

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 12 December 2016 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Burgess

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor D Curran

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor B Quinn  
Councillor J Tinnelly  
Councillor M Ruane

**Officials in Attendance:**

Ms M Ward	Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McGilly	Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Ms M Boyle	Tourism Development Officer
Mr M Mohan	Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
Mr A Patterson	Tourism NI
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/188/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

The following apology was received:

- Councillor G Stokes
- Councillor S Ennis
- Councillor N Bailie
- Councillor D McAteer
- Councillor P Brown
- Councillor T Andrews

The Chairperson, Councillor Burgess, on behalf of the Committee, requested that a message of best wishes be sent to Councillor Naomi Bailie.

**ERT/189/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received:

**ERT/190/2016: ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2016.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2016.**

**TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS**

**ERT/191/2016: COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Coastal Communities Fund.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Tinnelly it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Coastal Communities Fund:**

- (a) Advance the Coastal Communities Fund application to Stage 2 of the process.**
- (b) The Council to go to tender for the appointment of a delivery agent, if successful at Stage 2 of the process.**

**ERT/192/2016: ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE 2017**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M Mahon, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding permission to go to Tender regarding St Patrick's Festival Parades in Downpatrick and Newry. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Curran referred to the fact no figures had been provided for the production development and delivery of the St Patrick's Festival Parades and he felt this matter

should be referred back to the St Patrick's Festival Parade Working Group for further discussion

Ms Ward explained costs would be in the region of £20,000 and this amount had already been included in the existing St Patrick's Festival budget.

Councillor Quinn said he was disappointed the Council would consider going to tender for the production, development and delivery of the St Patrick's Day Parades and asked why this work could not be provided 'in house'.

Councillor Hearty suggested that rather than spending the monies on contracting out for services regarding the production/development and delivery of the St Patrick's Day parades that the Council could consider using the monies towards the employment of a full time member of staff.

Ms Ward explained it was not proposed to contract out the entire organising of the St Patrick's Day Festival but to provide assistance regarding the production aspect of both parades.

With regard to Councillor Hearty's suggestion to consider employing a member of staff on a full time basis, Ms Ward said this was something which could be considered as part of the restructuring of the Council organisation.

**AGREED: It was unanimously agreed Council Officials to examine the possibility of providing assistance for the production, development and delivery of the St Patrick's Festival Parades within the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Departmental structure and establish if the necessary assistance can be provided 'in-house'.**

**A report to be tabled at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting in January 2017, if required, should any issues arise.**

**ERT/193/2016**

**POLICIES**

**DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM ACCREDITATION**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding Policies regarding Down County Museum Accreditation application. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve the following policies for the Down County Museum to meet the requirements of Museum Accreditation application February 2017, as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M King Museum Curator:**

- **Collection Development Policy**
- **Documentation Policy**
- **Collections Care and Conservations Policy**
- **Access Policy**
- **Environmental Sustainability Policy**

**ERT/194/2016:      ARMSTRONG HUT FROM BALLYKINLER CAMP  
DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM**

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**Read:**            Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding the reconstruction of an Armstrong Hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:**      **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M King Museum Curator, regarding the reconstruction of an Armstrong Hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum:**

- (a)      To approve the development of initial plans and to seek costs for the project to reconstruct an Armstrong Hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum in order that should funding become available from Peace IV, or an alternative source, the project can process.**
  
- (b)      Progress reports regarding the project to reconstruct an Armstrong Hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum, be tabled at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee in due course.**

**ERT/195/2016:      TOURISM TRAVEL TRADE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Read:**            Report dated 10 October 2016 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding details of travel trade opportunities for on-going work plan with Tourism NI and the Council. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:**      **On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note Report dated 10 October 2016 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding details of travel trade opportunities for on-going work plan with Tourism NI and the Council, and the Council to host part of a drinks reception for ITOA in January 2017 at a cost in the region of £4,000.**

**ERT/196/2016: TOURISM STRATEGY 2017-2021**

Read: Report dated 6 December 2016 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Draft Tourism Strategy 2017-2021. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Hanna said he welcomed the Tourism Strategy but expressed concerns that two mainly unionist areas, ie, Mournes and Ballynahinch, were not included in the plan.

