

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2017

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 24 October 2017 at 6.00pm in the Commedagh Room,
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor Walker

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

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)
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/153/2017: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzpatrick, Harte, Quinn and Ó Muirí

AHC/154/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 15 - Social Investement Fund – Update

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

**AHC/155/2017: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18
SEPTEMBER 2017**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting

held on Monday 18 September 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/139/2017 – Community Centre Effectiveness

Mrs Hillen advised officers would like to consult with the DEAs prior to making a presentation to the Committee on the Community Centre Effectiveness. She stated the presentation would be made at the Committee Meeting in January 2018.

Agreed: It was agreed that the presentation on Community Centre Effectiveness would be heard at the January Committee Meeting, following consultation with the DEAs.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/156/2017: REPORT ON PEACE IV

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan (copy circulated)

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

- **Management Support:**
Approval to submit an application to SEUPB for the BMX project in Camlough Road, Newry.
Approval to tender for the Bank of Facilitator subject to SEUPB approval.
- **Shared Spaces and Services: Shared Spaces Engagement Programme:**
To procure and appoint a facilitator to carry out an audit and mapping of existing shared spaces and complete community dialogue – estimated cost £25,000
- **Building Positive Relations:**
Capacity Building & Engagement Programme for groups across the District:
Service Engagement events in Mournes DEA between local community organisations - £1000
Public advertisement for Expressions of Interest to recruit groups to this programme - £2000
To procure and appoint a facilitator for the Newry, Mourne and Down Intercultural Forum – estimated cost £5000

AHC/157/2017: DEA FORA - UPDATE

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement and Ms S Rice, DEA Coordinator (Crotlieve), dated 16 October 2017, regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to approve the actions outlined in the action sheets from the following DEA Forum meetings:
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting – 5th September 2017
 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting – 7th September 2017
 - Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting – 12th September 2017
 - Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting – 22nd September 2017

AHC/158/2017: BARNMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK

Read: Report from Mrs J McCann, Head of Community Services Facilities and Events, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Proposed Legal Agreement between NM&DDC and Barnmeen Primary School in relation to use of Community Centre car park (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Loughran to proceed with a legal agreement for five years with the option to extend between NMDDC and Barnmeen Primary School, regarding permitted use of the Council's Community Centre car park during school operating hours.

AHC/159/2017: COMMUNITY HUB FOR WARRENPOINT

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Warrenpoint Community Hub (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Brown, to convene meetings with agencies to update on progress and reaffirm support for the Warrenpoint Community Hub initiative.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

It was agreed to take the next two items together.

AHC/160/2017: OPTIONS FOR EXTENDED OPENING TIMES WITHIN INDOOR LEISURE

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 16 October 2017 regarding Options for Extended Opening Times within Indoor Leisure (copy circulated).

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Brown to:
- Continue to open DLC and NLC in line with previously approved opening hours;
 - Undertake further research through customer surveys at each of the facilities concerned to determine the level of interest in opening from 10am on Sundays, in addition, staff surveys should be undertaken to determine level of interest in additional opening hours to help ascertain HR implications;
 - Bring back a report with all implications as detailed in the recommendations and to be reviewed as part of the 2018/19 rates estimates process.

AHC/161/2017: **OPTIONS FOR EXTENDED OPENING TIMES WITHIN COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Read: Report from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement, dated 16 October 2017 regarding Options for Extended Opening Times within Community Centres (copy circulated).

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Brown to:
- Undertake further research through customer surveys at each of the facilities concerned to determine the level of interest in increasing the opening hours of community centres on a Saturday and Sunday;
 - Bring back a report with all implications as detailed in the recommendations and to be reviewed as part of the 2018/19 rates estimates process.

AHC/162/2017: **BANK HOLIDAYS FOR 2018/19**

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Indoor Leisure Facility Arrangements for 2018/19 Public Holidays (copy circulated).

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Doran to continue to open specific facilities for specific public holidays for 2018/19 as per table attached subject to the forthcoming rates estimates process and subject to change with any future agreements through management and trade unions.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**AHC/163/2017: THE NICOTINE INHALING PRODUCTS (AGE OF SALE AND PROXY PURCHASING) REGULATIONS (NI) 2017
THE TOBACCO RETAILER (FIXED PENALTY) (AMOUNT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NI) 2017**

Read: Report from Ms G O'Callaghan, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 16 October 2017, regarding the Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations (NI) 2017 and the Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (Amount) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2017 (copy circulated).

Councillor Burns queried whether there was guidance in place regarding when and where e-cigarettes could be smoked.

Mr Devlin advised the smoking restrictions were only in relation to tobacco and it was not illegal to smoke e-cigarettes anywhere.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Council respond to the consultation in accordance with the circulated template.

AHC/164/2017: LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Read: Report from Ms S McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright stated there did not appear to be a budget in place with the Action Plan and did not outline how it would support community groups completing wildlife programmes. He offered his assistance to officers to produce a more comprehensive plan for the way forward.

Mr Devlin stated all comments were welcome from Members.

Mr Lipsett advised there was currently no budget in place and asked Members to be mindful of this when taking part in the rate setting process over the next few months.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Doran, to adopt the Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

FOR NOTING

AHC/165/2017: PCSP REPORT

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, and Ms S Fearon, PCSP Manager dated 16 October 2017 regarding Policing and

Community Safety Partnership. (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on Policy and Community Safety Partnership was noted.**

AHC/166/2017: EUROPEAN PROJECTS

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Unit, dated 16 October 2017, regarding European Projects (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on European Projects was noted.**

AHC/167/2017: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE AREAS AT RISK PROGRAMME IN CROSSMAGLEN AND BESSBROOK

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Progress Report on the Areas at Risk Programmes in Crossmaglen and Bessbrook (copy circulated).

Noted: **The report on the Areas at Risk Programmes in Crossmaglen and Bessbrook was noted.**

AHC/168/2017: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programme Manager, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Social Investment Fund - Update. (copy circulated).

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

AHC/169/2017 WOMEN'S AID ARMAGH/DOWN

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

Read: Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, dated 16 October 2017, regarding Women's Aid, Armaghdown (copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, it was agreed the Committee come out of**

closed session.

Agreed: **The Chairperson advised that while in closed session it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, to accept the officer's recommendation, in principle, including acting as a sponsoring body if required and to agree to the Director seeking a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Trust to discuss the issue. It was also agreed that the subject of the management of the Trust's Estates be added to the agenda for a future health forum meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.32pm.

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

Signed: Councillor W Walker
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities