

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor O McMahon

In attendance:

(Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor D Hyland	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Mulgrew	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ 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
Ms Nora Largey, Legal Advisor
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

C/033/2019

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Kimmins & Murnin

- The Chairperson welcomed the completion of many new playparks and commended the officials who were involved in the implementation of the playpark strategy.

- The Chairperson congratulated Clonduff Camogs on becoming All Ireland champions.
- The Chairperson offered her congratulations and best wishes to Councillor Kimmins and Councillor Taylor on the recent births of their respective sons.

C/034/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/035/2019 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 4 February 2019 (copy circulated)

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 4 February 2019 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/036/2019 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4 February 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Savage.

C/037/2019 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2019

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 28 January 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 28 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hearty.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/038/2019 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Meeting held on 11 February 2019 (copy circulated).

ERT/038/2019 – Tollymore Forest Park – Tea Rooms

On a point of accuracy Councillor Clarke asked if the minutes could be amended, as in his proposal he had added that Council sought expressions of interest alongside negotiating with Forestry Service. The Chairperson stated this would be amended.

Agreed: It was agreed to amend the minute to reflect Councillor Clarke's proposal that Council seek expressions of interest alongside negotiating with Forestry Service with regard the Tea Rooms in Tollymore Forest Park.

ERT/025/2019 – Newcastle and Warrenpoint Beaches

Councillor Devlin highlighted concerns about the proposals contained within the minutes stating they would be counter productive and proposed that Council seek external funding options and bring a business case to ERT Committee for decision. This was seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Councillor Clarke confirmed his original proposal should stand, stating there was no appetite for a pop up beach in Newcastle and raised a number of concerns regarding the management of an artificial beach.

Members discussed the issue at length with the following comments being made:

- With Newcastle being an autism-friendly town, an easily accessible pop up beach would enable young people with autism to visit and the public were asking how soon this scheme could be put in place.
- Man's influence on the beach and the natural environment had driven the sand away therefore the installation of a pop up beach would do additional harm to the environment.
- The practicalities of a pop up beach were not possible, due to cleansing, health and safety and anti-social behaviour.
- Investment in sand traps and protective grasses to protect the natural environment would encourage the return of a natural sandy beach.

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

FOR: 25
AGAINST: 12
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The proposal was CARRIED

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Hanna that Council seek

external funding options for an artificial beach in Newcastle and bring a business case to ERT Committee for decision.

ERT/027/2019 – Resurfacing of Entrance Road – Delamont Country Park

Councillor Andrews asked when the resurfacing work would be carried out and the timescale for an update on the consultation process.

Mrs Ward stated resurfacing work would be carried out prior to Easter, with a detailed report on the consultation process being brought to ERT committee within the next two months.

ERT/024/2019 – Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN)

Councillor McAteer queried when details on addresses included in project Stratum would be available.

Mrs Ward advised she had information to circulate to Members regarding project Stratum.

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Meeting held on 11 February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the above amendments on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew.**

The Minutes were adopted, with the exception of ERT/38/2019 and ERT/25/2019, on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

C/039/2019

MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resource Meeting held on 14 February 2019 (copy circulated).

SPR/041/2019 - Update on D1 Process Re: Raymond McCreesh Park

Councillor Ruane advised that Sinn Fein had made a number of requests for the legal advice referred to during the last Committee meeting, and only after submitting a pre-action letter to the Council, the legal advice had been received at a very late stage, in a format that Members could not open. He stated this was unacceptable and proposed that the item be deferred to a full Special Council meeting with legal representation in attendance to give members time to consult on the matter. Councillor Hearty seconded the proposal.

Members discussed the issue at length stating:

- The item could be added to the agenda for the Special Council meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2019.
- Members had been led to believe matters on the issue had been dealt with properly time and again, however officers and legal personnel had not been

clear as to the process.

- As Council had gone through the play strategy consultation, communities were asking why this play park was being dealt with through the D1 process and was this something that all play parks would have to go through.

Councillor Stokes asked to disassociate himself and SDLP from the comments made about officers.

Councillor Reilly proposed that Council go into closed session to discuss the legal advice, this was seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Following further discussion, Councillor Reilly withdrew his proposal.

Councillor Casey asked if there had ever been a formal proposal to carry out a full community consultation process.

Mr Hannaway replied that the recommendation was to carry out further consultation with the Community, if any expression of interest had been received under the D1 process and before any decision was made about whether to continue with disposal or not.

Councillor Ó Muíri asked for clarity on whether Playboard NI proposed that McCreesh Park enter the D1 process.

Mr Hannaway replied that Playboard's only role was with regard to the playpark Strategy and it had been the decision of Council to enter into the D1 process.

The Chairperson put the proposal to defer the item to a full Special Council Meeting, to a recorded vote, the results of which were as follows (copy of recorded vote appended to these minutes)

FOR: 14
AGAINST: 24
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The proposal was LOST

Councillor Ruane proposed an adjournment to give Councillors an opportunity to discuss documents received. This was seconded by Councillor Stokes and agreed by all Members.

The Chairperson advised the meeting would be adjourned at 7.10pm for 40 minutes

The meeting did then adjourn – 7.10pm

Councillor Sharvin left the meeting during the adjournment – 7.15pm

The meeting did then resume - 7.58pm.

The Chairperson advised the meeting would need to go into closed session in order to receive clarification on the legal advice that had been circulated.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Hanna, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/041/2019-Update on D1 Process Re: Raymond McCreesh Park

Read: Confidential Legal Advice received from Legal Services (Circulated at meeting)

Ms Largey provided clarity on the legal opinion that had been circulated to members.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Councillor Savage proposed to accept the recommendations as contained within the minutes. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

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

FOR: 24
AGAINST: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 12
The proposal was CARRIED

Agreed: The Chairperson advised that, while in closed session, it had been agreed by Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Walker to accept the recommendations as contained within the minutes.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2019 were agreed and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Curran, with the exception of minute reference SPR/014/2019.

Councillor Devlin left the meeting during the above discussions – 8.15pm

Councillors Harte, Hyland, Mulgrew and Tinnelly left the meeting at this stage – 8.30pm

C/040/2019 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Special Audit Committee held on 15 February 2019 (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The Minutes of Special Audit Committee held on 15 February 2019 were agreed and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Brown.**

C/041/2019 **MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2019 (copy circulated).

AHC/024/2019 - RDP Upgraded Funded Parks

Councillor Ó Muíri proposed a new public consultation needed to take place as the previous one was not reflective of the wants of the people. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

Members discussed the issue stating an independent consultation had taken place with Playboard NI and by holding a further consultation, a precedent would be set.

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

FOR: 10
AGAINST: 22
ABSTENTIONS: 1
The proposal was LOST

Councillor Reilly asked officers to ensure the Ballymartin play park would be progressed or that the money be transferred to complete Annalong play park instead. Mr Lipsett advised he would revert to the Member regarding the issue.

Agreed: **The Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran.**

C/042/2019 **MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2019 (copy circulated).

Councillor Reilly asked whether it would be legal to install cameras at fly-tipping hotspots.

The Chief Executive advised he did not have any legal opinion on the matter but would revert to the Member. He stated that the Director of Neighbourhood Services was completing work on fly-tipping at present and this may be picked up within that current scheme of work.

Agreed: **The Minutes of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.**

C/043/2019 **AGRIBUSINESS CONFERENCE**

Read: Correspondence received from agendaNI regarding Northern Ireland Agribusiness Conference 2019 – Beyond Brexit (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne asked whether an officer from Council would be attending this conference as it would be the farming and agri-food industry that would be worst hit with a no-deal Brexit.

Mrs Ward confirmed an officer of Council would be in attendance at the conference.

Agreed: **The correspondence received was noted and it was agreed that a Council officer would attend the conference.**

C/044/2019 **INVITATION TO CHAIR OF COUNCIL FROM RICS WORLD BUILT ENVIRONMENT FORUM**

Read: Correspondence received from RICS World Built Environment regarding The Future of Investment in Real Assets Summit being held on 13-14 May 2019 in New York (copy circulated)

The Chief Executive advised an invitation had been extended to the current Chairman of Council to attend the summit in New York with the delegate fee being paid for. He stated it was a matter for Council to decide to pay the accommodation and flight costs of approx. £1600.

Councillor Ruane proposed that no action be taken. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

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

FOR: 11
AGAINST: 20
ABSTENTIONS: 2
The proposal was LOST

Councillor McAteer proposed that the current Chairman of Council attend the RICS World Built Environment. This was seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Reilly that the current Chairman of Council attend the RICS World Built Environment Summit in New York in May 2019 at an approximate cost of £1600.

C/045/2019 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NI OFFICE RE: INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE NI POLICING BOARD**

Read: Correspondence dated 27 February 2019 received from The NI Office Re: Independent Members to the NI Policing Board (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed that Parties would respond to the NI Office regarding Independent Members to the NI Policing Board with nominations.

C/046/2019 **UNPACKING THE CONSULTATIONS: EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING, DEPOSIT RETURN AND PLASTICS NON-RECYCLED CONTENT TAX**

Read: Correspondence received regarding Conference in Belfast Metropolitan College, Belfast on Tuesday 12 March 2019 regarding Unpacking The Consultations: Extended producer responsibility for packaging, deposit return and plastics non-recycled content tax (copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Byrne that any members wishing to attend should advise Democratic Services.

C/047/2019 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

Read: Correspondence dated 29 January 2019, received from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, regarding Public Enquiry in Relation to Ill Treatment of Patients at Muckamore Abbey

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews,

seconded by Councillor Harvey to write to the Permanent Secretary outlining the Council's support for Lisburn and Castlereagh City Councils motion for a Public Enquiry in Relation to ill treatment of patients at Muckamore Abbey.

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/48/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – NI AIR AMBULANCE

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

“That this Council acknowledges the great work of the NI Air Ambulance. This life saving service has had to be deployed 54 times in the Newry, Mourne & Down area during the first 10 months of 2018. And this Council recognises the significant public fundraising efforts to keep the NI Air Ambulance operational and that we, as a Council look at ways to contribute to it through our Efficiencies Working Group and furthermore this Council writes to the Permanent Secretary Richard Pengelly and the other 10 Councils urging them to financially support the NI Air Ambulance”

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Walker stated the NI Ambulance was a vital service particularly in rural areas throughout the district and it was imperative it was supported by central government in the same way as ambulances, police cars and fire engines were. He acknowledged that, although Stormont was not active at present, Council should write to the Permanent Secretary Richard Pengelly regarding the provision of funding by government for this service.

Councillor Walker said the Motion should be brought to the Efficiencies Working Group for discussion although he acknowledged the rate had already been struck.

Councillor Andrews seconded the motion stating the air ambulance had saved many lives and agreed there should be an onus on Central Government to fund the service.

Members spoke in support of the Motion stating the following:

- There were a lot of vital charities that did much needed work and it was important to keep in mind that the Air Ambulance service was a charity.
- The matter should not be referred to the Efficiencies Working Group as this would create a false hope that Council would provide funding.
- The Air Ambulance was one of the Chairman's chosen charities for this year.

Councillor Burgess stated it was a much needed service particularly for the agricultural community and that the Ulster Farmers Union had raised £200K for the Air Ambulance service and asked that the Notice of Motion be amended to reflect this.

Councillor Walker as proposer of the Motion, indicated his agreement to include the amendment in the Motion.

In summing up, Councillor Walker thanked Members for their support and proposed that a forceful letter be sent to Richard Pengelly regarding the provision by government of much needed funding for this vital service.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews that this Council acknowledges the great work of the NI Air Ambulance. This life saving service has had to be deployed 54 times in the Newry, Mourne & Down area during the first 10 months of 2018.**

This Council recognises the significant public fundraising efforts to keep the NI Air Ambulance operational and that we, as a Council look at ways to contribute to it through our Efficiencies Working Group and furthermore this Council writes to the Permanent Secretary Richard Pengelly and the other 10 Councils urging them to financially support the NI Air Ambulance.

This Council recognises the fundraising efforts of the Ulster Farmers Union who collected £200K along with all those who have fundraised to support the NI Air Ambulance Service.

C/49/2019

NOTICE OF MOTION – CALL FOR NILGOSC TO DIVEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME FROM FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES

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

“This Council calls on the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC) to divest the Local Government pension scheme from any fossil fuel companies within 2 years. This will give NILGOSC ample time to exit the market at the best time ensuring no adverse impact on the pension fund”

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Brown stated NILGOSC was currently investing millions of pounds in fossil fuels and this was both unethical and putting members' pensions at risk. He said it was imperative that dependence on fossil fuels was reduced and that tackling climate change required local action and this was an opportunity for Newry Mourne and Down District Council to lead the way in creating the political momentum for NILGOSC to divest.

Councillor Carr seconded the Motion stating NILGOSC should invest in renewable industries and he believed this should be done within a 2 year period as opposed to 5 years as this would be more effective.

Councillor Casey support the Motion and said the strap line for NILGOSC was 'Best return on their investment' and he believed that to allow a 5 year period as opposed to 2 years would be more beneficial.

Councillor Brown, as proposer of the Motion, indicated his agreement to amending the Motion to 5 years as opposed to 2 years.

Members spoke in support of the motion stating there was a need to look at new and emerging strategies to tackle the threat to the environment from fossil fuels.

Councillor Harvey stated that his grouping would not support the Motion.

In summing up, Councillor Brown thanked Members for their overall support. The Motion was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR:	27
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	4

The Motion was CARRIED.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Carr, that the Council calls on the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC) to divest the Local Government pension scheme from any fossil fuel companies within 5 years. This will give NILGOSC ample time to exit the market at the best time ensuring no adverse impact on the pension fund.

C/50/2019 **NOTICE OF MOTION – GATING LANES TO MITIGATE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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

“Council notes that its published policy for applications to gate lanes to mitigate anti-social behaviour gives responsibility to the PCSP to coordinate the required inter-agency action. Council further notes that the PCSP has no procedures to implement this policy, no criteria to respond to such requests, and no budget to implement it. Council notes therefore that there is currently no procedure for residents or police to request lane closures in areas that are not NIHE estates.

Council notes that gating lanes requires permission from the 3 emergency services, NI Water, Roads and the NIHE and Council where relevant. Any of these may request a standard format key to be used.

Council directs that;

- 1. The Active and Healthy Directorate to recognise either petitions from 90% of residents, or letters from the NIHE, PSNI or Fire Service as the criteria for triggering a formal request for inter-agency consideration and action via the PCSP.**
- 2. To produce a written procedure for PCSP to follow in reflecting Council policy.**
- 3. The Policy and Resources Directorate to provide the PCSP with access to a small annual budget for capital projects to effect this policy and these new procedures.**

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Brown and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee.

C/51/2019

NOTICE OF MOTION – CYCLING

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

“That this council recognises the multiple health, environmental, social and economic benefits of cycling and commits to itself to encouraging cycling. These are to be brought about by; practically encouraging cycling within and between our towns through the re-designation of some pathways as well as safer cycle corridors within our towns, working with external organisations to encourage recreational participation and safety measures such as ‘stayin’ alive at 1.5’.

It also acknowledges the recent study by the Department of Infrastructure that notes – regardless of being of primary or post-primary age, or whether they are urban or rural dwellers – the excessively low numbers of children who cycle to school. Council commits to working with external agencies to explore ways in which cycling, and other active means of transport, can be promoted and increased within our district”.

Councillor Brown asked that if the Motion was to be referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee for further discussions that relevant officers be present at the meeting to address the cross-departmental element.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor McAteer and referred, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee.

C/52/2019

NOTICE OF MOTION – UN COMMITTEE ON THE CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

“This Council notes the Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee on the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Council recognises the valuable contribution that those living with disabilities make to our society and will undertake to prepare a review on how the Council meets local obligations within the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Stokes stated one in five people in N. Ireland were living with a disability and that a number of other Councils in N. Ireland had endorsed this initiative. He said people living with disabilities deserved dignity and respect and he urged Members to support the Motion.

Councillor Savage seconded the Motion.

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Savage that this Council notes the Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee on the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Council recognises the valuable contribution that those living with disabilities make to our society and will undertake to prepare a review on how the Council meets local obligations within the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Councillor Curran left the meeting at this stage – 9.41pm

C/53/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION – TRANSFER OF MOURNES DEA TO EASTERN ROADS DIVISION

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillor Reilly and Councillor Quinn.

“That this Council requests the DFI Roads Service to fully transfer the Mournes District Electoral Area into the Eastern Roads Division in order to simplify roads maintenance and improve liaison with elected representatives in the Mournes ward by ensuring that all the roads in Mourne are in the same Electoral Ward”.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Reilly stated discussions had already taken place with various agencies and it would make sense from an administrative view point and in practicality and efficiency terms for the entire Mournes DEA to be within the one Roads Division.

Councillor Quinn seconded the motion stating he concurred with Councillor Reilly and added that the Southern Division appeared not to have the budget or staff of the Eastern Division.

Councillor Macauley expressed support for the Motion.

Councillor Clarke expressed support for the Motion and said the Mourne DEA was at a disadvantage, but to move the Southern Division into the Eastern Division would require the budget to be moved as well and a lot of complex issues would have to be addressed before this could be done.

Councillor Hearty said he considered a more serious issue was that the budgets in each area needed to be looked at and there were major discrepancy issues with the standard of work being carried out in each area.

Councillor Reilly said that Simon Richardson, DfI Roads had confirmed that if the Mourne DEA was transferred into the Eastern region, then the budget would also be transferred.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Quinn that this Council requests the DfI Roads Service to fully transfer the Mourne District Electoral Area into the Eastern Roads Division in order to simplify roads maintenance and improve liaison with elected representatives in the Mourne ward by ensuring that all the roads in Mourne are in the same Electoral Ward.**

Councillors Clarke, Doran and Stokes left the meeting during the above discussions – 9.47pm

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.50pm

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 4th March 2019

VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: ERT/025/2019 – Council seek external funding options for an artificial beach in Newcastle and bring a business case to ERT Committee for decision.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	X			
N Bailie				X
P Brown	X			
R Burgess	X			
P Byrne	X			
M Carr	X			
C Casey		X		
W Clarke		X		
G Craig	X			
D Curran	X			
L Devlin	X			
S Doran		X		
C Enright				X
G Fitzpatrick	X			
G Hanna	X			
V Harte		X		
H Harvey	X			
T Hearty		X		
R Howell		X		
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins				X
M Larkin		X		
K Loughran	X			
J Macauley	X			
D McAteer	X			
O McMahan		X		
A McMurray	X			
R Mulgrew		X		
M Murnin				X
B Ó Muirí		X		
B Quinn	X			
H Reilly	X			
J Rice		X		
M Ruane		X		
M Savage	X			
G Sharvin	X			
G Stokes	X			
D Taylor	X			
JJ Tinnelly	X			
J Trainor	X			
B Walker	X			
TOTALS	25	12	0	4

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 4th March 2019

VENUE: Downshire Civic Centre MEETING: Council Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: SPR/041/2019 – Proposal from Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Hearty to defer the item to a full Special Council Meeting

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews		X		
N Bailie				X
P Brown		X		
R Burgess		X		
P Byrne		X		
M Carr		X		
C Casey	X			
W Clarke	X			
G Craig		X		
D Curran		X		
L Devlin		X		
S Doran	X			
C Enright	X			
G Fitzpatrick		X		
G Hanna		X		
V Harte	X			
H Harvey		X		
T Hearty	X			
R Howell	X			
D Hyland	X			
L Kimmins				X
M Larkin	X			
K Loughran		X		
J Macauley		X		
D McAteer		X		
O McMahan	X			
A McMurray		X		
R Mulgrew	X			
M Murnin				X
B Ó Muirí	X			
B Quinn		X		
H Reilly		X		
J Rice	X			
M Ruane	X			
M Savage		X		
G Sharvin		X		
G Stokes		X		
D Taylor		X		
JJ Tinnelly		X		
J Trainor		X		
B Walker		X		
TOTALS	14	24	0	3