

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 August 2023 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row, and remotely via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor M Ruane (Chamber)

Deputy Chairperson: Councillor G Kearns (Chamber)

In attendance: **(Committee Members)**
Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)
Councillor C Bowsie (Chamber)
Councillor P Campbell (Chamber)
Councillor W Clarke (Chamber)
Councillor C Galbraith (Chamber)
Councillor G Hanna (Chamber)
Councillor D Lee-Surginor (Teams)
Councillor S Murphy (Chamber)
Councillor M Savage (Chamber)
Councillor J Truesdale (Teams)

Officials in Attendance: Mr C Mallon, Director: Economy, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism
Ms S Burns, Head of Programmes
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

ERT/089/2023: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C King
Councillor A Quinn
Councillor J Tinnelly

ERT/090/2023: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

ERT/091/2023: ACTION SHEET ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 June 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/092/2023 – Ballykinlar Hut Relocation

Councillors Andrews and Hanna raised concerns regarding the removal of the Ballykinlar Hut, given its historical significance, and the exploration of other options to have this hut preserved. It was noted that a proposal had been made at the Council Meeting in July 2023 for Council to

work with any groups who had expressed an interest in re-establishing the hut at another site. Officers to pursue this and report back to Members.

AGREED: **ERT/092/2023 – Ballykinlar Hut Relocation: it was agreed that officers pursue the potential interest from groups and report back to members.**

On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 June 2023.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ERT/093/2023: NOTICE OF MOTION
RE: DISPOSABLE BARBEQUES

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding a Notice of Motion on disposable barbeques. **(Circulated)**

It was noted the following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration at the Council Meeting July 2023, in the names of Councillors Clarke and Truesdale and had been referred to the ERT Committee for consideration.

"Council notes with concern the damage caused by the irresponsible use of disposable barbecues to some council facilities as well as to vulnerable environmental areas; In response to the situation, Council should explore options to reduce the use of disposable barbecues in all Council facilities and on Council land which is deemed to be environmentally sensitive; Council should also seek to develop an awareness programme in partnership with relevant stakeholders to highlight the potential harm that disposable barbecues can cause to sensitive environmental areas".

Councillor Clarke presented the Notice of Motion.

He said given the wildfire situation around the world, we needed to promote responsible use of disposable barbeques and encourage people to be mindful and aware of their surroundings and environment within our 3 AONBs. Councillor Clarke accepted the officers report which he felt covered the points within the Motion, in particular an awareness programme to highlight the potential harm from disposable barbeques to wildlife, people and the environment.

He also referred to cost implication to Council as a result of people lighting barbeques on wooden furniture in many of its park sites, and the need for proper disposable units for these barbeques. He stressed the need to work with all stakeholders to implement management plans to protect our fragile environment.

Councillor Truesdale supported the Motion and stressed that disposable barbeques should be referred to as 'one time use barbeques' adding that many Councils and national parks in the UK, and Ireland's Office of Public Works Heritage sites have now banned the use of these barbeques.

She stated the safety and protection of people and the environment must be the primary consideration on the issues around one time use barbeques, and whilst she would be supportive

of a complete ban on this product, which would not be an option supported by some, she instead called on the implementation of basic safety standards given the following:
These barbeques can reach temperatures of 400 degrees centigrade plus;
Flames and heat cannot be contained;
They cannot be easily moved or disposed of;
Can cause significant injury and massive environmental destruction and landfill waste.

She stated that Council could immediately address the above by examining picnic benches in parks to establish if they have a metal plate. She also added that construction safety standards could also dramatically reduce risk with these products by ensuring they have legs, lids and can be lifted.

Councillor Andrews confirmed the SDLP grouping supported the Motion.

Councillor Hanna confirmed the DUP group supported the Motion, calling for the erection of appropriate signage.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Truesdale, it was agreed that:**

- 1) Council adopts the motion on the irresponsible use of disposable barbecues.**
- 2) Officers explore options to reduce the use of disposable barbecues in all Council facilities and on Council land which is deemed to be environmentally sensitive.**
- 3) Officers develop an awareness programme in partnership with relevant stakeholders to highlight the potential harm that disposable barbecues can cause to sensitive environmental areas.**

ECONOMY, GROWTH & TOURISM

ERT/094/2023: CONSUMER TRADE SHOWS 2023-24

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Consumer Trade Shows 2023-24. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, it was agreed to attend tourism trade/consumer shows in conjunction with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism industry and promote the destination.**

ERT/095/2023: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FLEXIBLE FUND

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF). **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed officers procure and appoint suitable delivery agents and external expertise to deliver the Digital**

Transformation Flexible Fund.

ERT/096/2023: DOWNPATRICK LIVING HIGH STREET FRAMEWORK

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding the Downpatrick Living High Street Framework.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Campbell, it was agreed the Council adopt the Living High Street Framework as the new regeneration masterplan for Downpatrick.

ERT/097/2023: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT AWARDS

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Financial Assistance Grant Awards.
(Copy circulated)

Councillor Bowsie said he had previously raised concerns with the Appeals Panel and said he could not approve the recommendations of the Appeal Panel, nor could he approve recommendations that were not included within a report for Councillors to review. He proposed that officers should bring the report back to Committee with details of the recommendations. Councillor Hanna seconded the motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the above proposal, and voting was as follows: **(Copy attached)**

For	2
Against	10
Abstentions	0

The proposal was declared lost

Councillor Andrews referred to those applications that were not successful, and asked if further workshops were planned for potential applicants in the future.

Councillor Andrews proposed and Councillor Lee-Surginor seconded, to accept the recommendations contained within the officer’s report regarding Financial Assistance grants.

A recorded vote was taken on the above proposal and voting was as follows: **(Copy attached)**

For	10
Against	2
Abstentions	0

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, it was agreed:

- **To approve the FMA award to 4963 value of £4,900**

- To approve appeal panel recommendations of upheld and not upheld. This includes awarding Sports Programmes theme 4754 £2,500 (scored and ranked) and PCSP 4626 £2,000 are recommended for funding.
- That pre-letter of offer conditions must be met for project 4626 prior to issue full letter of offer.

ERT/098/2023: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Labour Market Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed:

- To accept the Department for Communities (DfC) Letter of Offer for delivery of the 2023/24 LMP Action Plan.**
- To undertake procurement processes and award SLA funding to appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives in the 2023/24 LMP Action Plan.**

ERT/099/2023: MUSEUM ACCREDITATION

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Museum Accreditation. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, it was agreed to approve the NMD Museums 2023-2026 Accreditation policies and plans to the Northern Ireland Museums Council as a central part of the Council's Museums Accreditation application in October 2023.

ERT/100/2023: DAERA FUNDING FOR AONBs and MPAs

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding DAERA funding for AONBs and MPAs. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Campbell, it was agreed to accept a Letter of Offer from DAERA for funding of the Ring of Gullion and Strangford & Lecale AONBs; and the Strangford Lough, Murlough and Carlingford Lough MPAs 2023 – 2028.

ERT/101/2023: PEACE PLUS PROGRAMME ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Peace Plus Programme Action

Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to progress the submission of the NMDDC Action Plan 'Thriving Together' to SEUPB.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Bowsie, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters 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 Truesdale, seconded by Councillor Kearns, it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed while in closed session.

ERT/102/2023: ADDITIONAL CAMPSITE SECURITY

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding security provision at campsites. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Truesdale, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, it was agreed to approve additional expenditure to continue with security provision at Council campsites in 2023 as set out in this report.

ERT/103/2023: AONB SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration regarding AONB & Geopark Environmental Fund Business Case. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to approve funding Letters of Offer for the delivery of the series of projects as set out in this report.

ERT/104/2023: CROSS BORDER M1 AXIS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Cross Border M1 Axis Business Improvement. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to approve a Service Level Agreement

with WIN (EU) / Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency to deliver a Cross Border M1 Axis Business Improvement Programme.

ERT/105/2023: NATIONAL TRUST SLA EXTENSION – MURLOUGH BEACH

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism,, regarding National Trust SLA extension re Murlough Beach. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to approve an additional budget allocation for the Service Level Agreement with National Trust for Murlough Beach in the 2023/24 Financial Year, as detailed in this report.

ERT/106/2023: NEWRY CHAMBER MUSIC – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding a Service Level Agreement for Newry Chamber Music. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to provide support via a Service Level Agreement between Council and Newry Chamber Music for the delivery of an arts and community outreach programme in the 2023/24 season.

ERT/107/2023: ST PATRICK’S DAY COMMUNITY PARADE NEWRY

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding St Patrick’s Day Community Parade, Newry. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to appoint a supplier via a tender process to design and deliver artistic content and community participation programmes for the St Patrick’s Day parade in Newry over the next three years.

ERT/108/2023: WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed:

- 1) To approve the updated Business Case to deliver the Warrenpoint Front Shore Car-Parks Scheme
- 2) To approve to re-engage consultants via existing frameworks to progress the project design and to progress contractor procurement and appointment for scheme delivery.

EXEMPT INFORMATION - FOR NOTING

ERT/109/2023: EATS AND BEATS FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP 2023

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Eats & Beats Festival Sponsorship 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Truesdale, it was agreed to note the contents of the above Report.

ERT/110/2023: HALLOWEEN & CHRISTMAS EVENTS FUNDING

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Halloween & Christmas events funding. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Truesdale, it was agreed to note the contents of the above Report.

FOR NOTING

ERT/111/2023: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES UPDATE

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Business Development Programmes Update. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to note the contents of the above Report.

ERT/112/2023: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER

Read: Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

ERT/113/2023: INTERIM BUSINESS MENTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism,, regarding Interim Business Mentor Support Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to note the contents of the above Report.

ERT/114/2023: LITTLE FREE LIBRARY BOXES – KILBRONEY PARK

Read: Report dated 14 August 2023 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director: Economy, Growth & Tourism, regarding Little Free Library Boxes at Kilbroney Park. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to note the contents of the above Report.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 04 September 2023.

**Signed: Councillor M Ruane
Chairperson
Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**Signed: Mr C Mallon
Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism**

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 14.08.2023 VENUE: Chamber MR MEETING: ERT

SUBJECT OF VOTE: ERT/097/2023 - On proposal of Cllr Bowsie seconded by Cllr Hanna - bringing the Report back to Committee with an outline of the recommendations.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews		√		
C Bowsie	√			
P Campbell		√		
W Clarke		√		
C Galbraith		√		
G Hanna	√			
G Kearns		√		
C King				√
D Lee-Surginor		√		
S Murphy		√		
A Quinn				√
M Ruane		√		
M Savage		√		
J Tinnelly				√
J Truesdale		√		
TOTALS	2	10	0	3

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RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 14.08.2023 VENUE: Chamber MR MEETING: ERT

SUBJECT OF VOTE: ERT/097/2023 - On proposal of Cllr Andrews seconded by Cllr Lee-Surginor - to accept officer recommendations.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
T Andrews	√			
C Bowsie		√		
P Campbell	√			
W Clarke	√			
C Galbraith	√			
G Hanna		√		
G Kearns	√			
C King				√
D Lee-Surginor	√			
S Murphy	√			
A Quinn				√
M Ruane	√			
M Savage	√			
J Tinnelly				√
J Truesdale	√			
TOTALS	10	2	0	3