

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2016 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor R Mulgrew

**In Attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews  
Councillor R Burgess  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor G Donnelly  
Councillor S Ennis  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor V Harte  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor G Stokes  
Councillor B Quinn

**Officials in Attendance:** Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism  
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism  
Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager  
Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer  
Ms E McParland Democratic Services Manager  
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/166/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Councillor Mulgrew, on behalf of Councillor Curran Chairperson, extended new year greetings to the Committee Members and wished them well in 2016.

Councillor Mulgrew said Councillor Curran particularly requested that a special message of best wishes be extended to Councillor Donnelly on her resignation from the Council and on behalf of the Committee, Councillor Mulgrew wished Councillor Donnelly all the best in the future.

The following apology was received:

Councillor D Curran Chair of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism

**ERT/167/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**ERT/168/2016: ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 December 2015. (Copy circulated)

**Holiday World 2016 (Belfast & Dublin)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note apologies from Councillor Curran, which were passed on by Councillor Andrews, as he would be unable to attend the Holiday World events being held in both Dublin and Belfast in January 2016.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Donnelly to note the Action Sheet arising from the Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 December 2015.

**ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS**

**ERT/169/2016: CLANRYE POSITIVE DIRECTIONS PROGRAMME  
- ESF MATCH FUNDING**

Read: Report dated 21 December 2015 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding match funding in kind for Clanrye Positive Directions Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to approve the approach for match funding in kind for Clanyre Positive Directions Programme, as outlined in Report dated 21 December 2015 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, subject to (CETS) Clanyre Employment & Training Services completing all necessary claims and accepting any risks associated if claims are disallowed.

**ERT/170/2016: CONSULTATION:  
DARD INVESTMENT PROPOSALS  
RE: EUROSPAN MARITIME & FISHERIES FUND 2014 - 2020**

Read: Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager regarding DARD Investment Proposals for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014 – 2020 Consultation. (Copy circulated)

In response to queries from Members Mr McGilly said no decision had been made yet on proposals for capping grant for private sector applicants at 40%. He also added that it was hoped there would be opportunity for the Council to make application for grant aid towards costs for repair work at the Harbours. With regard to making provision in the Council's rates,

Mr McGilly said making financial provision in rates would not be necessary at this stage as the Council were only being consulted with regarding the DARD investment proposals for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014-2020 therefore the Council would not be at the stage where it would be making any application for grant aid.

Ms Ward said the DARD Investment Programme was out for consultation and confirmed work was done regarding the promotion of sea food under the previous programme.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the response in relation to the Consultation on the DARD Investment Proposals regarding European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014 – 2020, as contained in Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager. basis.**

**ERT/171/2016: NEWRY CATHEDRAL CORRIDOR PUBLIC REALM SCHEME**

Read: Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Newry Cathedral Corridor Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group Meeting held on 8 December 2015. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the following recommendations as agreed at the Newry Cathedral Corridor Public Realm Scheme Task & Finish Steering Group Meeting held on 8 December 2015:**

- (1) Newry City Centre Management Partnership (NCCMP) to continue to try and source the names of 3 affected businesses that would be prepared to sit on the Committee.**
- (2) Seek Transport NI to attend future meeting of the Task & Finish Steering Committee to present the proposed carriageway resurfacing programme.**

- (3) Council Officials to continue to follow up on a proposed entrance archway to Margaret Street East.**
- (4) Key Partnership working to continue in terms of ensuring that the "Hill Street Open for Business" message is continually circulated.**
- (5) Further meetings of the Task & Finish Steering Committee to be held throughout the works, with officials to now bring forward initial proposals for a Hill Street Revitalisation Scheme (Phase II)**

**ERT/172/2016: LINKAGES REVITALISATION**

**Read:** Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Newry Linkages Revitalisation Task and Finish Steering Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2015. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Donnelly it was agreed to approve the following recommendations agreed at the Task & Finish Steering Meeting held on 2 December 2015: -**

- (a) The Task & Finish Steering Committee approve the finalised Newry Linkages Revitalisation Scheme Action Plan, which is now approved by DSD for funding.**
- (b) Additional elements discussed at the meeting, particularly in regards to a proposed Water Fountain, should also be included in the lower priorities for the Plan, in case additional monies are obtained.**
- (c) Officials should be co-ordinating in regards to the follow-up washing of recently completed Public Realm Scheme Pathways.**

**ERT/173/2016: FISHERIES BILL**

**Read:** Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr K McGarry, Programmes Manager regarding a written submission from Council regarding Clauses 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Fisheries Bill. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed that as consultation regarding the Fisheries Bill would be better placed being carried out with the Fisheries Local Action Group, this should be distributed to the relevant organisations for consideration, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr K McGarry Programmes Manager.**

**ERT/174/2016: SHOP MOBILITY**

Read: Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding an extension of the Shop Mobility scheme. (Copy circulated)

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

- (a) The Council, in the first instance, consider a potential location for any additional Shopmobility service provision and once established, Shopmobility NI have agreed to assist in the process of meeting with the Department for Regional Development and assessing the potential of the location, as recommended in report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer.**
- (b) Investigations to identify suitable Shopmobility locations will include considering Kilkeel and Warrenpoint, and other locations in the District will be included in due course.**
- (c) Council Officers arrange to have an evaluation carried on the Shop Mobility scheme in the Newcastle Centre.**

**ERT/175/2016: (GATE) GROWTH FOR ADVENTURE TOURISM ENTREPRENEURS PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding proposals for the (GATE) Growth for Adventure Tourism Entrepreneurs Project. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Donnelly it was agreed Newry Mourne & Down District Council become a partner in the Growth for Adventure Tourism Entrepreneurs (GATE) project and investigate and apply for potential funding sources, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer.**

## **TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS**

### **ERT/176/2016: GAME OF THRONES - TOURIST IRELAND – GREAT CAMPAIGN**

Read: Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding implementation of the Game of Thrones Tourism Ireland Great Campaign. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed as follows regarding the Game of Thrones Tourism Ireland Great Campaign, as recommended in Report dated 11 January 2016 from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager:**

- (a) Approval to process with the implementation of the Game of Thrones Tourism Ireland Great Campaign.**
- (b) Approval to use Tourism Ireland's Design and Media buying agencies to assist in the delivery of the campaign.**
- (c) Approval to use the services of Jason Powell Marketing to assist in the trade development of Game of Thrones Experiences.**

### **ERT/177/2016: POLICY & PROCEDURES ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE IN NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Read: Report dated 21 December 2015 from Ms C Murphy and Ms Heather Wilson Countryside/ROW Officers regarding Policy & Procedures on Access to the Countryside in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: It was agreed to note a policy document was currently being prepared on Access to the Countryside in the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area, as outlined in Report dated 21 December 2015 from Ms C Murphy and Ms Heather Wilson Countryside/Rights of Way Officer.**

**The policy document will be a framework for merging the differing policies within the legacy Councils and ensuring the Council's compliance with the implementation of the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983.**

**When the Policy document is completed it will be brought to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for consideration in due course.**

**ADDITIONAL/ MISCELLANOUS ITEMS**

**ERT/178/2016: NEWRY GREENWAY PROJECT**

Councillor Hearty asked for an update regarding the Newry Greenway Project.

Ms Ward said the Newry Greenway Project was being dealt with under the Strategic Planning & Performance Directorate and she understood a recommendation would be tabled at the Strategy Policy & Performance Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 14 January 2016 with regard to this item.

**ERT/179/2016: SIGN RE: ULSTER PIPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**AGREED:** At the request of Councillor McAteer it was agreed to contact the organisers of the Ulster Piping Championships which were held in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor in August 2015, requesting that the yellow AA road sign for this event located in advance of the roundabout at Greenbank Newry, be removed as the event is over.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 1 February 2016.

**Signed:** **Councillor R Mulgrew**  
**Vice Chairperson**

**Signed:** **Ms M Ward**  
**Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism**