

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017 at 5.00pm 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 G Stokes
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor B Walker

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive
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/040/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apology was received:

Councillor N Bailie

ERT/041/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (e) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and East Border Region.

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in Agenda Item 18 regarding the Mourne Gullion & Lecale Programme.

Councillor G Hanna declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (g) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust.

Councillor W Clarke declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (g) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust.

Councillor A McMurray declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum.

Councillor B Quinn declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (g) regarding a Service Level Agreement between Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust.

Ms Marie Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism declared an interest in Agenda Items 14 (a), (b), and (c) regarding Camlough Lake.

Councillor Andrews declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 regarding Village Renewal.

**ERT/042/2017: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrew seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 January 2017.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

(5.05pm - Councillors G Hanna, W Clarke, T Andrews and B Quinn left the meeting)

ERT/043/2017: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS 2017-2018

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Service Level Agreements 2017-2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the following Service Level Agreement, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism:

- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Mourne Heritage Trust**

(5.10pm - Councillors G Hanna, W Clarke, T Andrews and B Quinn re-joined the meeting)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to note the following Service Level Agreements which will be implemented in the 2017/18 financial year, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism:

- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and NIBSUP – Interim Programme Delivery.**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and NMEA – Social Enterprise Programme**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and ENI – Exploring Enterprise 3**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Youth Action – Get Set for Work**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and East Border Region**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and University of Ulster - Sectorial Analysis**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Outdoor Recreation NI**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Royal National Lifeboat Institute – Tyrella, Murlough and Cranfield**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and National Trust**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and St Patrick’s Visitor Centre**
- **Newry Mourne & Down District Council and Down Railway**

ERT/044/2017: PURPLE FLAG STATUS - NEWCASTLE

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager regarding Purple Flag Status for Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that Council Officers work with the private sector in the Newcastle area to establish a Purple Flag Working Group and that if agreement is reached with the businesses that an application is submitted in January 2018 for Purple Flag status, as recommended in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager.

It was also agreed Councillor Quinn be provided with a copy of the Purple Flag assessment for Newry.

ERT/045/2017: AUTISM INITIATIVES NI

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager regarding potential development of exclusive Autism – Specific holiday home in Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed Council Officers work with the private sector in the Newcastle area to promote and develop the concept to have Newcastle awarded the status as First Autism Friendly town in Northern Ireland, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager.

Several Councillors commented on the concept of having Newcastle awarded the status as First Autism Friendly town welcoming the initiative and enquired if this initiative could be extended across other towns in the District.

Ms Ward explained Autism NI approached the Council regarding the potential of developing an exclusive Autism-Specific holiday home in Newcastle. She said Council Officials would be actively working with businesses in Newcastle to create a visitor experience for people with autism and that training would be provided for these businesses. She said this initiative would link in the Council's Tourism Strategy and Epic Moments and representatives from Autism NI would be in attendance at one of the Epic Moments Workshops regarding how to create an epic moment experience for autism sufferers.

Ms Ward said Autism NI would be taking the lead on this initiative but that Council Officials would liaise with Autism NI regarding the possibility of having the Autism Friendly status extended to other towns in the District.

Councillor Andrews declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7, regarding Village Renewal.

(5.20pm – Councillor T Andrews left the meeting)

ERT/046/2017: VILLAGE RENEWAL

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer regarding Village Renewal Letter of Offer. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillors referred to the substantial work that would be involved in the completion of the Village Renewal Plans and expressed concern at the 8 month frame within which to complete the work and asked that events are arranged during the evening to facilitate people wishing to attend and that Councillors are kept involved in the plans which fall within their District Electoral Area.

Councillors also said it was important the Community Associations are aware that after the village plans are drawn up it will be the responsibility of the community to proceed with making applications and that the Council's DEA Co-ordinators should be involved with the Village Renewal Plans

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to accept the letter of offer from Mourne Gullion Lecale (MGL) Rural Development Partnership for funding in the sum of £51,375 with match funding requirement from Council in the sum of £20,000, which has been confirmed in 2017/18 Rate Estimates, as per recommendation in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A Smyth Enterprise Development Officer.

It was also agreed Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism arrange to re-circulate a paper to Councillors containing a list of Villages/Settlements to be included in the MGL Rural Development Partnership funding application.

(5.30pm – Councillor Andrews re-joined the Meeting)

ERT/047/2017: AONB – ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated March 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding an update on AONB and MPA Management Action Plans. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of Report dated March 2017 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, regarding an update on AONB and MPA Management Action Plans.

ERT/048/2017: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK
– TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board Meeting held on 10 February 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McMurray it was agreed as follows as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer:

- (a) The Report of the Café Conversion – The Heritage Potential of Castlewellan Forest Park be shared with the public as a record of the information collated at the World Café Style Conversion Workshop which took place on 1 February 2017.
- (b) To note that the Council cannot commit to implementing all of the suggestions /ideas that were recorded at the Workshop.

ERT/049/2017: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK RECREATION FORUM

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to establish a Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum to provide a proactive channel for two way communication on interfaces between and issues impacting upon the various outdoor recreation activities in Castlewellan Forest Park, informing management approaches and acting as a forum in which to build mutual understanding and consensus among key users, as per recommendation in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer.

TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/050/2017: LEASE AGREEMENT

- RATH TURRETT SITE, WARRENPOINT

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms B Magill, Administration Officer regarding the Lease Agreement for Rath Turrett site at Warrenpoint.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to renew the Lease for Rath Turrett Site Warrenpoint for a 5 year period at a nominal fee, on the basis of terms and conditions similar to the previous lease, and payment of owner's reasonable legal fees.

NOTED: Councillor Ruane asked that Council Officials examine how best to highlight to the public the location of the Rath Turrett site.

ERT/051/2017: UNESCO GEOPARK

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding submission of a new application to UNESCO with a revised Geopark boundary. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer, to engage with GSNI and initiate preparatory work to submit a new application for UNESCO Global Geopark.

ERT/052/2017: MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Mountain Bike events. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to support the Red Bull Foxhunt and Irish National

Championships in Rostrevor and PSYCLE in Castlewellan, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.

(5.50pm – Ms Marie Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism left the meeting)

ERT/053/2017: CAMLOUGH LAKE – LIGHTING DUCTS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Rehabilitation Contract with NI Water for lighting ducts at Camlough Lake. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve an addition to the NI Water Rehabilitation contract at Camlough Lake to include ducting, as per recommendation in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.

ERT/054/2017: CAMLOUGH LAKE – ART FEATURE RAILING

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding and Art feature railing at Camlough Lake. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve an addition to the NI Water Rehabilitation contract at Camlough Lake to include the provision of an art feature railing, subject to any statutory approvals which may be required, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer.

(5.55pm – Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism re-joined the meeting)

ERT/055/2017: TENDER: VISITOR EXPERIENCE PLANS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer regarding tendering for Visitor Experience Plans. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer, to issue a tender to appoint a company to undertake 2 No. Visitor Experience Plans for Mourne & Gullion and Mourne Coastal (Strangford Lough to Carlingford Lough, incorporating St Patrick).

AGREED: It was agreed Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer to contact the relevant statutory agency following concerns raised by Councillor B Quinn regarding the urgent need for works to be carried out at all the tourist information signage in the District to cut back overgrowth and clean signs.

ERT/056/2017: SOLE PROVIDERS
- EVENTS, ARTS, CULTURE – 2017/2018

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill, Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section regarding providers in place for 2016/2017 for events/arts and culture to be continued for 2017/2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to proceed to engage the services of the Big Telly Theatre Company for artists, materials, project management and programming solutions as required, specifically their "Creative Shops" programme to support City of Merchants Festival in Newry up to £20,000, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section.

ERT/057/2017: TENDER
- WAKE THE GIANT/CITY OF MERCHANTS

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill, Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section regarding a Tender for production services for Wake the Giant and City of Merchants. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed, as per recommendation contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms A McGill Arts/Culture/Heritage & Events Section, to issue 2 No. tenders to appoint a company to undertake Story Development, facilitation and production services for Wake the Giant and City of Merchants festivals 2017, at a cost of £40,000 each.

AGREED: It was also agreed Council Officials engage with Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce with regard to the involvement of Kilkeel in future events.

FOR NOTING

ERT/058/2017: ERT – ACTIONS TRACKER UPDATE

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

AGREED: It was agreed to not the Actions Tracking Update Report.

ERT/059/2017: UPDATE: MOURNE GULLION & LECALÉ - RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHP

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from K McGarry providing an update on Mourne, Gullion & Lecale Rural Development Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the update on Mourne, Gullion & Lecale Rural Development Partnership as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr K McGarry ERT.

ERT/060/2017: WARRENPOINT PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the following Recommendations as per Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme:

- (1) Transport NI Traffic Section to check the historical legislation in regards to Church Street and Dock Street limited waiting periods.
- (2) Transport NI to take on board the desire of both the local DEA representatives and business representatives for a 2 hour, rather than 1 hour, waiting period.

**ERT/061/2017: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK
HERITAGE LOTTERY REGENERATION PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Warrenpoint Municipal Park Heritage Lottery Regeneration Project.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note the following Recommendations contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding Warrenpoint Municipal Park Heritage Lottery Regeneration Project:

- (1) To note the Permission to Start correspondence received from the funding body.
- (2) Approval of updated Construction Programme subject to the approval of same by the funder Heritage Lottery.

ERT/062/2017: TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMME 2017/2018

Read: Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Tourism Events Programme 2017/2018.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note the proposed Schedule of Events Programme for 2017-18, as contained in Report dated 13 March 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager.

The Meeting concluded at 6.05pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 April 2017.

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

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