

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: SE/2025

**Minutes of Sustainability & Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 29 April 2025 at 6pm in Council Chamber,
Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chair: Councillor G Kearns

**In attendance in
Chamber:**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor K Feehan	Councillor V Harte
Councillor J Jackson	Councillor O Magennis
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor H Young	

**Committee Members in
Attendance via Teams:**

Councillor J Brennan	Councillor C Enright
Councillor M Larkin	

Officials in Chamber: Mrs S Murphy, Director Sustainability and Environment
Mr C Sage, Assistant Director of Sustainability
Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director Environment
Mrs F Branagh, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in attendance
Via Teams:**

Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager

SE/042/2025: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Finn and Taylor.

SE/043/2025: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**SE/044/2025: ACTION SHEET: SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2025**

Read: Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee
Meeting held on 19 March 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

SE/151/2025 – NOM – Newry Canal:

In response to a query from Councillor Feehan regarding whether the correspondence requested had been sent and if there was any further update on the matter, Mrs Murphy advised that she would revert to the Member directly.

Councillor Feehan queried if the correspondence could be shared with the Committee, and Mrs Murphy advised that this would be brought back through the Committee.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Feehan, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2025.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

SE/045/2025: NOTICE OF MOTION RE NEWCASTLE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director of Sustainability, regarding Newcastle Fishing Memorial. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Sage outlined the report, noting that Council proposed to create a memorial garden to acknowledge the Newcastle Fishing Disaster in 1843, and to remember all those who had lost their lives at sea. He highlighted the suggested accessible location to allow full access to the garden.

In proposing the report, Councillor Clarke welcomed the fitting memorial to allow a safe space for families and others to remember those they had lost. He queried whether the proposal included an upgrade to the interpretation panels already in place.

Mr Sage advised that it was his understanding that the signage was included within the proposal.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the proposal to create a Memorial Garden to acknowledge the 180th anniversary of the Newcastle Fishing Disaster.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Magennis, seconded by Councillor Jackson, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following items, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local /Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to come out of closed session.**

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

RESTRICTED – FOR DECISION

SE/046/2025: WASTE CONTRACT EXTENSION

Read: Report from Mrs S Trainor, Assistant Director: Environment, regarding Waste Contract Extensions. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to approve the Direct Award Contracts as detailed in Appendices 1 – 3 of the Officer’s Report.**

SE/047/2025: TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION REPORT

Read: Report from Mr C Sage, Assistant Director: Sustainability, regarding Technical Advice for Climate Mitigation Report. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the procurement of a suitably qualified advisor to assist with preparation of Council’s Climate Mitigation Report in accordance with the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and the associated Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024.**

FOR NOTING - ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

SE/048/2025: SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 MARCH 2025

Read: Sustainability & Environment Working Group Minutes of meeting held 19 March 2025. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the minutes.**

SE/049/2025: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 27 FEBRUARY 2025 AND MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN OF 27 MARCH 2025

Read: ARC21 Joint Committee Meeting In Committee Minutes of 27 February 2025 and Members Monthly Bulletin of 27 March 2025. (**Copy circulated**)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the documents.

FOR NOTING

SE/050/2025: **ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27 FEBRUARY 2025**

Read: ARC21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of Meeting held 27 February 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the minutes.

SE/051/2025: **CARNEYHAUGH BUSINESS PARK ABANDONMENT ORDER 2025**

Read: Carneyhaugh Business Park Abandonment Order 2025. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to note the Abandonment Order 2025.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.32pm

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 May 2025

Signed: **Councillor Geraldine Kearns**
Chairperson

Signed: **Mrs Sinead Murphy**
Director of Sustainability & Environment