

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2015

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2015 at 6.00pm in the Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor S Burns Councillor M Carr
Councillor L Devlin Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor H Harvey
Councillor K Loughran Councillor B Ó'Muiri
Councillor G Sharvin Councillor D Taylor
Councillor W Walker

Non-Committee Members: Councillor Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy
Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy
Communities (Health and Wellbeing)
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy
Communities (Leisure and Sport)
Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager
Ms K Bingham, Good Relations Officer
Mr K Gordon, Assistant Leisure Services Officer
Ms J McCann, Area Community Development
Officer
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Ms S Tracey, Swim Ireland
Ms R McQuillan, Swim Ireland
Mr A Cox, Swim Ireland

AHC/85/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Harte.

AHC/86/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/87/2015: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19
OCTOBER 2015**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 19 October 2015. (Copy circulated).

Noted: The Action Sheet was **NOTED**.

PRESENTATIONS

AHC/88/2015: SWIM IRELAND

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Tracey, Ms McQuillan and Mr Cox from Swim Ireland and invited them to make their presentation (copy of which is appended to these minutes).

Ms Tracey thanked the Chairperson for the invitation to present to the Committee and stated the Swim Ireland Child Learn to Swim Programme had four stages spanning from beginner to complete competency in water.

Ms Tracey advised the stages were broken down into four key elements; Be Safe; Build Confidence; Skill Development; and Stroke Technique. Having successfully completed all elements, the swimmer then moves onto the next stage and once all four stages are completed, the programme will enable every participant to enjoy a lifelong love for aquatics.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Tracey for her presentation and invited questions from the floor:

Members asked the following questions:

- STA informed Council that Swim Ireland was only for elite athletes which is obviously untrue, how difficult would it be for officers to implement the Swim Ireland Programme rather than the STA Programme?
- Where was Swim Ireland teaching at present?
- Would Swim Ireland recommend Newry Leisure Centre and Down Leisure Centre swimming schools to move to their programme?
- How did Swim Ireland deal with older children who wished to access the Programme?

The representatives responded to the queries as follows:

- The Programme was being developed to be able to train and work with teachers who have already gained other qualifications.
- There are 55 centres using the Programme and representatives were working on a generic programme which could be used in all types of facilities.
- Swim Ireland hope to implement the Programme by next September and would be developing resources and training teachers to this end.
- The Pathway was inclusive for all and can be tailored to the different age groups.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance at the meeting.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/89/2015 ELITE ATHLETE SCHEME

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015, from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities (Leisure and Sport) regarding the amalgamation of former legacy Councils amateur elite athlete membership scheme.

At the request of Councillor Burns it was unanimously agreed that officers investigate the possibility of extending the scheme to smaller sports and individuals rather than just team sports.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to endorse the amalgamation of the former legacy Councils' amateur elite athlete membership scheme.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/90/2015 NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN TRAVELLER FORUM REPORT

Read: Report from Ms K Bingham, Good Relations Officer regarding the Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum Meeting (Copy circulated)

The Chairperson advised she had circulated an email received from representatives of An Crushan Munia group who had concerns over an article that had appeared in the local press which was degrading and hurtful to the Travelling Community.

Mr Lipsett advised the email referred to the Committee's silence which, he said, was unfair as the meeting was the first opportunity the Committee had to discuss the issue and are bound by Council's Governance arrangements.

Mr Lipsett suggested a positive statement should be circulated stating what the Forum can do for the Travelling Community as set out in the officer's recommendations.

Members discussed the issue at length and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Kimmins that Council circulate a positive statement on the work of the Forum and what it can do for the Travelling Community as set out in the officer's recommendation.

Councillor Burns proposed to accept the officer's recommendations contained with the report to:

- Establish a sub-group comprising of Travellers and representatives of partner organisations to explore Traveller engagement, capacity building and community development support. This group will have a direct and sustainable link to the Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum.
- Develop a two year action plan which will set the strategic priorities for the Forum, aligned to the community planning process.
- Develop an overarching consultation and engagement framework for engaging Travellers in the work of the Forum.

This was seconded by Councillor Ó'Muiri.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muiri to accept the officer's recommendations as follows:

- Establish a sub-group comprising of Travellers and representatives of partner organisations to explore Traveller engagement, capacity building and community development support. This group will have a direct and sustainable link to the Newry, Mourne and Down Traveller Forum.
- Develop a two year action plan which will set the strategic priorities for the Forum, aligned to the community planning process.
- Develop an overarching consultation and engagement framework for engaging Travellers in the work of the Forum.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Kimmins that a positive statement be circulated highlighting the above intentions.

AHC/91/2015

CCTV PROVISION

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager, regarding the request for approval for extension of current CCTV monitoring contract with Lisburn Commerce Against Crime until March 2017. (Copy circulated)

Mrs Hillen advised in order to ensure continuity of service relating to Council CCTV System and the provision of monitoring for cameras she was asking for approval to extend the monitoring contract with Lisburn Commerce Against Crime until March 2017.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Harvey to approve the extension of current CCTV monitoring contract with Lisburn Commerce Against Crime until March 2017.

AHC/92/2015 DEA FOR A UPDATE (INCLUDING TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CODE OF PRACTICE)

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager regarding an update on Inaugural Meetings of DEA Fora. (Copy circulated)

Mrs Hillen provided Members with an update on the inaugural meetings of DEA Fora and asked for agreement on the finalised Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

Councillor Burns proposed agreement of the Terms of Reference and Code of Practice and asked whether a guide to Community Planning and what it involved could be uploaded to the website for community groups to access. This was seconded by Councillor Ó'Muiri.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muiri to agree the Terms of Reference and Code of Practice and that a guide to Community Planning and what it involved be uploaded to the website for community groups to access.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/93/2015 TEST PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SUNBED LEGISLATION

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding test purchasing guidelines for enforcement of sunbed legislation (copy circulated)

Councillor Enright requested that officers investigate the issue of the selling of sunbeds to minors over the Internet.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Ó'Muiri to agree the protocols for the Test Purchasing of Sunbeds.

AHC/94/2015 **GUIDELINES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION
CONCERNING THE SALE OF AGE RESTRICTED
PRODUCTS (TOBACCO AND TOBACCO RELATED
PRODUCTS INCLUDING CIGARETTE LIGHTER REFILLS)**

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding guidelines for the enforcement of legislation concerning the sale of age restricted products (tobacco and tobacco related products including cigarette lighter refills) (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Devlin to agree the protocols for the enforcement of legislation concerning the sale of age restricted products (tobacco and tobacco related products including cigarette lighter refills)**

AHC/95/2015 **NEW BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Ms D Begley, Biodiversity Officer regarding Valuing Nature – a Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland to 2020 (copy circulated)

Noted: **The report was noted.**

AHC/96/2015 **SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER COMPETITION**

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Mr P McShane, Environmental Co-ordinator, regarding Schools Environmental Poster Competition (copy circulated)

Noted: **The report was noted.**

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

AHC/97/2015 **THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Read: Report dated 16 November 2015 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Scheme of Delegation (copy circulated)

Noted: **The report was noted.**

Read: Report dated 16 November from Ms J McCann, Area Community Development Officer regarding update on the play development strategy route map (copy circulated)

In response to queries from Members, Ms McCann advised the list of sites were those which were maintained by Council and were still listed as play parks.

Councillor Fitzpatrick said she wished to propose that St Anne's Park, Mayobridge site should be added to the capital projects works scheme. Councillor Sharvin said he would second this proposal.

Mr Lipsett advised the report, and matter tabled for consideration, was about the implementation of the play development strategy and not about capital provision of play parks, which was the subject of Councillor Fitzpatrick's proposal. He stated the committee was entitled to request that officers look at play areas in different places across the District; however this would be focused on as the strategy was developed, and undertaken in consultation with DEA Councillors and community groups.

Members discussed the issue further and the Chief Executive advised the strategy would be based consideration of business cases which would be presented to Council, with priorities then being established in order to provide playgrounds.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Enright to allow completion of the play development strategy route map.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.20pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 7 December 2015.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities