motion, Councillor Enright was not present at the meeting.

Councillor Walker indicated he had not seconded the Motion.

Mr Lipsett advised a report would be brought back to a future AHC Committee to deal with the issues raised in the motion.

FOR NOTING

AHC/35/2017

**MINUTES OF SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE
FORUM MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2017**

Read: Minutes of the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum Meeting held on 17 January 2017 (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Minutes of the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum Meeting held on 17 January 2017.

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

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 6 March 2017.

Signed:.....Councillor M Carr
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities