

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3 June 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor C Casey

In attendance:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor G Bain
Councillor P Brown	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor D Curran
Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor H Gallagher	Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor O Hanlon	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor A Lewis	Councillor O Magennis
Councillor G Malone	Councillor C Mason
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor H McKee	Councillor McKeivitt
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor B Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

C/068/2019

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Byrne, Devlin, Ruane and Stokes

- The Chairperson offered his congratulations to Council officers on their input on the series of events which included an extremely well attended Footsteps in the Forest Event, the Triathlon in Camlough with 400 participants taking part and Newry Half Marathon which was a very successful event.

- The Chairperson advised that Council met with the Consulate General from China and a delegation from China which included a Media Team at an event hosted by Belfast City Council which was a very successful networking event.
- The Chairperson offered congratulations to local man Mark McMullan who reached the final of Britain’s Got Talent.

C/069/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Enright declared an interest during discussions of C/84/2019 as he was a Board Member of Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

C/070/2019 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2019

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019 (copy circulated)

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/071/2019 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2019

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019 (copy circulated).

SPR/052/2019 – Civic Centre Regeneration (CCR) Theatre/Conference Project

Councillor Savage asked for an update on the consultation process to date as local Arts groups were keen to have an input into shaping the new facility.

Mrs Ward advised Arts groups had been contacted directly, one to one discussions had taken place on the plan and feedback was gathered. She stated a workshop with Councillors was planned for the end of June and further engagement with the Arts sector would follow. A briefing had been planned with Newry Chamber of Commerce to ensure everyone was involved and had an opportunity to input into the delivery of the project.

C/062/2019 – Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Meeting held on 21 March 2019

Councillor Savage expressed his disbelief at the vandalism on the Albert Basin site, to the tram which had been restored by students of SRC Newry over a 5-year period. He queried what steps were being taken to safeguard against future vandalism, and to find a natural home as an iconic piece in Newry train station.

Mrs Ward stated it had been agreed at the ERT Committee in April that Council would seek to locate the tram in Newry train station, however, this was now with the legal

team to be concluded as quickly as possible. She advised space had been cleared in one of the Albert Basin sheds and officers would be looking to relocate the tram there. She stated the damage was repairable and not as significant as first thought and Ring of Gullion Partnership had been involved in assessment of the damage and were keen that it be restored to its rightful place.

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí.**

C/072/2019 **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 20 May 2019 (copy circulated).

Mr Hannaway highlighted the Members selected to the Peace IV Partnership Board should have included an Independent Member, as Alliance had a seat on the Board which Councillor Bain had been nominated to take and asked that Councillor Brown give up the seat.

Councillor Brown proposed that Councillor Reilly sit on the Peace IV Partnership Board, this was seconded by Councillor Enright.

Mr Hannaway advised that Carlingford Lough Commissioner's Board had asked, where possible, to keep people on the board separate from those on the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority Board. Additionally, only one representative was required from SDLP as they currently had two names against the position.

Councillor Sharvin proposed Councillor Savage to the Carlingford Lough Partnership, this was seconded by Councillor Andrews.

Councillor Doran agreed to clarify his position following a conversation with Councillor Ruane.

Councillor Brown raised an issue in relation to appointment of Members to council boards and proposed that Party Reps recognise smaller Parties and Independent councillors on that forum, where they had an agreed group leader representing a grouping of three or more, so long as that group was available to all Independents.

The Chairman advised that under Standing Order 24, Rescission of a Preceding Resolution, no motion to rescind any resolution passed within the preceding six months and no motion or amendment to the same effect as one which had been rejected within the preceding six months, shall be proposed by a Member unless the notice thereof given in pursuance of Standing Order 16.1 bears the names of at least 15% of the Members of the Council. The Chairman advised the time for Councillor Brown to raise the issue had been at the Annual Meeting.

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Doran.**

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/073/2019 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/074/2019 NAC CONFERENCE – REGENERATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Read: Correspondence received from NAC regarding Regeneration of Towns and Villages Conference. (copy circulated)

Councillor Mulgrew queried whether additional information with regard to conferences could be provided to Members. She said the benefits, transparency and value for money were important factors that should be considered when deciding to attend conferences.

Members discussed the issue stating they should be ensuring all future conferences were value for money and worthwhile for Members to attend. They also discussed the potential benefit of Members providing an update following attendance at conferences.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Walker that Councillor Burgess attend the NAC Conference.

It was also agreed that Sinn Féin and SDLP would contact Democratic Service with their nominees of their NAC members to attend.

C/075/2019 NILGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Read: Correspondence dated 14th May 2019 received from NILGA regarding invite to Annual General Meeting (copy circulated).

Agreed: The correspondence received was noted.

C/076/2019 THE SOMME

Read: Correspondence received regarding trip to The Somme (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed that, as Council nominated Members of the Somme Association for 2019/20, Councillors Andrews and Walker would attend The Somme Pilgrimage from 28th June 2019.**

C/077/2019 **NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL**

Read: Correspondence received from Northern Ireland Housing Council regarding Councillor attendance at the Housing Council and Committee Meetings between the period 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The correspondence received was noted.**

C/078/2019 **THE SOMME ASSOCIATION**

Read: Correspondence dated 3 April 2019 received from The Somme Association regarding renewal of yearly subscription (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Walker to renew the annual yearly subscription.**

C/079/2019 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RE: NO AIR AMBULANCE**

Read: Correspondence dated 4 April 2019 received from Department of Health Re: No Air Ambulance. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence received was noted.**

C/080/2019 **DfI Re: TRANSFER OF MOURNES**

Read: Correspondence dated 15 April 2019 received from DfI regarding request for the Mournes District Electoral Area be transferred to DfI Roads Eastern Division, for the purpose of roads maintenance and improved liaison with elected representatives (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence received was noted.**

C/081/2019 **MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: GEOGRAPHICAL DISPOSAL FACILITY**

Read: Correspondence dated 16 April 2019 received from Mid Ulster District Council regarding opposition to Geographical Disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management (copy circulated)

Agreed: The correspondence received was noted.

C/082/2019 NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

Read: Correspondence dated 17 April 2019 received from Northern Ireland Policing Board regarding reappointment of current independent members to NIPB (copy circulated)

Agreed: The correspondence received was noted.

C/083/2019 DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE Re: ROONEY ROAD

Read: Correspondence dated 27 March 2019 received from DfI regarding proposed waiting restrictions at Rooney Road, Kilkeel (copy circulated)

Agreed: The correspondence received was noted.

C/084/2019 ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Read: Correspondence dated 27 March 2019 received from Ards and North Down Borough Council regarding UK'S First National Memorial Dedicated to all Emergency Service Personnel who have served or been killed in the course of their duties. (copy circulated)

Councillor O'Muiri proposed to refer the issue to the Good Relations Forum for further clarification on those sections of Emergency Service Personnel that would be commemorated, as Sinn Féin would not be content to support if it included certain sections of military personnel. This was seconded by Councillor Kimmins.

Councillor Walker proposed that Council support the tabled motion, this was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

A discussion took place and the Chairperson put the matter to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	25
AGAINST:	10
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was CARRIED

Agreed: It was agreed to refer the matter to the Good Relations Forum for further discussion and clarification.

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/85/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Enright:

“Newry Mourne and Down’s Draft Local Development Plan to 2030 (preferred options paper) went out for consultation in June 2018 and the consultation closed on 24th August 2018. The Development Plan is minimalistic in dealing with climate change. It notes the lack of National Government targets and uncertainty over the future of renewable targets. It comments that “there is no system-wide need for further renewable energy being connected to the grid” (key issue 18). The plan acknowledges that the Council has 160 kilometers of coastline, but there are no plans to deal with sea-level rise in the document.

In October 2018 the UN announced that we have 12 years to save the planet. UN scientists gave the starkest warning yet that our chances of tackling climate change and averting disaster are slipping away. They said delaying to 2030 would be too late to avoid a 2% rise in global temperatures and climate catastrophe. The UN says action by government actors would need to be taken now. Westminster is paralyzed by Brexit and Stormont is not sitting,.

In view of this, and the UN's Climate Change warnings for 2030, Council declares a 'Climate Change Emergency' and will fundamentally revise and amend the draft of the 2030 Newry, Mourne and Down Development Plan (preferred options paper) to deal with rising sea levels, the need to transition to 100% renewable energy, the infrastructure for electrification of transport over the next 10 years and how our District can command a strategic advantage in being a major producer of renewable energy on the Island of Ireland to bring large numbers of well-paid jobs to the area and boost the commercial rates of the Council from new renewable installations in our area.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Brown. The Chair advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Planning Committee

Councillor Enright stated he did not agree with the decision to refer the motion to the Planning Committee and said it should be discussed at full Council.

Councillor Enright proposed to suspend Standing Orders, in accordance with Standing Order 29.1, in order to allow debate on the Motion. Councillor Brown seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:
(result of vote appended to these minutes).

FOR:	21
AGAINST:	16

In accordance with Standing Order 29.1, as a qualified majority of 80% was not reached, the proposal was declared lost.

AGREED: The motion was referred to the Planning Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

C/86/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – BREAST ASSESSMENT SERVICES

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Mulgrew:

"Newry Mourne and Down District Council write to both Shane Devlin CEO of Southern Trust and Richard Pengelly permanent secretary clearly stating that the proposal to remove breast assessment services from the Southern Trust will not be tolerated.

The services currently being provided by Craigavon area hospital and Belfast City Hospital are excellent and to remove those services would have a hugely negative impact on all those within the Southern Trust but particularly on those from rural communities."

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Mulgrew highlighted the following points:

- The breast assessment unit in Craigavon was a vital much needed service and last year 4,700 people had been referred.
- There are currently a number of live public consultations and fear would be the breast assessment consultation would be overlooked.
- Southern Trust had the fastest growing and fastest aging population.
- Targets all currently being met at Craigavon Area unit and unique breast assessment services provided including: –
 - Magseed – procedure that detected and removed very small tumours, that otherwise would not be detected by routine screening.
 - Vacuum assisted excision that minimised extent of surgery and reduced patient trauma.
 - The only unit in N. Ireland to offer high definition breast tomosynthesis for all patients with family history.
 - Only area in N. Ireland that had a breast pain clinic and although it operated out of Daisy Hill Hospital, it was linked to Craigavon area hospital.
- The Project Board had recommended that four hospitals be retained providing breast assessment services, however the recommendation from Mr Pengelly was for only three.
- Craigavon area hospital provided a triple assessment service for patients that included seeing a consultant, a radiographer and if necessary access to the on site pathology department where biopsies were conducted with the result available within one hour.
- Antrim Area Hospital, one of the preferred option hospitals did not have a pathology department and as there was no extra funding being allocated to breast services, the conclusion was that it would remain this way.
- Additional travel distances for patients was a huge consideration and the feedback from the Project Board was that 25% of women who were low risk would decide not to travel to their appointment if the services were moved.

Members spoke in full support of the motion with the following points raised:

- Any reduction in the breast services should not be tolerated.
- 1% of men were affected by breast cancer.
- The proposal to remove the breast assessment services should be referred to the Southern Trust Area Health Working Group and kept on that agenda so it would continue to be at the forefront of discussions.
- A small delegation should meet the Permanent Secretary to have face to face discussions.
- Craigavon was more centrally located in N.Ireland and therefore was the most suitable location.
- Online consultations were not always easily accessed or downloaded, a potential solution was that downloaded versions could be made available at council offices for the general public to access.
- Council could offer guidance to the public on how to respond to consultations.
- It was disappointing that a public meeting regarding the breast assessment unit was to be held in Craigavon as a lot of people would not be able to attend.
- Closing date for the breast assessment services consultation was 19 July and everyone was urged to respond.

Councillor Mulgrew said it was important to note the online petition by Knitted Knockers was separate to the breast services consultation and it was key that people responded to the consultation.

Mr Lipsett advised that the draft Council response to both Stroke Services and Breast Services would be tabled at the Active and Healthy Communities committee meeting due to be held on 17 June 2019 and he said he would take on board the comments regarding how consultations were accessed.

Councillor Mulgrew, as proposer of the Motion, indicated her agreement to amending the Motion to include both Councillor Walker's comments regarding referring the breast assessment services to the Southern Trust Area Health Working Group and Councillor McKeivitt's comment regarding Council providing guidance to the public on how to respond to public consultations.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Kimmins that Newry Mourne and Down District Council write to both Shane Devlin CEO of Southern Trust and Richard Pengelly permanent secretary clearly stating that the proposal to remove breast assessment services from the Southern Trust will not be tolerated.

The services currently being provided by Craigavon area hospital and Belfast City Hospital are excellent and to remove those services would have a hugely negative impact on all those within the Southern Trust but particularly on those from rural communities.

It was agreed breast assessment services be added to the agenda of the Southern Trust Area Health Working group and kept at the forefront of future discussions.

It was agreed that Council explore ways of providing guidance to the public on responding to public consultations.

C/87/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – SUICIDE DOWN TO ZERO

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Brown:

'This Council will adopt a 'suicide down to zero' approach to combating the high prevalence of suicide across our district. It commits to closer partnership working with local mental health and suicide prevention charities and will establish a suicide prevention working group with a dedicated Council officer responsible, meeting quarterly with representation from all party groupings and the necessary resources to develop and implement a strategy to deliver the commitment of bringing suicides in the district down to zero.

The Council will establish a new small grants scheme within the existing financial assistance programme to fund projects specifically dealing with mental health and suicide in the district, the criteria and performance of which will be drawn up by the working group and monitored by the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate.

Council will also write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health lamenting the abject failure of the Department to implement the Protect Life 2 strategy, and that this strategy should have been signed off regardless of the absence of an Executive given its vital lifesaving and non-contentious nature.'

The motion was seconded by Councillor Enright. The Chair advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee.

Councillor Brown stated he did not agree with the decision to refer the motion to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee and said it should be discussed at full Council.

Councillor Brown proposed to suspend Standing Orders, in accordance with Standing Order 29.1, in order to allow debate on the Motion. Councillor Enright seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows:
(result of vote appended to these minutes).

FOR: 20
AGAINST: 15

In accordance with Standing Order 29.1, as a qualified majority of 80% was not reached, the proposal was declared lost.

AGREED: The Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

C/88/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – VENDING MACHINES

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Clarke:

'This council will introduce a policy to ensure council buildings and leisure centres with vending machines, will replenish them with healthy choice snacks and drinks and will reduce the availability of high-sugar items such as sweets, high sugar fizzy drinks and high fat snacks. Furthermore, council will encourage other partner organisations on the community planning partnership board to follow the example of council and implement similar interventions within their organisations, these measures will assist us in tackling obesity, creating "nudge" strategies to facilitate healthier choices to help people to change their diet.'

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Howell.

AGREED: The Motion was to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.30pm

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 03/06/2019

VENUE: Mourne Room Downpatrick

MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE - Proposal from Cllr Enright seconded by Cllr Brown – Climate Change Emergency

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	√			
G Bain	√			
P Brown	√			
R Burgess	√			
P Byrne				√
C Casey		√		
W Clarke		√		
D Curran		√		
L Devlin				√
S Doran		√		
C Enright	√			
H Gallagher	√			
M Gibbons	√			
O Hanlon		√		
G Hanna	√			
V Harte		√		
H Harvey	√			
T Hearty		√		
R Howell		√		
L Kimmins		√		
M Larkin		√		
A Lewis	√			
O Magennis		√		
G Malone	√			
C Mason		√		
D McAteer	√			
L McEvoy		√		
H McKee	√			
K McKevitt	√			
R Mulgrew		√		
G O'Hare		√		
B ÓMuirí		√		
H Reilly	√			
M Ruane				√
M Savage	√			
G Sharvin	√			
G Stokes				√
D Taylor	√			
J Tinnelly	√			
J Trainor	√			
B Walker	√			
TOTALS	21	16		4

Signed:

Date:

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 03/06/2019

VENUE: Mourne Room Downpatrick

MEETING: Council

SUBJECT OF VOTE - Proposal from Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Gibbons – Suicide Down to Zero

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	√			
G Bain	√			
P Brown	√			
R Burgess	√			
P Byrne				√
C Casey		√		
W Clarke		√		
D Curran		√		
L Devlin				√
S Doran				√
C Enright	√			
H Gallagher	√			
M Gibbons	√			
O Hanlon		√		
G Hanna	√			
V Harte		√		
H Harvey	√			
T Hearty		√		
R Howell		√		
L Kimmins		√		
M Larkin		√		
A Lewis	√			
O Magennis		√		
G Malone	√			
C Mason		√		
D McAteer	√			
L McEvoy		√		
H McKee	√			
K McKevitt	√			
R Mulgrew		√		
G O'Hare		√		
B ÓMuirí		√		
H Reilly				√
M Ruane				√
M Savage	√			
G Sharvin	√			
G Stokes				√
D Taylor	√			
J Tinnelly	√			
J Trainor	√			
B Walker	√			
TOTALS	20	15		6

Signed:

Date: