

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor R Burgess

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor A McMurray

Officials in Attendance: Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/020/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor D Curran (Deputy Chairperson of ERT)
Councillor N Bailie

ERT/021/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

ERT/022/2017: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 January 2017.
(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 16 January 2017.

Holiday World 2017

Councillor Andrews and Councillor Burgess expressed thanks to the input from Council staff who attended Holiday World 2017 in both Belfast and Dublin.

Lighting of Oak Holm Tree

Councillor McAteer questioned the variation in the estimated figures submitted regarding lighting of the Oak Holm tree in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.

Ms Ward said the figures had not been provided by the Council and confirmed clarification had been sought regarding the difference between both figures submitted and she was awaiting a response in due course.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/023/2017: CONSULTATION – REFORMING THE RATING SYSTEM

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer regarding a Consultation Response on Reforming of the Rating System. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer, to approve the

consultation response regarding Reforming the Rating System and submit same to the Department of Finance in advance of the closing date on Thursday 16 February 2017, subject to including suitable wording regarding the 3rd paragraph in the response, Revitalising our High Streets, clarifying that the 100% rates exemption be applied within the first 3 years of conversion.

ERT/024/2017: NEWRY JOB FAIR

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer regarding the Newry Job Fair to be held on Thursday 23 March 2017 in Canal Court Hotel. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer, that the Council contribute £2,500 towards the Department for Communities Job Fair to be held on Thursday 23 March 2017 in the Canal Court Hotel Newry.

ERT/025/2017: VILLAGE RENEWAL

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding an updated of existing and creation of new Village Renewal Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Village Renewal, that subject to receipt of a letter of offer from MGL Rural Development Partnership, that the Council undertake the review of village plans and the development of new village plans as listed on the List of Village/Settlements.

ERT/026/2017: DAERA
RE: KNOWLEDGE FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding a Consultation Response to DAERA regarding Knowledge Framework. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed to approve the consultation response regarding DAERA Knowledge Framework, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, and forward same to DAERA by the deadline of 27 February 2017.

ERT/027/2017: DISTRICT MASTERPLANS

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Master Plans for the District. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that subject to extensive consultation, that the Council adopt and implement the 4 No. Masterplans for the District with quarterly review and date provided to the ERT Committee and a bi annual reports provided to DEAs.

TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/028/2017: HORSE RIDING
CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms H Wilson Countryside Access Officer regarding Horse Riding in Castlewellan Forest Park. (Copy enclosed)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms H Wilson Countryside Access Officer, that the Council undertake the management of the identified interim horse riding trails in

Castlewellan Forest Park in the short term pending the outcome of the ORNI study into wider horse riding in the Mourne forests, taking into account the identified key issues.

ERT/029/2017: SEATRADE CRUISE GLOBAL 2017

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Seatrade Cruise Global 2017 event. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to queries regarding this event Ms Ward explained this was a global event and costs for taking a stand at this event will be met by Warrenpoint Harbour Authority. She said there may be an opportunity to send a member of Council staff to attend the European Seatrade Cruise event which will be held in Hamburg in September 2017.

AGREED On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as per Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer, that 1 No. Council Official attend the Seatrade Cruise Global event to be held in Fort Lauderdale from 13-16 March 2017.

ERT/030/2017: BALMORAL SHOW 2017

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Council attendance at Balmoral Show May 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Council be represented at the Balmoral Show 2017 and take a stand at this event, as per marketing activities.

ERT/031/2017: TOURISM STRATEGY – TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding an update on the Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 From Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer:

- (a) The Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board to meet on a bi monthly basis.
- (b) The report regarding Hotel for Downpatrick to be circulated to Members of the Tourism Strategy Task & Finish Project Board.

ERT/032/2017: CAMLOUGH LAKE – TASK & FINISH COMMITTEE

Read: Report dated 13 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Camlough Lake Task & Finish Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 13 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer:

- (a) To investigate provision of temporary facilities for events for 2017.
- (b) To accept 1 No. representative from the new Camlough Angling group to be represented on the Committee.
- (c) The site Meeting scheduled for February 2017 be changed to March 2017.
- (d) A small group to review art feature on site.

ERT/033/2017: LIFE GUARD SERVICES

Read: Report dated 3 February 2017 from S Boyle Delamont Country Park Manager, regarding renewal of RNLI Agreement for provision of Life Guard Services for Cranfield Murlough and Tyrella Beaches 2017 – 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed as per Report dated 3 February 2017 from Mr S Boyle Delamont Country Park Manager , the Council approve the continuation of the Agreement with RNLI for provision of a Life

Guard Service for Cranfield, Murlough and Tyrella Beaches for period 2017 – 2021, subject to completion of legal formalities.

ERT/034/2017: TENDER
STORY DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION SERVICES
FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST (SLIEVE GULLION FOREST)

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding Tendering for story development/production services for Footsteps in the Forest to be held in Slieve Gullion Forest Park. (Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to issue a tender for the appointment of a company to undertake Story Development and Production Services for the Footsteps in the Forest event at Slieve Gullion Forest Park.

ERT/035/2017: EUROPEAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer and Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding a bid to European Athletics to the host European Cross Country Championships in Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly seconded by Councillor McMurray it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr M Patterson Enterprise Development Officer and Mr M Mohan Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager, that Council Officials in the ERT Department in partnership with Council Officials in the AHC Department, liaise with Athletics NI and the relevant stakeholders to consider the potential for a bid to be made by Athletics NI and UK Athletics to the European Athletics to host the European Cross Country Championships in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.

FOR NOTING

ERT/036/2017: ERT – ACTIONS TRACKER UPDATE

Read: ERT Actions Tracking Update Report. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Actions Tracking Update Report.

**ERT/037/2017: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PREPARATORY STUDIES - PAPER 8 - COAST**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 8 – Coast. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 8 – Coast

**ERT/038/2017: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PREPARATORY STUDIES – PAPER 14
EDUCATION HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 14 – Education, Health and Community Services. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan Preparatory Studies – Paper 14 – Education, Health and Community Services.

**ERT/039/2017: DOWNPATRICK HOTEL PROPOSAL
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Read: Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the proposed Downpatrick Hotel. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: To note Report dated 13 February 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the proposed Downpatrick Hotel.

The Meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 March 2017.

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

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