

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on
Monday 8 May 2017 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,
Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor R Burgess

Vice Chairperson: Councillor D Curran

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**
Councillor T Andrews
Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J Tinnelly

Officials in Attendance: Ms M Ward Director of Enterprise, Regeneration
& Tourism
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration &
Tourism
Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
Mr A Patterson Tourism NI
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/088/2017: APOLOGIES / CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor N Bailie

ERT/089/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

**ERT/090/2017: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 April 2017.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 April 2017.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

**ERT/091/2017: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK
HLF REGENERATION PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms S Keenan Project Development Officer J regarding recommendations arising from the Warrenpoint Municipal Park HLP Regeneration Project Steering Group Meeting held on 24 April 2017.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer, it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 10 April 2017 from Ms S Keenan Project Development Officer, to approve the design proposals presented in the RIBA Stage 4 Design Report, in respect of the Warrenpoint Municipal Park HLF Regeneration Project, and which has been approved at the Warrenpoint Municipal Park Steering Group Meeting held on 24 April 2017.

**ERT/092/2017: DAERA
OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGISLATION**

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms C Murphy/Ms Heather Wilson Countryside/Rights of Way Officers regarding a review of Outdoor Recreation Legislation relating to DAERA.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve and submit the draft response to DAERA regarding a review of Outdoor Recreation Legislation, as per Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms C Murphy/Ms Heather Wilson Countryside/Rights of Way Officers.

ERT/093/2017: SUPERFAST / RURAL BROADBAND

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer regarding an update on Superfast and Rural Broadband. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer in relation to Superfast and Rural Broadband:

- (a) Newry Mourne & Down District Council support the Department for the Economy implementation of the additional 'superfast broadband' funding.**
- (b) Newry Mourne & Down District Council submit an application to the Rural Development Programme via the Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Local Action Group (LAG) for funding to commission research. This will identify the additional problem areas and options available to the LAG to redress them.**

It was also agreed:

- (c) The Council use postcodes and consultation with the Council DEA Fora to assist in identifying broadband weak spots.**
- (d) The Council to contact BT regarding broadband cabinets which have been installed in various locations but which have not yet been connected. Councillors to pass details of these locations to Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of ERT.**

**ERT/094/2017: PROPOSED HOTEL DEVELOPMENT
DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of ERT regarding Downpatrick Hotel. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding proposed hotel development for Downpatrick:

- (a) To approve the Report and findings of the Feasibility Study /Business Case carried out by Council, regarding options for a proposed Hotel in Downpatrick.**
- (b) The Council continue to liaise with potential developers within the parameters of the Report's findings and recommendations.**

- (c) A progress report be submitted back to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 14 August 2017.

**ERT/095/2017: FORMER PSNI STATION SITE
DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the former PSNI Station Site in Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed as per Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of ERT, that the Council proceed to commission consultants to carry out a Feasibility Study/Options appraisal, including a valuation, on the former PSNI Station site in Downpatrick. This study to also include Council owned adjacent car park and if required, develop the business case to justify the purchase of the site and carry out a Development Brief on the extended site.

TOURISM, CULTURE AND EVENTS

ERT/096/2017: UPDATE RE: SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding an update on Slieve Gullion Forest Park – improvements to visitors facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding an update on Slieve Gullion Forest Park – improvements to visitors facilities:

(a) To note timetable for implementation of Capital investment programme.

(b) Council to investigate options for visiting the site such as booking visits.

ERT/097/2017: EXHIBITIONS – NEWRY & MOURNE MUSEUM

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms N Cunningham Museum regarding revamping exhibitions at Newry & Mourne Museum. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to proceed to seek tenders to revamp exhibitions at Newry &

**Mourne Museum, as per Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms N Cunningham
Museum Curator.**

**ERT/098/2017: ROYAL INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTOO
SUNDAY 16 JULY 2017
COTSWOLDS**

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives
Manager regarding attendance at the Royal International Air Tattoo to be held
on Sunday 16 July 2017 in the Cotswolds England. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded that only 2 No. members of the
Council's Events Team attend the Royal International Air Tattoo to be held on Sunday 16
July 2017 in the Cotswolds England:

The above proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

For: 5
Against: 9
Abstentions: 0

The proposal was declared lost.

Councillor Hanna proposed and Councillor McAteer seconded that the following attendees be
appointed to attend the Royal International Air Tattoo to be held on Sunday 16 July 2017 in
the Cotswolds England:

- Chairperson of Council or Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration Tourism Committee
- 2 No. members of staff from the Council's Events Team

The above proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

For: 9
Against: 4
Abstentions: 1

The proposal was declared carried.

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor McAteer, it
was agreed, as per Report dated 10 April 2017 that the following
attendees be appointed to attend the Royal International Air Tattoo to be
held on Sunday 16 July 2017 in the Cotswolds England:**

- **Chairperson of Council or Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration
Tourism Committee**
- **2 No. members of staff from the Council's Events Team**

FOR NOTING

ERT/099/2017: ERT ACTION TRACKING UPDATE

Read: Action Tracking Update for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the ERT Action Tracking Update.

**ERT/100/2017: STRANGFORD LOUGH
MARINE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

Read: Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms C Nolan SLLP Manager regarding the Strangford Lough Marine Protected Area Management Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 8 May 2017 from Ms C Nolan SLLP Manager regarding the Draft Strangford Lough Marine Protected Area Management Scheme and that DAERA will be consulting with the Council, as the relevant authority, regarding the final version of the document in due course.

Councillor Andrews extended his thanks to Councillor Burgess, Chairperson and to Councillor Curran Deputy Chairperson, of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for presiding over the Committee during the past term.

Councillor Harvey concurred with Councillor Andrews comments.

ERT/101/2017: CRANFIELD BEACH

AGREED: It was agreed Council Officials investigate issues regarding safety at Cranfield Beach as raised by Councillor B Quinn and report back via the ERT Committee in due course.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.35pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 5 June 2017.

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

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

