

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Monday 21 January 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor T Andrews

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor R Howell
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Enagagement
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/001/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte, Kimmins and Sharvin.

- The Chairperson extended his condolences to Councillor Sharvin on the death of his grandmother Delia Shields and also to the family of Jean Osborne from Killyleagh, sister-in-law of former Down District Councillor Sam Osborne on her recent tragic passing.

Mr Devlin advised a letter had been circulated to businesses along with DAERA regarding Brexit, however the purpose of the letter had been misreported in the media. He encouraged Members to urge those who had received questionnaires to fill them in and return as it may help those businesses trade in the event of a no deal Brexit.

AHC/002/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/003/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2018**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 December 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/147/2018 – Wi-Fi in Community Centres

Councillor Ó Muíri asked for an update on the issue of Wi-Fi in Community Centres as it had been raised continuously by the DEA Forums.

Mrs Hillen advised the project had been agreed and was being supported through the IT project working group. She stated she would investigate when the project was due to complete and revert to the Councillor.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran that the action sheet be noted and actions removed as marked.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/004/2019: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- **The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2018;**
- **Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2018.**

AHC/005/2019: RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT DEA FORUMS

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Recruitment of Independent Members to District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Walker queried if there was any way to ensure independent members were fulfilling the commitment they had given with regard attendance.

Mrs Hillen advised there was a clause within the forum's Terms of Reference which would deal with the issue of members of the forum not attending for a consecutive number of meetings. She stated she would address the matter with the DEA Coordinators.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, it was agreed to note the report and contract an appropriate Regional Voluntary Organisation to verify future applications for Independent Members of DEA Forums on an on-going basis.

AHC/006/2019: COMMUNITY CENTRES SCALE OF CHARGES 2019/20

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, regarding Community Centres Scale of Charges 2019-20 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to approve the Community Centres Scale of Charges for the 2019/20 financial year as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

AHC/007/2019: BALLYNAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE – ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, regarding Heating System, Ballynahinch Community Centre **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran, to approve the upgrade of the heating system at Ballynahinch Community Centre at a total cost of £69,336 which had been allocated within the existing capital budget.

AHC/008/2019: BUSINESS CASE – MEADOWLANDS PLAY PARK NEW BUILD

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement; Ms A Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager; and Ms K Hynds, Neighbourhood Renewal Officer, regarding Business Case for Meadowlands new build Play Park **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Enright, to approve the Business Case in support of the new build play park in Meadowlands, Downpatrick.

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/009/2019: DERRYLECKAGH COMPLEX UPGRADE PART 2

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Derryleckagh Complex Upgrade Part 2 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to expend £63,000 from remaining capital budget of £100,500 being brought forward to the 2018/19 financial year with the remaining budget of £37,500 being used to carry out pitch surface improvement works and replace the Gaelic pitch goal posts.**

AHC/010/2019: KILKEEL TENNIS COURT MOURNE ESPLANADE

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Kilkeel Tennis Court Mourne Esplanade **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to carry out and install all new fencing works at Kilkeel Tennis Courts and the realignment of the overall capital budget of £22,820 for the facility.**

AHC/011/2019: TRANSFORMING HEALTH, PREVENTING DISEASE – PROJECT FUNDING PROPOSAL

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, regarding Transforming Health, Preventing Disease – Project Funding Proposal **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to submit the joint proposal with Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts for Health Transformation Programme Funding.**

AHC/012/2019: ORNI – COMMUNITY TRAILS

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding ORNI Community Trails **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Lipsett advised that there was a significant risk that the projects would not happen due to the fact that monies from Rural Development Programme and Department for Communities must be spent by 31st March 2019 and although planning had been submitted, there maybe sensitivities around the environment and on that basis the Environment Agency may require reports prior to development of the trails which may hold the planning process from being completed in time to utilise the funding.

In response to queries from Members, Mr Lipsett stated that officers were in constant contact with officials in the Department and would provide updates to the Committee going forward.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Howell, an additional revenue cost of £10,000 per annum for maintenance of the trails was agreed with all trails covered under Council insurance, subject to successful planning approval.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/013/2019: ALL PARTY GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding All Party Group on Sustainable Development **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised following an event held in November 2018 by Sustainable NI, NILGA and the Institution of Engineers, an All Party Group on Sustainable Development was to be established and two Elected Member volunteers were being sought from Council to sit on the new group. He stated the group would meet on a quarterly basis with the first meeting to be held in March 2019.

Councillor Andrews was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Walker.

Councillor Enright was nominated on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Walker.

Councillor Ó Muíri advised the Sinn Féin nomination would follow in due course.

Agreed: **It was agreed that nominations be submitted and agreed at the Party Representatives Meeting.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/014/2019: UPDATE PROPOSAL FOR CAMLOUGH PEACE CENTRE

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, regarding South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre **(Copy circulated)**

Councillors Ó Muíri and Loughran expressed their disappointment and the frustrations of the local community, at the decision taken by SEUPB regarding the South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre and asked officials to find out why they had been turned down.

Mrs Hillen advised there was a de-briefing meeting with SEUPB to be held and she would ascertain why the funding had been refused.

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update on South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/015/2019: FLOODING AT JIM STEEN PARK, NEWTOWNHAMILTON

Read: Report dated 21 January 2019 from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, regarding Flooding at Jim Steen Park, Newtownhamilton **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muíri stated once again that the location of the park was wrong and would consistently flood due to being at the bottom of a hill from every angle, except at the side which was beside a river.

Mr Haughey advised that Rivers Agency had advised water was flowing down an open course river to the corner of the adjacent field as an opening drainage pipe had not been cleared on a private landowners land which caused water to spill over the kerb onto Council property. He stated that Rivers Agency would be contacting the owners of the properties and instruct them under Schedule 5 of the Drainage Order to remove the blockage and that Council would appoint contractors to clean the water chamber.

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update on flooding at Jim Steen Park, Newtownhamilton.**

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Walker, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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/016/2019: VERBAL UPDATE ON SQUASH FACILITIES

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed to note the verbal update regarding the new squash facilities at Down Leisure Centre.

AHC/017/2019: VERBAL UPDATE ON NEWRY TENNIS BUBBLE

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

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed to note the verbal update on Newry Tennis Bubble.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.44pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 4 February 2019.

Signed: Councillor T Andrews
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities