

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 January 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor Walker

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor Andrews Councillor Brown
Councillor Burns Councillor Doran
Councillor Enright Councillor Fitzpatrick
Councillor Kimmins Councillor Loughran
Councillor McMurray Councillor Ó Muirí
Councillor Taylor

Officials in attendance: 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)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr N McCrickard, CDRCN
Ms B Jennings, CDRCN
Mr R Flynn, Macmillan Move More Coordinator

AHC/001/2018 APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Trainor

The Chairperson advised the Committee that on 18 December 2017, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Environmental Health Service successfully prosecuted local food manufacturer, Need of Meats Limited, Newry under the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 for selling 'Halal beef salami' which contained 1-5% pork. Judge Peter King who commented on the significance of the breach, imposed a fine on the company of £1250 and £141 costs.

The Chairperson congratulated Ms Sheena McElowney who was recently appointed Head of Sustainability; Ms Sinead Murphy who was appointed Head of Environmental Health (Commercial); and Mr James Campbell who was appointed Head of Environmental Health (Residential).

AHC/002/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/003/2018 ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18
DECEMBER 2017**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 December 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/181/2017 – Photovoltaic Installation at new Down Leisure Centre

Councillor Enright highlighted that it had been agreed to review the use of solar water as would get more money from the solar photovoltaics

Mr Lipsett advised that this matter was being worked on at present and a report would come to committee on the issue.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

PRESENTATIONS

**AHC/004/2018: PRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW BY COUNTY DOWN RURAL
COMMUNITY NETWORK (CDRCN)**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Nicholas McCrickard and Ms Briege Jennings to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms Jennings highlighted the background and purpose to the report stating the overall objectives were to initiate investigation into current community centre provision, engage in discussions around key local issues and implement District wide plan to ensure equitable community centre support provision. (copy of presentation appended to these minutes)

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation and invited questions from Members.

Members asked the following questions and raised issues:

- A definition of what constitutes a community centre needed to be provided.
- Was there a cut-off point for demarcation for example, would Saintfield Community Centre be able to bid for an SLA?
- Community hubs may be better placed to attract funding.
- Volunteers in community centres need to be listened to and when requesting assistance this needs to be forthcoming.

Ms Jennings and Mr McCrickard responded to the issues as follows:

- There may need to be more work carried out perhaps village by village with a panel to nail down what a community centre was and then perhaps an open call could be held.
- The Saintfield Community Centre would not be eligible for an SLA at present however there was a lot more work to be done with groups to get prepared.
- There were a wide variety of other funding streams available to groups and a range of activities and community benefit was required to be proven in order to get an SLA in place.
- Community hub was the current terminology being used and the best examples were those that can generate income.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/005/2018: COMMUNITY CENTRE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Community Centre Effectiveness Review (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Brown to approve the recommendations of the Peace IV Partnership as follows:

- **Approve recommendations contained within Newry, Mourne & Down District Council, Audit of Community Centre Effectiveness**
- **Approve increased Service Level Agreement for County Down Rural Community Network to assist in the role out of Review Recommendations (particularly those in rural DEAs) and work with local groups to access funding (e.g. Rural Development Programme) which will support the development of community centre provision across the District.**

AHC/006/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Read: Report from Mrs J McCabe, Programmes Unit dated 22 January 2018, regarding Financial Assistance Update (copy circulated).

Councillor Loughran stated that the timescale for the funding was approximately 8 weeks away and queried whether those groups who had successfully submitted longer programmes would have scope to amend or adjust these as necessary.

Mrs Hillen advised this was additional SportsNI funding and she would question whether there was any leeway to amend the deadline.

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor Andrews to:
- Include insurance as eligible cost if it relates to the project activity applied for.
 - Issue Letters of Offer to groups that are currently on the Sports Active NI waiting list with a 10-day deadline to return signed acceptance forms (if additional funding becomes available)

AHC/007/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report from Mrs J McCabe, Programmes Unit dated 22 January 2018, regarding Social Investment Fund Update (copy circulated).

Mr Lipsett advised that due to the issues at Stormont, there was no way for Councils to be certain that all funding contained within the circulated report would be forthcoming in the next year. These budgets were not certain and would not be for some time.

Councillor Burns asked that contact be made with members of Castlewellan Community Centre as they had reported a faulty light to officers and had yet to receive any response.

Mrs Hillen advised she had raised this as an issue prior to Christmas and had asked officers to make immediate contact with the group with a recommendation that bi-monthly meetings be established.

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran to:
- note the risks that the funding obtained from Department of Communities, The Executive Office and the Ulster Wildlife Trust would not be carried through to the next financial year 18/19 and that estimated construction costs for 3G pitches continue to increase and represent a significant risk to the Downpatrick Football Club, Ballyhornan Family Centre and Kilcooley Community Forum projects.
 - Agree the revised allocation of funding as £95k to Downpatrick and £125k to Ballyhornan.

AHC/008/2018: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 22 January 2018 regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to note the DEA Fora Update report and agree the following action sheets from the DEA Forum Private Meetings:
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 13

- November 2017;**
- **Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 13 December 2017;**
- **Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 14 December 2017;**
- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 19 December 2017.**

AHC/009/2018: COMMUNITY TRAIL HUBS WITHIN SLIEVE CROOB DEA

Read: Report from Ms J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Community Trail Hubs within Slieve Croob DEA (copy circulated).

Mr Lipsett advised the aim was to have trail designs completed and project costs identified at the 7 sites within Slieve Croob DEA by the end of March 2018 to ensure that should capital become available these would be 'shovel ready' projects.

Members asked whether the money was available for these trails at present.

Mr Lipsett advised there was currently a small amount set aside in the capital programme, however, departments were having to find savings therefore he couldn't confirm it that money would still be there at the end of the financial year. Mr Lipsett stated the Committee could look for in-year savings in the new financial year and bring reports back on that basis to progress trails in other DEAs.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Burns to approve to proceed with designing 14km of Community Trails in Slieve Croob at a cost of £15,400, subject to identifying savings within current budgets.**

AHC/010/2018: LEASE OF LAND FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AT MULLAGHBAWN, BARNMEEN AND LISNACREE

Read: Report from Ms B Magill, Administration Officer and Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 22 January 2018 regarding Lease of Land for Community Centre at Mullaghbawn, Barnmeen and Lisnacree (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Loughran to approve Officers to initiate discussions to progress the development of new lease agreements for community centres located at Mullaghbawn, Barnmeen and Lisnacree – subject to completion of legal agreements, acceptable to all parties.**

AHC/011/2018: COMMUNITY CENTRES OPENING HOURS

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 22 January 2018 regarding Options for Extended Opening Times within Community Centres (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Byrne to:

- continue to operate current weekend opening times at all seven 100% Council run community centres;
- continue to monitor staff and customer feedback at all seven centres to facilitate any future reviews;
- include an additional figure of £22,000 into the 18/19 rates estimates to facilitate the additional opening hours Mon-Fri in Crossmaglen, Bessbrook and Cloughreagh CC.

AHC/012/2018: FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DfC) FOR WELFARE REFORM SUPPORT PROJECT

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Funding from Department for Communities (DfC) for Welfare Reform Support Project (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Byrne to approve the awarding of DfC funding of £51,122.39 to Citizens Advice Newry, Mourne and Down.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/013/2018: PRESENTATION BY RYAN FLYNN, MCMILLAN MOVE MORE COORDINATOR

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Ryan Flynn to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation.

Mr Flynn advised there were currently 5,144 people living with cancer in the Newry, Mourne and Down area and the Move More campaign's aim was to engage with, encourage and support 500 citizens from the District who are living with cancer from 2018-2021. (copy of presentation appended to these minutes).

The Chairperson thanked Mr Flynn for his presentation stating the figures were frightening in the District and he hoped the scheme was successful.

AHC/014/2018: KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE CAPITAL WORKS

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Kilkeel Leisure Centre Internal Refurbishment Scheme (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to approve the development and implementation of a scheme to enhance Kilkeel Leisure Centre reception and dry side changing areas.

AHC/015/2018: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BEST PRACTICE CONFERENCE

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Physical Activity Best Practice Conference (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran to support and participate within the Southern Area Physical Activity Best Practice Conference on 14th March 2018.

AHC/016/2018: NEWRY SPORTS CENTRE ASSET DISPOSAL TO SANDSA MEMBERS

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Newry Sports Centre Asset Disposal to SANDSA Members (copy circulated).

Members queried whether the assets would be available on a first come-first served basis or would they have to apply for the equipment, and whether the same would be applied when Down Leisure Centre closes.

Mr Moore advised the assets would be free for collection and due to the timescale for the Newry centre, this would be on a first come-first served basis but there was time to look at a process for when the Down Leisure Centre closes.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the disposal of surplus loose small assets from the now closed Newry Sports Centre to SANDSA club members and that a similar process be developed for the closure of Down Leisure Centre.

AHC/017/2018: MARY PETERS FUND

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018 regarding Mary Peters Trust, Financial Support (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Loughran, seconded by Councillor McMurray to provide a donation similar to 2017/18 to the Mary Peters Trust to the value of £1000, however, the Council would be the main conduit for similar types of funding in future.

AHC/018/2018: MAYOBRIDGE NEW PLAY PARK

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018 regarding Mayobridge New Play Park (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Loughran to approve the findings and recommendations for the delivery of a new play park within Mayobridge as set out in stage 1 and 2 of the consultation.**
It was also agreed that Council approve the lease agreement between the community association and council for the site at Mayobridge at a peppercorn rate as agreed previously.

AHC/019/2018: RDP APPLICATION FOR THE PLAY PARK UPGRADES

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018 regarding Rural Development Programme Funding for Play Strategy (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Burns to support an application to RDP for the upgrade to play parks identified within the Council's Play Strategy 2017-2022.**

AHC/020/2018: REALIGNMENT OF PLAY STRATEGY – FIXED PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS – YEAR 1-5

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018 regarding Realignment of Priority Recommendations for the Play Strategy 2017-2022 (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright asked whether Killough's consultation could be done well in advance of its proposed works in year 3.

Mr Moore advised any works undertaken would be subject to consultation, and although there was a slight delay at present, once resources were in place the process would be caught up and consultation would be done in advance.

Councillor Enright asked whether Kilclief playpark could be installed at the same time as the community gym for which a grant had been applied.

Mr Moore advised Kilclief was currently in year 5 of the strategy however consultation may be undertaken in conjunction with the community gym, but the works for the playpark would be undertaken in year 5.

Councillor Brown asked whether the playpark at Barnmaghery Villas in Darragh Cross

could be re-prioritised given that land had been offered for the facility.

Mr Moore advised the recommendation at present was to maintain the current position however officers would work with the community group.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Burns to approve the realigned priority listing for fixed play of the 5 year Play Strategy 2017.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/021/2018: CONSULTATION ON AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME

Read: Report from Ms S Trainor, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Affordable Warmth Scheme Public Consultation – Changes to the Affordable Warmth Scheme – November 2017 (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Loughran to submit the consultation response on behalf of Council.

AHC/022/2018: CONSULTATION ON SPORTS GROUNDS

Read: Report from Ms S Trainor, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Safety at Sports Grounds Guidance in Northern Ireland (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews to submit the consultation response on behalf of Council.

FOR NOTING

AHC/023/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION REPORT

Read: Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Scheme of Delegation Report (copy circulated).

Noted: The Scheme of Delegation Report was noted.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORTS

AHC/024/2018: KILKEEL LEISURE CENTRE CLOSURE

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Kilkeel Leisure Centre Closure (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on the closure of Kilkeel Leisure Centre was noted.**

AHC/025/2018: PLAY TENDER APPOINTMENT

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Play Strategy 2017-2022 Contractor Appointment (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on the Play Strategy 2017-2022 Contractor Appointment was noted.**

AHC/026/2018: LAUNCH OF THE MACMILLAN MOVE MORE PROGRAMME

Read: Report from Mr R Flynn, Move More Coordinator, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Launch of the Macmillan Move More Programme (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on the Macmillan Move More Programme was noted.**

FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/027/2018: CALORIEWISE INITIATIVE WITH FOOD BUSINESSES

Read: Report from Ms S Murphy, Head of Environmental Health - Commercial, dated 22 January 2018, regarding Calorie Wise Award Scheme (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on the Calorie Wise Award Scheme was noted.**

AHC/028/2018: RATES PROCESS

Mr Lipsett advised there had been a number of reports approved which sought additional funding out of the rates process, and as the Council was endeavouring to keep the rate as low as possible, it was his intention to take additional items forward and suggest in-year savings be used next year rather than put additional burden on the rates. He stated he would list them separately going into the rates process.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Burns to take additional items forward and suggest in-year savings be used next year and they would be listed separately going into the rates process.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.25pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 5 February 2017.

Signed: Councillor W Walker
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities