

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 13 June 2016 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Burgess

**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor D Curran

**In Attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews  
Councillor N Bailie  
Councillor P Brown  
Councillor R Burgess  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor G Hanna  
Councillor H Harvey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor B Quinn  
Councillor G Stokes  
Councillor J Tinnelly  
Councillor B Walker

**(Non Committee Members)**

Councillor P Clarke

**Officials in Attendance:** Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive  
Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism  
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration  
& Tourism  
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

**ERT/92/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

The following apology was received

Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor S Ennis

**ERT/93/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received

**ERT/94/2016: ACTION SHEET  
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 9 MAY 2016**

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Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 May 2016.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 May 2016.**

**Newry Arts Centre Refurbishment Scheme**

**AGREED: Ms M Ward Director of ERT to seek clarification from the Council's Estates Section regarding a proposal to install a flat roof as opposed to a pitched roof as part of the refurbishment scheme at Newry Arts Centre.**

**ERT/95/2016: COMMENCEMENT TIME FOR ERT COMMITTEE**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed meetings of the Enterprise Regeneration Committee for 2016/2017 commence at 3pm and 5pm on an alternating basis each month.**

**ERT/96/2016: TERMS OF REFERENCE – ERT COMMITTEE**

Read: Terms of Reference for Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee.  
**(Copy enclosed)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to approve the Terms of Reference for the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

## **ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION ITEMS**

### **ERT/97/2016: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD MEETING FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms S Keenan, Project Development Officer regarding the Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board Meeting held on Friday 20 May 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve the following recommendation arising from the Meeting of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board Meeting on Friday 20 May 2016:**

**The Council invite 1 No. representative from each of the following bodies to sit on the Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board:**

**Mourne Heritage Trust  
Forest Service Northern Ireland  
Castlewellan Futures Project**

### **ERT/98/2016: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME (SEP) (SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT)**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Service Level Agreement with the Social Enterprise Programme and NMEA.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to extend the current Service Level Agreement regarding the Social Enterprise Programme with NMEA in association with Down Business Centre for a further 4 months to allow the finalization of the collaborative agreement to be put in place, as per Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.**

**ERT/99/2016: RING OF GULLION AONB/ MOURNE AONB**

Read: Report dated 6 June 2016 from Ms M Quinn Project Development Manager regarding the Ring of Gullion AONB and Mourne AONB NPA Programme ASCENT. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor W Clarke it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 23 May 2016 from Mr D Rice ROG Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager with regard to the Ring of Gullion AONB and Mourne AONB NPA Programme ASCENT:**

- 1) Sign and return the letter of offer once issued**
- 2) Council to recruit Part Time Finance/Admin post as detailed in the application**
- 3) Applicant partners Mourne Heritage Trust to manage and recruit 2 No. Part Time Path Maintenance posts as detailed in the application form.**
- 4) Draft and agree a work schedule with MHT to deliver the project.**

**ERT/100/2016: PUBLIC REALM SCHEME  
IRISH STREET, DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 6 June 2016 from Ms M Quinn, Project Development Manager regarding Public Realm Scheme – Irish Street, Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as follows, as per Report dated 6 June 2016 from Ms M Quinn Project Development Manager regarding the Public Realm Scheme – Irish Street Downpatrick:**

- (a) Council works with Transport NI to put in place the new arrangements to deliver the scheme and set up the Steering Group to involve Elected Members, local traders, etc and agree Transport NI will employ the Contractor to implement the scheme.**
- (b) Council to grant approval to spend £20,000 over the current financial year (as per budget) to commence design work up to**

the level required for Department for Communities approval of funding and submission of planning.

- (c) **Council commits to allocating £110,000 in budget for 2017/18 to allow the scheme to progress through the necessary Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) stages required to ensure delivery in 2017/18.**
- (d) **Members pointed out that given the ongoing traffic congestion problems in Irish Street Downpatrick that Transport NI should be requested to provide a progress report to Council on a quarterly basis.**

**ERT/101/2016: HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding the prioritisation of Heritage Lottery funded projects within the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Department.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve the prioritization of applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the financial year 2016/2017/2018 as follows, as per Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism:**

- (a) **Warrenpoint Municipal Park  
Castlewellan Forest Park  
Township Scheme – Downpatrick  
Chambre House – Slieve Gullion (to coincide with the NIRDP 2014-2020 Priority 6 Rural Tourism Scheme)**
- (b) **The Council to consider other (non HLF) sources of funding in respect of Abbey Parkland, Annalong Harbour and Newcastle Harbour.**
- (c) **The situation in respect of the Abbey Parkland be referred to the Active & Healthy Communities Department (Parks & Open Spaces Section) for review and exploration.**
- (d) **Advise the Active & Healthy Communities Department of the potential to develop a community led project in respect of**

**Annalong Harbour with a view to an appropriate officer from that Department making contact with the community there.**

- (e) To agree the following as raised by Members:**
- (i) The Council site at Middle Bank Albert Basin Newry to be kept under consideration in terms of availing of potential funding under the Heritage Lottery Fund.**
  - (ii) Mournes DEA Councillors to be provided with regular update reports regarding issues concerning the gate and pontoon at Annalong Harbour and the regeneration of Newcastle Harbour.**
  - (iii) Council Officials to investigate reports of a car nearly entering the pontoon at Annalong Harbour.**
  - (iv) Council Officials to investigate if the Northern Ireland Harbour Authority would be in a position to assist in the upgrading of Annalong and Newcastle Harbours.**

**NOTED:** Ms Ward explained a Masterplan Workshop would be held at the end of June 2016 which could examine the issues raised by Members regarding funding and regeneration of Annalong and Newcastle Harbours, and she added that the Strategic Project Working Group would also be looking at these issues and information will be forwarded to Councillors.

**ERT/102/2016: WARRENPOINT PUBLIC REALM SCHEME  
TASK AND FINISH STEERING GROUP**

**Read:** Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group Meeting held on 25 May 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed to approve the following recommendations which arose from the Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme Task & Finish Steering Group Meeting held on 25 May 2016:**

- 1) Council Officers to follow up with Transport NI to establish if works to address poor reinstatement of paths at Duke Street**

can be added to the planned carriageway resurfacing programme in the wider town centre streets.

- 2) **Council Officers to follow up with Transport NI issues regarding concerns relating to the proposed Dock Street Puffin Crossing.**
- 3) **Public Realm Contractor to be mindful of areas being fenced off, where there is very little visually left still to be done, in order that the area available for carpaking is being maximized.**
- 4) **Council Officers to follow up with Transport NI Street Lighting to establish if they can address the poor quality of lighting which currently exists in Duke Street.**
- 5) **Council Officers along with DFC to call a meeting of the local Councillors and Trader representatives in late June 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017/18 Revitalization Shop Front Scheme.**
- 6.) **Council Officers continue to meet with Transport NI and adopting authorities to ensure that structures are in place for the long term maintenance of the Scheme and how the replacement spare materials will be treated.**

**NOTED:** Council Officials have made requests regarding the provision of duct around Warrenpoint to allow the use of microphones, etc.

## **TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS**

### **ERT/103/2016: TREES IN THE PARK PROJECT**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M McKeown, Assistant Tourism Development Officer regarding Light 2000 Rostrevor Community Group Project in Kilbroney Park. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve in principle, for Light 2000 Rostrevor Community Group to undertake a project within Kilbroney Park under the direction/supervision of Council Officials, involving the protection of existing trees, planting of new trees and publicizing the project outcomes, as per Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M McKeown Assistant Tourism Development Officer.**

**ERT/104/2016: MARINE TASK FORCE GROUP**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Marine Task Force Group.  
**(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded Councillor by Hanna it was agreed, as per Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assisnat Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism:**

- (i) Council Officials explore how an audit of the beaches across the District could be undertaken and report back to Council via a future meeting.**
- (ii) To seek clarification on why litter control has been removed from the brief of the Marine Taskforce Group, given the concerns Members have regarding current litter control at beaches.**
- (iii) A draft Terms of Reference be drawn up and circulated at the next meeting of the next Marine Task Force Group.**

**NOTED:** Mr McGilly said funding would be available for activities and that litter control would be dealt with by the group under the Terms of Reference.

**TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS ITEMS**

**ERT/105/2016: BEACHES - NEWCASTLE AND WARRENPOINT**

Ms Ward gave a verbal update regarding beaches at Newcastle and Warrenpoint.

During discussion Councillors mentioned the possibility of having designated area provided the beaches which would contain suitable soft type sand and which would be closed off for exclusive use by children and families and provide a quality section of beach for visitors and the beach in Portstewart was referred to as an example.

Members also raised concerns regarding the following issues:

- Netting and rope left lying on the beaches and the need that all departments must buy into having a suitable cleansing schedule in place to maintain the beaches.
- Any sand added to the beaches must be properly cleaned.
- Any proposals for beaches to include improvements to the beach at Rostrevor



- The road along the eastern section of Cranfield Beach is in danger of being washed away.

**Noted:** Ms Ward said the Coastal Erosion Project was ongoing and would look at the issues raised in relation to beaches and that any application for a Marine Licence would be done in conjunction with NIEA.

A paper would be tabled at the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee Meeting on Thursday 16 June 2016 regarding a submission of the 'Sustainable Atlantic Shorelines' Project to the Atlantic Area Programme.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor W Clarke seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed the Council submit a Marine Licence Application for Warrenpoint, Newcastle and Rostrevor beaches.**

### **RESTRICTED ITEMS**

#### **ERT/106/2016: SINGLE TENDER ACTION FESTIVAL YOUNG AT ART**

**Read:** Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms A Magill, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Department regarding Giants Adventures Arts and Cultural Animation. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter 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).**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come 'out of closed session'.**

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came 'out of closed session', the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Hearty to approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms A Magill Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Department regarding sole providers for Giant Adventures Arts and Cultural Animation for Festivals.**

**Noted:** Ms Ward confirmed that assistance for Halloween and Hallotide festivals will form part of the Council's events plan.

**ERT/107/2016: PROPOSALS RE: KILLEAVY CASTLE**

**Read:** Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding proposals for Killeavy Castle.

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter 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).**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come `out of closed session`.**

**Agreed:** **When the Committee came `out of closed session`, the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Department regarding proposals for Killeavey Castle, subject to satisfactory legal agreements, valuations and satisfactory grant approvals.**

Councillors welcomed the potential investment that proposals for Killeavey Castle would bring to the area.

**FOR NOTING**

**ERT/108/2016: GAME OF THRONES  
MARKETING CAMPAIGN**

**Read:** Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr M Mahon, Tourism Development Officer regarding Game of Thrones Marketing Campagin. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to note Report dated 13 June 2016 from Mr M Mohan Tourism Development Officer regarding Game of Thrones Marketing Campaign.**

**It was also agreed Council Officials to address issues regarding:**

- (a) Arrange for cleansing of the areas within our District where Game of Thrones is filmed. This to be raised with the Council's Cleansing Department and other relevant agencies.**
- (b) Council Officials to contact Transport NI requesting provision of adequate signage to direct visitors travelling into the District from the Belfast area.**

**ERT/109/2016: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
KILKEEL ORANGE ORDER**

Ms Ward explained a request had been received from the Kilkeel Orange Order seeking financial assistance towards the Twelfth event to be held in Kilkeel as this event will be a tourism flagship event.

**AGREED: It was noted the Council did not have available funding to allocate towards the Twelfth tourism flagship event in Kilkeel 2016 but that the Council would support this event on an `in kind' basis, where possible, including examining the provision of portaloos.**

**ERT/110/2016: SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMMES  
GREENWAYS COMPETITION**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms C Murphy, Countrysid/Rights of Way Officer regarding Small Grants Programmes. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: It was agreed relevant Council Officials examine:**

- (a) The possibility of opening former railway lines for greenways.**
- (b) The provision of financial assistance to the Newry Maritime Association towards events being held to mark the Retriever and Connemara maritime disasters.**

**ERT/111/2016: MMD TOURISM STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

Read: Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism regarding the Newry Mourne & Down Tourism Strategy.

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Newry Mourne and Down Tourism Strategy, with regard to new timelines as outlined at 2.0 in the said report.

**ERT/112/2016: DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING**  
**ERT COMMITTEE**

**Noted:** The next meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 8 August 2016 at 3pm.

The Meeting concluded at 5.55pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 July 2016.

**Signed:** **Councillor R Burgess**  
**Chairperson**

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