

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2015

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 21 September 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 S Doran Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Fitzpatrick Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey Councillor D Hyland
Councillor K Loughran Councillor D Taylor
Councillor W Walker

Non-Committee Members: Councillor T Andrews
Councillor P Clarke

Officials in attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy
Communities
Mr R Moore,
Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager
Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/58/2015: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Devlin and Ó'Muirí.

The Chairperson advised Members that Paulie's Project, a road safety charity set up in memory of John-Paul McKevitt who was tragically killed, would be holding a sponsored walk at St Colman's running track and she requested that Members raise awareness of Paulie's Project and this particular event throughout the District.

Councillor Enright entered the meeting during the above discussion – 6.05pm

AHC/59/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/60/2015: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17
AUGUST 2015**

Read: Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2015. (Copy circulated).

AHC/37/2015 & AHC/55/2015 – Request to Council from Athletics Group/Update regarding District Facilities Strategy

Councillor Fitzpatrick requested an update on the position regarding a meeting with the Athletics Group and whether a letter had been set.

Mr Lipsett advised a letter had been drafted, however he would investigate if this had been sent to the group and would feedback to Members.

Noted: The Action Sheet was NOTED.

LEISURE AND SPORTS

**AHC/61/2015 REFURBISHMENT OF POOL & SPA FILTERS AT KILKEEL
LEISURE CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015 from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the refurbishment of pool and spa filters at Kilkeel Leisure Centre. (Copy circulated)

Mr Lipsett advised mechanical problems had been experienced with the plant room equipment in Kilkeel Leisure Centre since January 2015 and the results of sampling undertaken in July and August 2015 showed that the effectiveness and efficiency of the filtration systems were a cause for concern, with works needing to be carried out sooner rather than later.

Councillor Carr asked why this spend had not been budgeted for within the Department's maintenance budget.

Mr Moore advised the filtration system had been refurbished approximately 5 years previously and should have lasted until 2017, however there was a significant degree of corrosion and compaction in the filters which needed to be remedied.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Burns to approve the unbudgeted spend for essential refurbishment of Pool and Spa Filters at Kilkeel Leisure Centre.

AHC/62/2015

**OUTCOME OF MOURNES DEA MEETING AT
CARRIGENAGH ROAD PLAYING FIELDS, KILKEEL**

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015 from Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the outcome of Mournes DEA Meeting at Carrigenagh Road playing fields. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Burns proposed a scoping exercise to investigate hotspot areas with regard to parking at playing fields as well as changing rooms etc at all District sporting facilities be undertaken with recommendations being made to the rates estimates meeting.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Harte.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Harte that a scoping exercise be undertaken to investigate hotspot areas with regard to parking at playing fields as well as changing rooms etc. at all District sporting facilities with recommendations being made to the rates estimates meeting.

AHC/63/2015 SPORTS FACILITY STRATEGY CONSULTATIONS

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015 from Mr P Power, Sports Officer, regarding the Sports Facility Strategy Consultations. (Copy circulated)

Noted: The report on the Sports Facility Strategy Consultations was noted.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/64/2015 PCSP LETTER OF OFFER

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015, from Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager regarding the PCSP Budget Update and Letter of Offer (Copy circulated)

Mrs Hillen advised the report highlighted the reduction in budget by 50% and the related implications for operation of the PCSP. She recommended the Committee issue correspondence seeking clarification on the future financial support which would be available for Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP.

Councillor Burns proposed the issue be raised through NILGA and the Partnership Panel. This was seconded by Councillor Kimmins.

Mr Hannaway advised the issue of the Department of Justice cutting their budgets would be symptomatic across all Government Departments and would be included in a holistic response from NILGA to the Assembly.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, that the issue of the 50% reduction in PCSP's budget be raised through NILGA and the Partnership Panel.

AHC/65/2015 DEA FORA UPDATE

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015, from Mrs J Hillen, PCSP Manager regarding an update on the operation of the DEA Fora. (Copy circulated)

Noted: The update report on DEA Fora was noted.

AHC/66/2015 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT & RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015 from Ms S Burns, Programmes Manager, regarding Capacity Building workshops and recurrent expenditure. (Copy circulated)

Ms Burns advised workshops had been developed as a result of the outcome of the first 2 calls for Financial Assistance and during the analysis of the results, the following skills and knowledge gaps had been identified:

1. Event Planning and Management
2. Budgeting, Value for Money and Project Management
3. Completing Applications
4. Other Funding Sources and Sustainability

Ms Burns advised the workshops would be delivered by consultants in the evenings and community groups could attend any workshop in any District Electoral Area.

Members welcomed the development of the workshops and commended the officers involved for the work undertaken to bring the workshops to fruition.

Noted: The report was noted.

Councillor Hyland left the meeting during the above discussions – 6.30pm

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AHC/67/2015 HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) BILL

Read: Report dated 21 September 2015 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Bill

Mr Lipsett advised Council had been asked to comment on the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Bill, however due to the tight closing date for responses, he

recommended that a response be prepared and returned to DSD as requested and should Elected Members wish to add comments, a link to the Draft Bill had been circulated.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to accept the officer's recommendation to agree a response being prepared by the Department in consultation with the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.40pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 5 October 2015.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
 Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
 Director of Active and Healthy Communities