Ms Ward said that although some areas were not specifically mentioned in the Strategy, Officials were actively working with towns and villages across the District and she said the Mournes was of particular importance within the Strategy.

(3.10pm – Councillor W Clarke joined the meeting)

Councillor Curran said he would like to see more emphasis made on how to go forward with the strategy.

Ms Ward said details will be brought back in terms of moving forward with tourism via business planning details.

Councillor Quinn suggested the Council should create an events calendar which should also highlight those events being held in smaller areas across the District as lot of the smaller events were not promoted. He said the Council should be making contact with the organisers of these small events to obtain the necessary details.

Ms Ward said an events calendar for Council's main events would be published in January 2017 and that ERT would work with AHC to encourage community groups to provide details of community events so that these could be included with a calendar.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed as follows, as per Report from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Draft Tourism Strategy 2017-2021:**

- (a) To adopt the Tourism Strategy 2017-2021.**
- (b) To consider the Summary Action Plan for 2017/2018 and agree the review of the ERT Directorate Business Plan in early 2017.**
- (c) To arrange an official launch of the Tourism Strategy in early 2017.**

## **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION ITEMS**

### **ERT/197/2016:     **LAND AT SLIEVE CROOB WALKING TRAILS****

Read:            Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms H Wilson, Countryside Access Officer regarding the possible acquisition of land at Slieve Croob for development of walking trails and environmental protection of this area. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:**     **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms H Wilson, Countryside Access Officer, that no further action be taken by Council regarding the development of walking trails and acquisition of land in Slieve Croob, until such times as the study being carried out by ORNI regarding a community trails plan for Slieve Croob and Mourne DEA, is completed.**

**An update report regarding the development of walking trails in Slieve Croob to be tabled at a future meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

### **ERT/198/2016:     **DOE ENVIRONMENT FUND RING OF GULLION****

Read:            Report dated 30 November 2016 from Mr D Rice, Ring of Gullion/LPS Manager regarding application for funding to DOE for Strangford Lough, Lecale & Down Coast AONB, Ring of Gullion LPS and Ring of Gullion AONB. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:**     **On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed, as per Report dated 30 November 2016 from Mr D Rice, Ring of Gullion/LPS Manager, to accept and return the Letter of Acceptance form from NIEA in respect of an offer of funding from the Environment Fund for 2017/18 for Strangford Lough, Lecale & Down Coast AONB, Ring of Gullion LPS and Ring of Gullion AONB.**

### **ERT/199/2016:     **NI CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP****

Read:            Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Northern Ireland Chamber Corporate Membership. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism, that the Council join NI Chamber of Commerce for an initial 12 month period with review thereafter.

**ERT/200/2016: OVERSEAS RESULTS FOR NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Overseas Results for Newry, Mourne & Down District Council area. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism, that the Council enter into an agreement with Overseas Results Ltd to run a programme of export sourcing for 20 companies in the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area, to be completed within the current financial year.

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/201/2016: ST PATRICK'S CROSS**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding granite replica of St Patrick's Grave. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note Report dated 12 December 2016 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding granite replica of St Patrick's Grave.

**ERT/202/2016: CAMLOUGH LAKE PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Camlough Lake Task & Finish Working Group Meeting held on 10 March 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note the following Recommendations arising from the Camlough Lake Task & Finish Working Group Meeting held on 10 March 2016:

- (a) **To appoint Councillor R Mulgrew as Chairperson and to appoint MrStephen Boyle as Vice Chairperson of the Camlough Lake Task & Finish Working Group.**
- (b) **A site meeting to view works to be programmed for February 2017.**

**ERT/203/2016: PERFORMANCE ARTS PROJECT  
NEWRY & MOURNE MUSEUM**

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms N Cunningham, Museum Curator regarding a progress Report on the Performing Arts Project at Newry & Mourne Museum. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was agreed to note progress regarding the Performance Arts Project for Newry & Mourne Museum, as per Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms N Cunningham, Museum Curator.**

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Burgess, wished everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

The Meeting concluded at 3.35pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 9 January 2017.

**Signed: Councillor R Burgess  
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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