



Mr P Green, Legal Advisor  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer  
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

**C/112/2015**

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Burgess, Councillor Devlin, Councillor Doran, Councillor Donnelly, Councillor Reilly and Mr C O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services.

The Chairperson referred to an emergency Notice of Motion regarding the announcement by DETI on 30 September regarding the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation, which Councillor Enright had wished to submit. She advised that after discussion with the Chief Executive, she had decided that this Notice of Motion would not be tabled, but instead this matter would be referred to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

**C/113/2015**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C/114/2015**

**ACTION SHEET FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
7 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015 (Copy circulated)

**C/96/2015: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 August 2015**

In response to a query from Councillor Curran, the Chief Executive undertook to email Transport NI with reference to the information day in Downpatrick regarding the possibility of a one way system and circulate the information to all Members.

Councillor D McAteer said he understood the delegation to meet with the EU Commission was to include Councillors.

Councillor Hearty advised he would be his Party's representative on the delegation.

**AGREED:** That the delegation meeting with the EU Commission to explore alternative sources of funding for the Southern Relief Road include Councillors.

**C/107/2015: Consider Invitation from Derry City and Strabane Council to participate in Joint Council Delegation to Lobby against Reduction in Rate Support Grant**

In response to a query from Councillor Hyland, the Chief Executive advised Council had agreed to 3 representatives for the delegation.

**AGREED: The Action Sheet was unanimously agreed.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING**

**C/115/2015 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**C/96/2015: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 26 August 2015**

In response to a query from Councillor Kimmins, the Chief Executive undertook to email Simon Richardson, Transport NI, regarding the occurrences of serious incidents in Bull's Hill, Newry.

**AGREED: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.**

**The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

**C/116/2015 MINUTES FROM ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**ERT/76/2015: Derrymore Estate Partnership**

In response to queries from Councillor Fitzpatrick, Ms Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism advised that Derrymore Estate would be most likely to be successful under the Space and Place funding applications. She further advised that play parks would fall under rural development funding.

Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities provided reassurance by advising the Play Strategy was currently being worked through which would identify a number of priority areas for playgrounds.

Councillor Ennis registered her disappointment that some parks had not been eligible under this funding and requested that community groups would be kept up to date with the process.

**AGREED:**            **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Stokes.**

**C/117/2015**            **MINUTES FROM STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:**                Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**SPR/146/2015: Councillors' Website Reference Group**

The Chief Executive requested Party nominations to the Councillors' Website Reference Group.

**AGREED:**            **The following nominations be agreed and appointed to the Councillors' Website Reference Group:**

**Sinn Fein – Councillor Hearty to provide nomination.  
SDLP - Councillor Carr  
DUP – Councillor Harvey  
UUP – Councillor Taylor  
Independents – Councillor Enright**

**Agreed:**            **The Minutes agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Craig.**

**C/118/2015**            **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:**                Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2015 (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:**            **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Hyland.**

C/119/2015

**MINUTES OF REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:**

Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee  
Meeting held on 23 September 2015 (copy circulated)

**RTS/90/2015: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical  
Services Committee Meeting – 19 August 2015**

In response to queries from Councillor Casey regarding whether liaison had taken place with Newry Parish on the issue of a pedestrian access gate, and bus shelters on the Camlough Road, the Chief Executive undertook to follow up with Mr O'Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services and arrange for Councillor Casey to be updated.

**Anti-Litter Working Group**

**AGREED:**

**The following nominations be agreed and appointed to the  
Anti-Litter Working Group**

**Sinn Fein – Councillor Hearty to provide nomination.  
SDLP - Councillor Stokes  
DUP – Councillor Walker  
UUP – Councillor McKee  
Independents – Councillor Tinnelly**

**RTS/91/2015: Report on Council's Scheme of Delegation**

In response to a query from Councillor D McAteer, the Chief Executive undertook to provide clarification regarding the Council's scheme of delegation with particular reference to the planning function.

**RTS/95/2015: Performance Statistics**

In response to queries from Members, the Chief Executive clarified that there was a scheme of prioritisation regarding planning applications which targeted economic development projects and inward investment projects in the first instance.

**AGREED:**

**The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and  
adopted on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded  
by Councillor Taylor.**

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

C/120/2015

**SUGGESTED DATE CHANGES FOR COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS – DECEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Report from Mrs E McParland dated 29 September 2015 regarding suggested date changes for Committee Meetings – December 2015. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKee, that the suggested date changes for Committee Meetings in December 2015 be accepted.

**C/121/2015**      **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE CARLINGFORD LOUGH COMMISSIONERS**

**Read:** Report from Mrs E McParland dated 29 September 2015 regarding Appointment of Members of the Board of Carlingford Lough Commissioners. (Copy circulated).  
Nominations of Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Doran and Councillor McKee were received.

**AGREED:** There being 3 nominations for 2 positions, it was agreed that Council would write to the Board of Carlingford Lough Commissioners requesting their acceptance of the 3 above mentioned nominations.

**C/122/2015**      **BOROUGH STATUS**

**Read:** Report from Mrs E McParland dated 29 September 2015 regarding Borough Status. (Copy circulated).

The Chief Executive advised that during the Shadow period, Council had been keen to appoint a Mayor and the only way the position of Mayor could be secured was to apply for Borough Status. He explained there would be a Special Council meeting on 9 November 2015 to progress the formal process of application for Borough Status.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that that a Special Council meeting be convened on 9 November 2015 to enable the progression of the formal process of application for Borough Status to secure the position of Mayor.

**CONFERENCES/EVENTS**

**C/123/2015**      **LETTER FROM TOURISM IRELAND RE: SAVE THE DATE – LORD MAYOR’S SHOW IN LONDON 14 NOVEMBER 2105**

**Read:** Correspondence received from Tourism Ireland dated 11 September 2015 regarding the Lord Mayor’s Show in London on

14 November 2015 and inviting the Council to participate by attending this event.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew, that the invitation to the Lord Mayor's Show in London on 14 November 2015 be accepted.

### **FOR NOTING**

**C/124/2015**      **NILGA – PARTNERSHIP PANEL MEETING – 23 JUNE 2015 – KEY OUTCOMES**

Read: Correspondence received from NILGA on 15 September 2015 regarding Partnership Panel Meeting 23 June 2015 – Key Outcomes.

**NOTED:** The correspondence received from NILGA regarding the Partnership Panel Meeting held on 23 June 2015 – Key Outcomes, was noted.

### **SEALING DOCUMENTS**

**C/125/2015**      **SEALING DOCUMENTS**

**Agreed:** It was agreed to sign and seal the following documents on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Ruane:

1. Meigh Community Centre - Wayleave Agreement for the installation of a broadband antenna, Newry, Mourne and Down DC and The Clanrye Group.
2. Disposal of Land Adjacent to 45 St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to Larne Chemists Limited L/P/27
3. St John Bosco GFC Contribution Agreement
4. Public Path Temporary Closure Order – Public Right of Way Millvale Road (at the Old Mill) to Derrymore Road, Bessbrook

In response to queries from Councillor Carr regarding the installation of a broadband antenna at Meigh Community Centre, the Chief Executive undertook to seek clarification to the queries raised.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**C/126/2015**      **NOTICE OF MOTION – MARINE LITTER SURVEY**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillors W Clarke and Ennis:

**“That this Council notes with concern the recent Marine Litter Survey which identified major failings in the cleanliness of local beaches, and calls upon the Council to establish an urgent Taskforce in partnership with relevant statutory agencies and community organisations to address this issue”**

In proposing the motion, Councillor W Clarke stated that the results of the recent Marine Litter Survey had been very disappointing for the District. He called on Council to establish a Taskforce to reverse the findings of the Survey which would include Statutory Bodies and Government Departments, and would come together to develop an Action Plan. He said one major factor contributing to the survey was the lack of cleansing of the waterways. The Council’s Corporate Plan put tourism to the fore and the results of the survey were damaging the District.

Councillor Ennis seconded the motion stating that Council’s main priority was tourism and Carlingford Lough was the jewel in the District’s crown. The Love Your Lough Group undertook monthly clean-ups around Carlingford Lough and if they had the avenue of a task force, they could give Council ideas. Councillor Ennis called on Council to provide them with as much support as possible.

Councillor Andrews proposed the following Amendment, stating a co-ordinated approach was needed to ensure the District was maintained well for both citizens and visitors to enjoy:

**“That this Council notes with concern the recent marine litter survey which identified failings and calls upon the Councils’ Anti-Litter Working Group and Statutory Agencies and other organisations to review this issue”**

Councillor Stokes seconded this amendment.

Members spoke in support of the Motion put forward by Councillor W Clarke and highlighted the following:

- Funding was received in the Down Legacy Council which helped the Lecale Partnership to designate local beaches with EU bathing water status.
- The fishing industry contributed to the litter washed up on the beaches and the fleets should be educated to stop this.
- There were major concerns regarding sewage on the shoreline and this issue started onshore where the drainage systems could not cope.
- The taskforce should focus on reducing levels of litter either through an education programme, advertising or proactive enforcement.
- The issue could be tackled through the schools by encouraging recycling and educating children so that they in turn could educate their families about the dangers of litter.
- The taskforce should have a start and finish date.
- The Council’s top priority was tourism and the results of the survey was doing Council harm.



- The legacy Councils had been supported by the Universities who came to help clean the beaches in the past and this issue should be addressed in conjunction with them.

Members spoke in favour of the amendment, stating:

- One overall strong group to look at all issues would be of benefit.
- Need to address the entire problem, from the high Mournes right through to the shoreline in a co-ordinated way.
- Concerns at number of different working groups/task forces being set up by Council. Terms of reference not yet established for anti-litter working group so this issue could be included.

The Chairperson put Councillor Andrew's amendment to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>ABSENTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>

**THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED.**

The Chairperson put Councillor W Clarke's proposal to a vote.

**AGREED:** It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor W Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ennis, that

**"That this Council notes with concern the recent Marine Litter Survey which identified major failings in the cleanliness of local beaches, and calls upon the Council to establish an urgent Taskforce in partnership with relevant statutory agencies and community organisations to address this issue"**

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.**

**C/127/2015                      NOTICE OF MOTION – DEDICATED HEALTH COMMITTEE**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillors Enright and Hyland.

**"That Newry, Mourne and Down Council establish a dedicated Health Committee to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This committee will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area".**

Councillor Enright proposed the motion stating that in the legacy Down Council he was involved in Down Community Health Committee, which undertook many campaigns, helped to build the Downe Hospital and stage the 20,000 person demonstration last year. Down Council always had a very successful tradition of actively supporting this campaign with a Council backed forum. The Council supported hospital campaign did not have a parallel in Newry, but due to potential threats to Daisy Hill Hospital, such a forum would be beneficial to Daisy Hill. The ability to tackle hospital related issues proactively and at short notice, gave Down Council the ability to strongly influence outcomes in health services in this area.

The Chief Executive provided clarity for Members regarding the setting up of a Committee as follows:

- The 2014 Local Government Act made changes requiring that any Committee of the new Council must be proportionate to the political make-up of the Council.
- Meetings were now to be in public and if there were independent members, they would be required to sign up to the Code of Conduct, which could have a hindering effect.
- As part of Community Planning, Council had a role to work with other Statutory Bodies, but as yet, there was no guidance as to who those Statutory Bodies would be. The consultation document indicated the Health Service and the Trust would be partners with Council in establishing a Health and Wellbeing Committee which would be a Forum of the Community Plan, not a Committee of Council.

Councillor Hyland seconded the motion stating that it was important that Council sent out a message saying it wanted to look at the situation of health and wellbeing of its people, hospitals and health system. He had been a member of the Newry & Mourne Health Action Group which had organised a series of events to fight against the downgrading of Daisy Hill Hospital. He confirmed he wished to see such a committee up and running again that would serve the 2 hospitals.

Members discussed the issue at length, voicing both support and concern about the motion and highlighting the following:

- The proposed Committee would deal with different issues to Community Planning which tended to look at facts and figures and project forward. This proposed forum would instead help to hold the Health Trusts to account and react to immediate threats to health care provision in the district.
- Agree with importance of health care to the district but concern at the proposed delivery mechanism being too focused on hospital care, when the way forward required a much broader approach, looking at primary care needs, issues such as alcohol and drugs abuse, provisions such as the Sure Start project.
- Importance and opportunities provided by Community Planning functions should not be underestimated. Legislation now required the Statutory Bodies to commit to community planning.
- Thematic groups will focus on outcomes and that is what will bring about effective delivery and results.

- Importance of Councillors attending meetings of committees and working groups they establish.
- Emergency issues could be addressed by task and finish groups being set up, as needed.
- Concern about the adversarial nature of legacy Council meetings with Trust Officials and doubts about what they achieved.
- Both forums could be run in parallel as health and social care must be protected robustly.

Following this discussion, the motion was re-worded to state:

**"That Newry, Mourne and Down Council establish a dedicated Health Forum operating on a Task and Finish basis to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This Forum will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area".**

The Chairperson put the matter to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Motion was CARRIED (copy results attached)**

**Agreed:** It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hyland, that Newry, Mourne and Down Council establish a dedicated Health Forum operating on a Task and Finish basis to counter long standing attempts to downgrade hospital services at the Downe and Daisy Hill sites. This Forum will incorporate representation from the Down Community Health Committee and an equivalent fully representative organisation from the Newry area.

It was further agreed that the matter be discussed at Party Representatives Forum.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.11pm**

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive**

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE**

DATE: 05-10-2015 VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Item 16 – Notice of Motion received from Councillors Enright and Hyland

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Bailie	X			
P Brown	X			
R Burgess				X
S Burns	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey	X			
P Clarke				X
W Clarke	X			
G Craig	X			
D Curran	X			
L Devlin				X
G Donnelly				X
S Doran				X
S Ennis	X			
C Enright	X			
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna	X			
V Harte	X			
H Harvey	X			
T Hearty	X			
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins	X			
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran	X			
D McAteer	X			
K McAteer	X			
C McGrath	X			
H McKee	X			
R Mulgrew	X			
M Murnin	X			
P Ó Gribín	X			
B Ó Muirí	X			
B Quinn	X			
H Reilly				X
M Ruane	X			
G Sharvin	X			
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor	X			
JJ Tinnelly	X			
B Walker	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>6</b>

