

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 January 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 W Clarke

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor H Harvey

Councillor T Hearty

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor G Stokes

Councillor M Ruane

(Non Committee Members)

Councillor A McMurray

Officials in Attendance:	Ms M Ward	Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
	Mr J McGilly	Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
	Mr M Mohan	Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager
	Mr A Hay	Principal Planning Officer
	Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

ERT/001/2017: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor N Bailie

ERT/002/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**ERT/003/2017: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 December 2016.
(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 12 December 2016.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/004/2017: NI BUSINESS START PROGRAMME (NIPSP)

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding the NI Business Start Programme – Go For It Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed, as per Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism, to note that Newry Mourne & Down District Council have received and signed a Legal Agreement for the NI Business Start Up Programme and will also accept and sign the associated Letter of Offer to be received from Invest NI, in line with the details of the Programme as

outlined under Option 1 of the project assessment, and detailed in the Legal Agreement.

ERT/005/2017: MARINE TASKFORCE

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms C Nolan, Manager SLLP regarding the Marine Taskforce Working Group Meeting held on 19 December 2016.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor W Clarke it was agreed as per Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms C Nolan, Manager SLLP, to approve the following recommendations agreed at the Marine Task Force Working Group Meeting held on 19 December 2016:

- (a) Newry Mourne and Down District Council should respond to DAERA consultation to support the designation of Kilclief and Ballyhornan as EU Bathing Waters as proposed by DAERA and seek to have Killough reconsidered for designation in 2017.**
- (b) The Council should allocate resources to the designated sites to cover the one off capital costs of signage and the on-going annual costs of £540. The Council should keep the health and safety requirements at these sites under review, including the potential requirement for lifeguards.**
- (c) The Council should pursue the potential for using community lifeguards and volunteers at these sites and other amenity beaches.**
- (d) Community engagement with communities in Kilclief, Ballyhornan and Killough with litter collection and shore activities included in the AONB Management Action Plan.**

TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/006/2017: INTERNATIONAL ICE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION BID

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the Camlough Lake Water Festival hosting the International Ice Swimming Association World Championships in 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed as follows as per Report from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer, regarding the International Ice Swimming Association Bid:

- (a) The Council to provide a letter of support to the Camlough Lake Water Festival (CLWF) to host the International Ice Swimming Association (IISA) World Championships 2019 in Newry Canal or at Camlough Lake.**
- (b) ERT and AHC Departments will work in partnership with CLWF Festival to facilitate this project.**

ERT/007/2017: MOORING LICENCE – NEWCASTLE HARBOUR

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M McKeown, Assistant Tourism Development Officer regarding allocation of Mooring Licence at Newcastle Harbour. **(Copy circulated)**

It was noted Mooring Licences for Newcastle Harbour had been considered at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting in October 2016 at which the following had been agreed:

- (a) Allocation of mooring at Newcastle Harbour will be done on a 3 yearly basis in future.
- (b) A report to be submitted to the next Meeting of the ERT Committee meeting regarding the following:
 - (i) Options on what process can be used to allocate mooring at Newcastle Harbour.
 - (ii) Details of mooring charges for Newcastle Harbour.
 - (iii) Provision of moorings, float and pontoon during summer

Months to facilitate disabled people as per request from Disability Sailing.

Discussion took place during which it was suggested Council Officials to meet with the organisers of the Skiffies event in terms of the pontoon and to carry out the allocation process by 'drawing of lots'.

Ms Ward said a drawing of lots process could not be recommended in this instance as it was important a vessel was allocated a mooring in the correct location to ensure everyone had a mooring which suited their type of boat. She said a waiting list would be drawn up and the allocation of a mooring would be subject to the provision of appropriate paperwork.

Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded to accept the recommendations contained in Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer, regarding allocation of Mooring Licences at Newcastle Harbour.

The above proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 4
Against: 3
Abstentions: 2

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as follows, as per Report date 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding the allocation of Mooring Licence at Newcastle Harbour:

- (a) The allocation of Mooring Licences at Newcastle Harbour to be a 3 yearly process to be carried out in 2017 and continued for 2018 and 2019.**
- (b) Mooring charges for 2017 to be approved and approved on a yearly basis thereafter, on a basis of a 5% increase per annum.**

- (c) **No pontoon provision at Newcastle Harbour during the summer.**

**ERT/008/2017: LIGHTING OF HOLM OAK TREE
KILBRONEY PARK, ROSTREVOR**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M McKeown, Assistant Tourism Development Officer regarding lighting of Holm Oak Tree at Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor. **Copy circulated**)

Discussion took place regarding possible alternative options to provide lighting at the Holm Oak Tree including solar lighting and sponsorship of lighting.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to take no action at present, in respect of the provision of lighting at the Holm Oak Tree in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor, as the Council currently have no budget in place for this Expenditure, as per Report dated dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M McKeown, Assistant Tourism Development Officer.

**ERT/009/2017: SEA FLAG 2 PROGRAMME
UNION PRIORITY 4**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding delivery of SEA FLAG Programme – Union Priority 4. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed authority be granted to Council Officers to proceed with the submission of a bid to DAERA to deliver the new round of funding and to proceed with procurement of the necessary consultancy work, as per Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism.

**ERT/010/2017: HOLIDAY WORLD
DUBLIN & BELFAST 2017**

Read: Report dated 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Holiday World Dublin/Belfast 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed that any Councillor who wished to attend Holiday World in Dublin (20-22 January 2017) and Holiday World (27-29 January 2017) should contact Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer.

NOTED: Two members of Council staff will be in attendance at both events.

**ERT/011/2017: KILBRONEY PARK CAFÉ
LICENCE AGREEMENT**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer regarding Licence Agreement for Kilbroney Park Café. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to proceed as follows regarding the Licence Agreement for the Kilbroney Park Café, as per Report dated 16 January 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer:

- (a) To advertise the licence for the renewal of the Kilbroney Park Café for a 3 year period.
- (b) To provide a new Licence Agreement to the existing operator at the Kilbroney Park Café to operate the Café from 1 February 2017 – 30 September 2017 to facilitate the procurement exercise to complete.
- (c) To undertake a valuation to establish a Licence Fee reflective of the current market for the licence period 1 February 2017 – 30 September 2017.

ERT/012/2017: PARTNERSHIP RE: DERRYMORE ESTATE

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism regarding Partnership for the regeneration of Derrymore Estate. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to submit an application for a Trail facility development to SEUPB before the Stage 1 deadline of 25 January 2017, and if successful at Stage 1, to progress a Stage 2 application by the relevant deadlines.

FOR NOTING

**ERT/013/2017: TOUR "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PATRICK"
STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM WARSAW**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding an invitation from the State Archaeological Museum Warsaw to tour the "In the Footsteps of St Patrick" Exhibition in Poland in 2017. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M King, Museum Curator regarding an invitation from the State Archaeological Museum Warsaw to tour the "In the Footsteps of St Patrick" Exhibition in Poland in 2017.

ERT/014/2017: MERCHANT TOWN PROJECT

Read: Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms N Cunningham, Museum Curator regarding funding for Conservation of items for exhibition on local businesses – "Merchant Town Project." **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 12 December 2016 from Ms N Cunningham, Museum Curator regarding funding for Conservation of items for exhibition on local businesses – "Merchant Town Project."

**ERT/015/2017: NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – TOURISM**

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer regarding Newry, Mourne & Down Local Development Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr A Hay, Principal Planning Officer regarding Newry, Mourne & Down Local Development Plan.

ERT/016/2017: MOURNE MOUNTAINS GATEWAY STUDY

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding the Mourne Mountains Gateway Study. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding the Mourne Mountains Gateway Study.

ERT/017/2017: GROW YOUR HORIZONS PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Grow Your Horizons Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Grow Your Horizons Programme.

ERT/018/2017: GREEN TOURISM PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Green Tourism Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 16 January 2017 from Mr M Mohan, Senior Tourism Initiatives Manager regarding Green Tourism Programme.

ERT/019/2017: ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 5.25pm.

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

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

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