

## NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 January 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor P Byrne

**In Attendance:** **(Committee Members)**

Councillor C Casey  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor D Curran  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor O McMahon  
Councillor G Stokes  
Councillor D Hyland

### **Officials**

**in Attendance:** Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism  
Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration  
Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director, Tourism Culture & Events  
Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer  
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Dr Kirstin Lemon, Geologist, GSNI

**ERT/001/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Burgess, Ruane, Quinn and Hanna.

**ERT/002/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in ERT/004/2018: Joint Brexit Conference

## **FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

### **ERT/003/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017**

**Read:** Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 December 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 December 2017.

## **ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION**

### **ERT/004/2018: JOINT BREXIT CONFERENCE**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2017 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Joint Brexit Conference update. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr McGilly advised the conference would be open for all Councillors and businesses to attend and a link to enable online registration would be circulated to all Members in due course.

In response to a query from Councillor McAteer as to how the conference would be structured taking into account the current political status, the Chairperson agreed this would be difficult but said he had recently attended a Brexit conference at Lough Erne which he had found to be very informative in terms of pointing people in the right direction and obtaining practical advice.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer, it was agreed to:

- 1. Approve cross border Brexit conference, to be hosted in the Carrickdale in association with NMD Council, InterTradelreland, Louth County Council, Local Enterprise Office (LEO), Dundalk Chamber and Newry Chamber.**
- 2. Develop a similar Brexit event to be hosted in Downpatrick / Newcastle area early 2018.**
- 3. Link to enable online registration to the Brexit Conference to be circulated to all Members**

(3.05pm – Councillor Stokes joined the meeting, at this point he declared an interest in ERT/004/2018)

(3.10pm -Councillor Clarke joined the meeting)

**ERT/005/2018: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES – EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

Read: Report dated 15 January 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration regarding Creative Industries – Emerging Technologies for Small Business. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer asked how businesses would be identified. Mr McGilly replied this would be done via various promotions including social media, he said engagement was already taking place with SRC and SERC and leads and contacts would be developed with local enterprise centres.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed Council approve programme of £17,000, working in collaboration with SRC/SERC to host “Emerging technologies for business” events across the district.**

**ERT/006/2018: UPDATE ON DERRYMORE REGENERATION PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 15 January 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the update on Derrymore Regeneration Project (including co-operation project with Morrehill, Co. Mayo. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor McAteer, the following was agreed:**

- i. Following the procurement and assessment of an Integrate Design Team for the regeneration of Derrymore Demesne and Moorehall Estate projects, to appoint the most economically advantageous tender, providing it is within budget**
- ii. To put in place a Service Level Agreement between Council / MGL LAG and Mayo Co Council re the project management and financial delivery of the Co-operation Project**
- iii. To engage with National Trust regarding necessary legal agreements regarding the completion of the works on their land. This will also outline the aspects of the project that National Trust will continue to maintain following completion of the project, and outline Council’s responsibility for future maintenance of the**

## **Play Area**

- iv. **To establish Permission Path Agreements in relation to the River Walk, subject to legal formalities and land valuation.**
- v. **To procure the appointment of a contractor(s) for both Derrymore Demense and Moorehall Estate projects. However official appointment of a contractor(s) will only be made once funding is in place for completion of the capital works.**
- vi. **To submit a funding application to MGL LAG once the all pre application requisites have been completed. Engage with Sport NI to secure a Letter of Offer once all pre LoO requisites have been completed.**

**ERT/007/2018**

### **CHINESE INVITATION**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Changchun Region Friendship Agreement. **(copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed:**

- 1. To accept the invitation extended by Liu Changlong, Mayor of Changchun to visit in 2018**
- 2. To agree to the Chair of Council and Chief Executive representing the Council on the visit.**
- 3. To further consider the opportunities to include a wider delegation of business and educational partners in the visit.**

**ERT/008/2018:**

### **MIPIIM CANNES**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the MIPIIM.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to approve the Chair of Council and One Council official attending MIPIIM to represent the Newry, Mourne and Down Region development opportunities**

## **TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS ITEMS**

### **ERT/009/2018      NORTHERN IRELAND TOURISM ALLIANCE**

Read:                      Report dated 15 January 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events regarding establishment of a Northern Ireland Tourism Alliance. **(Copy circulated)**

Discussion took place and there was agreement among members that the formation of a new Tourism Alliance would be very beneficial to the regional economy, however members expressed the importance that this Alliance be business lead.

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to confirm Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's support of the formation of a new Tourism Alliance.**

### **ERT/010/2018:      GEOTOURISM PROJECT UPDATE**

Read:                      Report dated 15 January 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events regarding UNESCO Geopark. **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairperson invited Dr Kirstin Lemon to speak to the Members regarding the impact of the proposed Geopark. Dr Lemon said the proposed three AONB areas identified for inclusion in the UNESCO Geopark submission shared a geological heritage and the achievement of a UNESCO Global Geopark status would ensure sustainable tourism for the area. She continued saying that a holistic approach with regard to protection, education and sustainable tourism was a requirement of all UNESCO Global Geoparks and so by having this arrangement already in place would allow for an effective and cohesive management structure. To allay concerns expressed by Members regarding any potential threat to landowners / farmers, Dr Lemon assured that UNESCO Global Geoparks would work with what was available and the 'Geopark Brand' would ensure nothing else would change.

**Agreed:**                      **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the recommendation that the UNESCO Geopark submission will include the Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB (if agreed by Ards & North Down BC) in addition to the Mournes and Ring of Gullion AONBs.**

### **ERT/011/2018      ATTENDANCE AT DUBLIN HOLIDAY WORLD AND BALMORAL SHOW**

Read:                      Report dated 15 January 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Council

attendance at Holiday World 2018 and Balmoral Show 2018.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed that Councillors Harvey and McAteer attend the Balmoral Show (16 – 19 May 2018) and Councillors Hyland and Burgess attend the Dublin Holiday World show (26 – 28 January 2018)

**ERT/012/2018**      **EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT FOR FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT DIRECTOR FOR 2018**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events regarding extension of appointment for Festival of Flight Director 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Members expressed concern regarding cuts to the budget and the impact this would have on other events. Mrs Ward said this would be tabled for discussion at the February ERT Committee Meeting. She said there was sufficient money in the budget to cover the extension of the appointment for Festival of Flight Director for 2018. In response to a query from Councillor Casey as to the need for a Flight Director for one day, Mr Patterson replied saying it was essential to have an aviation expert present from a health and safety perspective.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to extend the appointment of Rick Peacock-Edwards as Festival of Flight Flying Display Director 2018 in line with the ERT committee decision taken on 9th May 2016.

**ITEMS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland 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/013/2018**      **WARRENPOINT BATHS DEVELOPMENT BRIEF**

Read:                      Report dated 15 January 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Warrenpoint Baths Redevelopment Brief. **(Copy circulated)**

**ERT/014/2018**      **WARRENPOINT BATHS LEASE**

Read:                      Report dated 8 January 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events regarding lease of Warrenpoint Baths/Water Sports Centre – East Coast Adventure. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                      **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed:                      **When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:**

**Warrenpoint Baths Development Brief**

**On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree the additional £13,500, as per current tender assessment, to appoint a multi-disciplinary team to manage the development brief process in relation to Warrenpoint Baths. The total contract cost is £23,500 and is available in the Council regeneration budget.**

**Warrenpoint Baths Lease**

**On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed that Council enter into short term lease (1 year with option to renew) with East Coast Adventure subject to valuation from LPS and completion of all legal formalities**

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/015/2018:**      **ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET**

Read:                      ERT Action Tracker Sheet **(copy circulated)**

Agreed:                      **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor McAteer, it was agreed to note the ERT Action Tracker Sheet.**

**ERT/016/2018: LOUTH/NMD JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Read:** Louth/NMD Joint Committee Report – September 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Hearty, it was agreed to note the Louth/NMD Joint Committee Report – September 2017.**

**ERT/017/2018: DOWNPATRICK TOWNSCAPE INITIATIVE APPLICATION TO HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Employment regarding Downpatrick Townscape Initiative application to Heritage Lottery Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was agreed the Downpatrick Townscape Initiative application to Heritage Lottery Fund be noted.**

**ERT/018/2018: UPDATE ON NEXT STEPS ON EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration regarding Update on Next Steps on Export Development Programme. **(Copy circulated).**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed that in order to determine impact of the programme, Council will 6 months following programme completion contact the 20 local companies to undertake monitoring against any new clients / contracts secured as a result of participation on the Overseas Results programme**

**Council will also review with the business any further additional support that may be required to fulfil the new contract to inform potential additional programmes under future LED activity**



**ERT/019/2018: FARMERS / ARTISAN MARKETS**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration regarding Farmers / Artisan Markets.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed that the progress on this project is noted.**

**ERT/020/2018: PURPLE FLAG**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Employment regarding Purple Flag update.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor McAteer, it was agreed to note the detail of the report.**

**ERT/021/2018: CITY DEAL UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 15 January 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding Belfast Region City Deal: Update Report. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hyland It was agreed to note content of report**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3.55pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor P Byrne**  
**Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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