

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor R Burgess
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor C Enright
Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor M Ruane

Officials in Attendance: Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture &
Events
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment &
Regeneration
Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer
Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control &
Regulation
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/168/2019: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies.

ERT/169/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hanna declared an interest in Item 5 relating to Warrenpoint Marina as he was a Board member.

**ERT/170/2019: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 October 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 October 2019.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/171/2019: YES YOU CAN: WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Yes You Can: Women in Business Programme.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve the Council's continuing participation in 'The NI Women in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021' at a cost of £6,122 for Year 2. Following an assessment of Year 2 outputs, a decision to progress in Year 3 will be brought to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for further consideration.

ERT/172/2019: WARRENPOINT MARINA PROJECT

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Warrenpoint Marina Project. **(Copy circulated)**

Members indicated that a project for Warrenpoint Marina should be considered as part of the overall development of the seafront at Warrenpoint and the development of Carlingford Lough.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed:

- (a) To update the business case and Economic Appraisal (EA) for the Warrenpoint Marina project, to ensure issues of displacement are addressed and economic viability of the project is updated.
- (b) To explore funding options that would enable implementation of the project
- (c) Report back to this committee the outcome of the updated EA and funding options.

ERT/173/2019: **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STRATEGY**

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding the International Relations Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the International Relations Strategy as per Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.

ERT/174/2019: **APPLICATION :
CREATIVE EUROPE CULTURAL SUP-PROGRAMME
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Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding an application to the Creative Europe Cultural Sup-Programme Category 1 – smaller scale cooperation projects. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to explore the possibility of applying to the Creative Europe – Culture Sup-Programme category 1- Smaller scale cooperation projects for an artist in residents project with Mayo and Norway and, if feasible, submit an application to the Creative Europe – Culture Sup-Programme

category 1- Smaller scale cooperation projects, by the deadline of 27th November 2019.

BUILDING CONTROL AND REGULATIONS

ERT/175/2019: VARIATION LICENCE: PLACE APPROVAL FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding the introduction of a variation of a Licence for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To approve a variation fee of £50.00 for 3 Year Place Approval for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships.**
- (b) A review of the above fees to be carried out every 3 years. The next review will be carried out in November 2022 or before this date if circumstances change.**

ERT/176/2019: CLOSING ORDER

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulations regarding a Closing Order in respect of premises Bay of Bengal Kilkeel. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Council shall serve a Notice of its intention to make a Closing Order to have the premises closed from 12 midnight each day.**
- (b) The Notice shall be served upon the premises known as Bay of Bengal, Newcastle Street, Kilkeel.**

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/177/2019: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMME 2020/21

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Tourism Events Programme 2020/21. **(Copy circulated)**

During discussion Members raised the following issues:

- Further detail on the new proposals for events, including golf events and outdoor activity events.
- Provision of a STEM village at the Festival of Flight.
- Development of the Wake the Giant event
- Inclusion of Tollymore Forest Park for events
- Discuss with The Scholmberg Society regarding the inclusion of the Eleventh night festival in Killeel
- Concerns regarding the turnaround timeframe for processing grant applications,
- Concerns that a number of legacy festivals are not included, in particular those held in seaside towns
- Clarification on underspend and grant support for Halloween and Christmas events.

Mr Patterson said Officials would be looking at an improved approach in terms of using local produce for the provision of food and drink at Council festivals/events, and that budgets would be increased to ensure the growth of the Council's flagship events.

He added Officials would be looking at the inclusion of a STEM element at the Festival of Flight and to expand on the Wake the Giant story.

Mr Patterson said it was hoped to use Tollymore Forest Park in the future when issues regarding the management control of this facility have been addressed.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve the Tourism Events Programme for 2020/21 and implement all of the recommendations as outlined in Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, including undertaking the necessary procurement exercises and agreement of Service Level Agreements in relation to event delivery.

It was also agreed Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, to report back where necessary regarding the issues raised by Councillors.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ERT/178/2019: 5G COMMUNICATIONS

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

“This Council notes the concerns associated with the roll out of 5G across Northern Ireland and undertakes to carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out within the District, considering all available evidence and information in doing so. This report will then be tabled at a future for Members to express their support or opposition to 5G”.

Noted: At the Council Meeting held on Monday 7 October 2019 it was agreed to defer the above Notice of Motion for consideration at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

Noted: At the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 October 2019 the following decision was agreed, and formally ratified at Council Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019, regarding FFNI 5G Communications:

- (a) Council Officers to review the health impacts of 5G and seek further guidance from the Public Health England, DCMS, OFCOM and other relevant authorities to carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out within the District.
- (b) To authorise FFNI c/o NMDDC, to submit a bid(s) for appropriate funding for 5G on behalf of participating Councils subject to appropriate environmental and health impact assessments.
- (c) To commit up to £10k NMDDC funding to the co-ordination of a 5G community and funding applications.
- (d) To allow NMD, as host of FFNI, to spend the total of such aggregated funding in the pursuit of increasing 5G rollout throughout our communities.

Councillor McMurray explained the main intention of the Motion was that concerning risk assessments and risk benefit analysis carried out regarding this matter and that this should be brought forward. He said he had been in receipt of a lot of technical detail in respect of this issue and he therefore stressed the importance that the matter was brought forward in a clear manner as the public had legitimate concerns and were sceptical as this was being driven by a large corporation.

Councillor McMurray formally proposed the Motion.

Councillor Reilly formally seconded the Motion. He expressed concern that it seemed Huawei would have considerable control within the 5G system and that other European countries were now looking again at this system as it appeared the technology associated with 5G would involve community surveillance and allowing artificial intelligence to operate within certain areas. He also said he had concerns regarding the appearance of such apparatus in an area of outstanding natural beauty, highlighting the question was this really what people wanted and in his view the fact full fibre broadband was safe, that this was what the Council should be aiming to provide.

Following discussion it was noted the general consensus of Members was to support the Notice of Motion.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed a report would be tabled at a future Meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee regarding 5G Communications.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters 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).

ERT/179/2019: VISITOR SERVICING REVIEW

**Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding recommendations arising from the Review of Visitor Information Services.
(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to come out of closed session.

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following decision:

ERT/179/2019: Visitor Servicing Review

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of Report Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Culture regarding the Review of Visitor Information Services, to allow further information to be obtained.

FOR NOTING

ERT/181/2019: PLANNING PERFORMANCE

Read: Planning Committee Performance figures for month of October 2019. (Copy circulated)

Noted: To note Planning Committee Performance figures for October 2019.

**ERT/182/2019: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUSINESS RATES REVIEW**

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding Council response to the Department of Finance Business Rates Review Consultation. (Copy circulated)

Noted: To note Council response to Department of Finance Business Rates Review Consultation.

**ERT/183/2019: BREXIT FORUM MEETING
- FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019**

Read: Action Sheet of Brexit Forum Meeting held on Friday 18 October 2019. (Copy circulated)

Noted: To note Action Sheet of Brexit Forum Meeting held on Friday 18

October 2019.

ERT/184/2019: ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2019-2020

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the mid year assessment of ERT Business Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note approval of the mid year assessment of the ERT Business Plan 2019-2020.**

**ERT/185/2019: HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER
ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM**

Read: Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

ERT/186/2019: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Scheme of Delegation. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Scheme of Delegation.**

ERT/187/2019: 5G COMMUNICATIONS

Read: Report dated 11 November 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism outlining decision taken at Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 October 2019, formally ratified at Council Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019, regarding 5G Communications. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note decision taken at Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 October 2019, formally ratified at Council Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019, regarding 5G Communications.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.35pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 December 2019.

Signed: Councillor R Mulgrew

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee