

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2017

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 23 January 2017 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor S Burns Councillor P Byrne
Councillor S Doran Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor V Harte Councillor H Harvey
Councillor K Loughran Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó'Muirí Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor Councillor W Walker

Non-Committee Members: Councillor Andrews Councillor Enright

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director, Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Health and Wellbeing)
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport)
Ms J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement
Mr C Haughey, Parks and Grounds Officer
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/1/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor M Carr.

Mr Lipsett said a number of Councillors had contacted him regarding a request from Ballynahinch RFC to sign a letter of support. He suggested that Councillors change the wording of the letter to ensure it was sent on an individual Councillor basis, as Council had not yet considered supporting the organisations proposals.

Councillor Enright suggested Council recommended supporting Ballynahinch RFC in obtaining LED lights from Alpha.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council recommends supporting Ballynahinch RFC in obtaining LED lights from Alpha.

AHC/2/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

AHC/3/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 December 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/112/2016 Delegation to Minister

Councillor Harte raised concerns regarding the extended funding provision for personal, social development and mental health for young people which was to cease on 31 March 2017. She requested Council write to the Minister for Education to reinstate these funds.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that Council write to the Minister for Education requesting the extended funding provision which was to cease on 31 March 2017, be reinstated.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 December 2016.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/4/2017 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DfC) FOR FRONTLINE ADVICE SERVICES

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding Additional Funding from Department for Communities (DfC) for Frontline Advice Services (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the award of additional DfC funding to Citizens Advice Newry, Mourne and Down, be approved.

AHC/5/2017 DEA FORA UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Co-ordinator (Crotlieve), dated 23 January 2017 regarding DEA Fora Update (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to approve the actions

outlined in the action sheet from the Slieve Gullion DEA Forum private meeting held on 14 December 2016 and approve the 7 DEA one year interim action plans (previously circulated).

AHC/6/2017 **INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR GROUPS REQUESTING EVENTS LOGISTICAL SUPPORT**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities & Events, dated 23 January 2017 regarding Insurance requirement for groups requesting events logistical support (Copy circulated).

Mrs Hillen advised this insurance related specifically to equipment for community events.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, to agree to amend the Supporting Community Events Policy and Procedures (as detailed in Appendix 2); thereby removing the need for community associations to provide evidence of insurance cover prior for the loan of equipment for community events.**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/7/2017 **REPORT ON EVERYBODY ACTIVE 2020**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 23 January 2017 regarding Everybody Active 2020 (Copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muirí to approve the Every Body Active 2020 Programme for 2017-2018.**

AHC/8/2017 **LEISURE WATCH SCHEME**

Read: Report from Mr K Gordan, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 23 January 2017 regarding Extension of Leisurewatch Scheme within Indoor Leisure Section (Copy circulated).

Councillor Trainor welcomed the Leisure Watch Scheme, saying it was important for protecting young people and vulnerable adults.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor to approve the extension of the Leisurewatch Scheme within the Indoor Leisure Section.**

AHC/9/2017 **PLAY STRATEGY**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 23 January 2017 regarding the Play Strategy Update (Copy circulated).

In response to queries from Councillor Ó'Muirí, Mr Moore advised that all of the items for the Slieve Gullion DEA would be recommended to be taken to the DEA meetings for further discussion. He also said priorities within the strategy had been based on criteria of the more popular areas and where areas and villages had not meet the criteria, the recommendation was not to preclude, but at this stage Council would not be providing financial support.

In response to a query from Councillor Burns, Mr Moore advised that before any decision was taken regarding a facility, he would recommend it would be discussed at the local DEA meeting and there would be consultation with the community.

Councillors Kimmins, Ó'Muirí, Harvey and Byrne thanked Mr Moore and his team for their work on the Play Strategy.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Burns, that Council's Play Strategy, be approved.

AHC/10/2017 SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, dated 23 January 2017 regarding the Sports Facility Strategy Update (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that Council's Sports Facility Strategy Update, be approved.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

AHC/11/2017 RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS AND CHINESE LANTERNS

Read: Report from Mr P McShane, Environmental Co-ordinator, dated 23 January 2017 regarding the Release of Helium Balloons and Chinese Lanterns (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran, to extend the policy with regard to the release of balloons and Chinese lanterns to cover the entire new Council District.

AHC/12/2017 AGE FRIENDLY STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing dated 23 January 2017 regarding the Age Friendly Action Plan 2016-2019 (Copy circulated).

Noted: The Age Friendly Strategic Alliance was noted.

AHC/13/2017 STANDARDISED LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR CARAVAN SITES WITHIN THE NEW COUNCIL DISTRICT

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing dated 23 January 2017 regarding the Standardised Licence conditions for Caravan Sites within the new Council District (Copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the appended Caravan Site Licence Conditions for the operation of Residential, Holiday and Touring Caravan Sites in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area, be adopted.

AHC/14/2017 BALLYHORNAN COASTAL IMPROVEMENT

Read: Report from Ms D Begley, Biodiversity Officer, dated 23 January 2017 regarding the Ballyhornan Coastal Improvement (Copy circulated).

Councillor Enright said whilst he was in support of the proposal, it was important to be aware of the loss of marram grass on the seaward side and suggested officers look at the seaward side in order to allow the small sand dune plants to grow.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the use of Down Your Street/Live Here Love Here Funding to erect a fence at Ballyhornan to protect the amenity grass area from further erosion, be approved.

Agreed: It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker, that an interpretation panel be included explaining to the public why the fence had been erected.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.25pm.

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

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed:

Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities