

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 7 August 2017 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor R Mulgrew

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
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 T Hearty	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
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Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor M Murnin
Councillor B O'Múiri	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Mrs M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Mrs C Miskelly, Assistant Director, Corporate Services (Human Resources)
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Burns, Carr, Harvey, Loughran and McMahon.

The Chairperson advised Members of the tragic death of Ian Maye from the Department for Communities, who had worked very closely with Councils in Northern Ireland on the reform programme, saying the Chief Executive would be sending a letter of condolence to his family on behalf of Council.

The Chairperson referred to the recent tourism events in the District, saying they had been hugely supported and she commended all of the staff and

departments involved for the success, saying she hoped the success would continue throughout the summer.

The Chairperson said some young adults from the District had been successful in the Commonwealth Games and if any Member knew of anyone else who had achieved a medal or had received national/international recognition, to pass this information to her.

C/121/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/122/2017 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2017

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017(copy circulated).

Mr Hannaway advised Members a response to the correspondence received from the Health and Social Care Board regarding re-shaping Stroke Services: a Pre-consultation, was in progress and a meeting with action groups regarding stroke services had been organised.

AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017 was agreed.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/123/2017 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2017

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017 (copy circulated).

In response to a query from Councillor Fitzpatrick regarding information on the blue bin glass issue, Mr Hannaway advised Mr Wilkinson, Interim Director, Regulatory and Technical Services, would revert on this matter.

Councillor Macauley advised she had submitted an apology for this meeting, but this had not been reflected in the minutes.

C/114/2017 – Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2017 – SPR/111/2017 – Officer’s Report – Local Development Plan: Options for Undertaking Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Councillor Byrne said it was important to note, for the purposes of the minutes, that when the Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee had considered the Officers Report on the matter, the report presented had contained inaccuracies.

Mr Hannaway concurred with Councillor Byrne's comments and explained this was the reason a second report had been prepared for Councillors' consideration.

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record, subject to Councillor Macauley's amendment, and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Hearty.**

C/124/2017 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2017**

Read: Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 26 June 2017 (copy circulated).

Mr Hannaway said preliminary arrangements had been made for a site visit to two wind farms in Limavady/Coleraine, which would have similarities with the proposed wind farm in Hilltown and the date of 25 August 2017 had been set aside for this visit for Councillors.

Mr Hannaway advised a site visit would then be arranged to view the location of the proposed wind farm in Hilltown and the proposed date was 1 September 2017.

Councillor Enright requested that information on the level of rates paid by the two wind farms be sought prior to the proposed visit.

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

C/125/2017 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2017**

Read: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 29 May 2017 (copy circulated)

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/126/2017 **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2017**

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2017 (copy circulated).

In response to a query from Councillor Reilly, Mrs Carville undertook to provide Councillor Reilly with the budgeted figure and period of spend for the refurbishment of Annalong Harbour.

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

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

C/127/2017 **TRANSFER AND RENEWAL OF LICENCE AND AUTHORISATION OF OFFICER TO ATTEND COURT**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration), dated 7 August 2017, regarding the Transfer and Renewal of Licence and Authorisation of Officer to Attend Court (copy circulated).

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Clarke, to approve the transfer/renewal of the Liquor Licence for Down Arts Centre from Down District Council to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and the Head of Legal Administration, or any other person as required, attend the Hearing in relation to same to give evidence as required.

C/128/2017 **NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 12 OCTOBER 2017**

Read: Correspondence received from NILGA regarding the NILGA Annual Conference – 12 October 2017 (copy circulated).

In response to Councillor Walker's query regarding the NILGA Annual Conference being free for NILGA members, Mr Hannaway undertook to follow up on this.

Mr Hannaway suggested the matter be referred back to the Party Representatives Forum for nominations.

AGREED: It was agreed that six nominations for the NILGA Annual Representatives Forum Conference be referred to the Party Representatives Forum.

FOR NOTING

C/129/2017 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY – MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ACT (NI) 1969**

Read: Correspondence received from the Department for the Economy dated 16 June 2017 regarding the Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (Copy circulated)

NOTED: It was agreed to note the correspondence received from the Department for the Economy regarding the Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.

C/130/2017 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE POST OFFICE LTD REGARDING FORKHILL**

Read: Correspondence received from the Post Office regarding Forkhill Post Office (Copy circulated)

NOTED: It was agreed to note the correspondence received from the Post Office regarding Forkhill Post Office.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.20pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive