

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2017

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

Chairperson: Councillor Taylor

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor Andrews Councillor Brown
Councillor Burns Councillor Enright
Councillor Kimmins Councillor Loughran
Councillor McMurray Councillor Ó Muirí
Councillor Quinn Councillor Trainor
Councillor Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Health & Wellbeing)
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Active & Health Communities (Community Engagement)
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Leisure & Sports)
Mr C Mussen, Energy & Sustainability Officer
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/170/2017: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Doran, Fitzpatrick and Harte.

AHC/171/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 15 - Social Investment Fund – Update

Councillor Burns declared an interest if Castlewellan Community Centre was discussed under the above item.

AHC/172/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2017

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 October 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/173/2017: REPORT ON PEACE IV

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Walker to agree to the recommendations of the Peace IV Partnership as follows:

- **Management Support:**
 - * Approval to organise a site visit to familiarise members with one of the capital projects – Ballykinler Hut
 - * Structure of future partnership meetings - Extend monthly Partnership meetings to include practical information about projects across the three themes (presentations, discussions, etc.)
- **Children and Young People:**
 - * Capacity Building Projects for disengaged, hard to reach young people aged 10-24: Delegated authority requested to move forward with developing and implementing the EA identified project (Tackling Isolation) in the Mourne Area, including the hire of a facilitator if required. Estimated cost: £3000.00
- **Shared Spaces and Services:**
 - * Re-imaging & Regeneration Programme – Delegated authority requested to procure and appoint a facilitator to provide community dialogue sessions for the Ballymote Hope Project. Estimated cost: £5,000
- **Building Positive Relations:**
 - * Capacity Building & Engagement Programme for Groups across the District: Delegated authority requested to deliver engagement programmes for groups across the district. Estimated costs: £20,000
 - * Capacity Building Programme for DEA Fora: Delegated authority requested to appoint a facilitator to carry out a needs analysis with DEA Fora. Estimated cost: £4,000

AHC/174/2017: DEA FORA - UPDATE

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve the actions outlined in the action sheets from the following DEA Forum meeting:

- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting – 26th October 2017

AHC/175/2017: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Read: Report from Mrs J McCabe, Programmes Unit dated 20 November 2017, regarding Financial Assistance (copy circulated).

Mrs Hillen advised that under the Sports Capital Award the amount of funding that had been requested was much higher than the available budget and the recommendation was to award funding to the top two ranked projects only.

Councillor Burns thanked officers for the work carried out in relation to the Financial Assistance Scheme and proposed that the Committee use funding from future year's financial assistance programme to fund all the successful Sport Capital projects and to agree to this in the rates process going forward.

Councillor Walker seconded the proposal stating clubs had put in a lot of hard work and raised the standards of their applications therefore should be rewarded.

Mr Lipsett stated that this decision would need to go to the Efficiencies Working Group Meeting.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker to use funding from future year's financial assistance programme to fund all the successful Sport Capital projects and to agree to this in the rates process going forward.

AHC/176/2017: COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Community Services Staff Training Days (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to target 'known' dates throughout the year where customer throughput is lower than average to facilitate up to 2 closure days per year per facility for staff training.

**AHC/177/2017: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REVENUE PROGRAMMES
(NEWRY & DOWNPATRICK)**

Read: Report from Mr S McKeivitt, Neighbourhood Renewal Officer & Ms K Hynds, DEA Officer (Neighbourhood Renewal), dated 20 November 2017, regarding Neighbourhood Renewal Revenue Programmes (Newry & Downpatrick) (copy circulated).

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to proceed with applications to Department for Communities for secure funding required under the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme for 2018/19 and subject to securing necessary funding providing project management throughout.
It was also agreed that Council provide project management for the proposals.**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

**AHC/178/2017: LEASE OF GROUND AT COLLEGE SQUARE EAST,
BESSBROOK**

Read: Report from Ms B Magill, Administration, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Lease of Ground at College Square East, Bessbrook (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Andrews to implement the increased rental of £1,500 per annum with three year rent reviews linked to RPI.

AHC/179/2017: REPORT ON LEISURE AND SPORTS RESOURCES

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Resources for Leisure and Sport Department (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Quinn to recruit additional staff at Newry Leisure Centre (with immediate effect) and Down Leisure Centre (from 1st April 2018) to meet the needs of the service.

AHC/180/2017: KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE EXTENSION

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Kilkeel Leisure Centre Extension (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Burns to develop a Business Case for Kilkeel Leisure Centre Fitness Suite Extension and provisional allocation in the capital budget.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/181/2017: PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION AT NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE

Read: Report from Mr C Mussen, Energy & Sustainability Officer, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Photovoltaic Installation at new Down Leisure Centre (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright stated he had some concerns that he wished management to take into account and asked the following questions from the Energy & Sustainability Officer:

1. Confirmation of the number of PV systems running in Council and whether they were all working well with minimum maintenance?
2. If the solar thermal systems in Council were not working or not delivering what was expected of them?
3. That solar thermal systems needed a lot more maintenance than PV systems both in theory and reality.
4. That solar water systems can create hot water but that PV can both heat hot water, especially with heat pumps, and generate electricity also?
5. That PV systems payback period was 8 years and rarely needed maintenance whereas solar water systems had a payback of 18 years?
6. Explain why Council wasn't using additional PV over and above the 40kw proposal to power extra heat pumps to ensure free power, heat and hot water was generated which would reduce the amount of gas needed to be bought in for the combined heat and power system.

Mr Mussen responded to the queries as follows:

1. Yes PV systems were in place across the Council and where working well.
2. There were some issues with some of the solar thermal systems which required contractors to deal with.
3. Solar thermal systems do take a little more maintenance than PV systems.
4. Yes PV can heat hot water and generate electricity.
5. The PV system payback for new leisure centre would be 9-11 years and solar would be 15 years.
6. Heat pumps were being included into the swimming pool to allow for additional loading.

Councillor Enright proposed that management take his concerns and suggested the installation of more heat pumps to be paid for by extracting the solar panels from the proposals.

Mr Lipsett advised he would be content to investigate the possibility of installing additional photovoltaic panels to power heat pumps as part of option B, if that was agreed by Committee.

Councillor Burns proposed to accept option B as recommended in the report to request for costings to include 40kWp of Photovoltaic Panels to Leisure Centre contract with these costings being assessed for value for money. This was seconded by Councillor Trainor.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Trainor, that Council accept option B as recommended in the report to request for costings to include 40kWp of Photovoltaic Panels to Leisure Centre contract with these costings being assessed for value for money and investigate the possibility of installing additional panels to power heat pumps.

AHC/182/2017: REQUEST FROM THE FEDERATION OF CITY FARMS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS (FCFCG) TO BECOME LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER

Read: Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Request from Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCS) to become Local Authority Member (copy circulated).

Mr Devlin advised following the meeting held on 18 September 2017, a report was included which provided details on the number of community gardens and allotment schemes within the Council area. He recommended that the Committee agree to become members of the FCFCG and fully benefit from their support and expertise in relation to community gardens and allotments.

Councillor Ó Muirí suggested adding this item to the DEA Fora agendas for discussion within each DEA.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to become members of FCFCG at a cost of £800 per year and that the matter be added to DEA Fora agendas for discussion within DEA.

AHC/183/2017: RESPONSE NI CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024

Read: Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 20 November 2017, regarding response NI Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024 (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright advised the report was only added to minutepad late and it was impossible to read so proposed the item be brought back to the December Committee Meeting and the report to be circulated to all Members in a readable format.

This was seconded by Councillor Burns.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burns to bring this report back to the December Committee Meeting and the report to be circulated to all Members in a readable format.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/184/2017: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programme Manager, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Social Investment Fund - Update. (copy circulated).

Noted: The update report on Social Investment Fund was noted.

AHC/185/2017: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement & Ms K Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Coordinator, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. (copy circulated).

Noted: The update report on Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership was noted.

AHC/186/2017: PEACE CENTRE – COUNCIL COMMITMENT TO PROJECT

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programme Manager, dated 20 November 2017, regarding South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre. (copy circulated).

Noted: The update report on South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre was noted.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/187/2017: REPORT ON BALLYKINLAR GAC – CO DOWN BOARD OF EXCELLENCE

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Co Down Games Centre. (copy circulated).

Noted: The update report on Co Down Games Centre was noted.

FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/188/2017: SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM MINUTES

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Health & Wellbeing, dated 20 November 2017, regarding Sustainability & Climate Change Forum Meeting held on 21 August 2017. (copy circulated).

Noted: The Sustainability & Climate Change Forum Minutes of meeting held on 21 August 2017 were noted.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.38pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 4 December 2017.

Signed: Councillor W Walker
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities