

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2020

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 17 February 2020 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor B Ó Muirí

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor S Doran	Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor G Malone	Councillor C Mason
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

Also In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance: Mr P Weston, Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI)

AHC/14/2020: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher and McEvoy.

AHC/15/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/16/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020.**

PRESENTATION

AHC/17/2020: PRESENTATION BY ORNI

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Philip Weston to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation, copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Mr Weston thanked the Chairperson for the invitation and provided the Committee with a review of the Service Level Agreement for 2019-2020 highlighting the following:

- Delivery and promotion of Saul and Ballynahinch Community Trails and preparation of Management Plans.
- Delivery on the ground of 4 Community Trails (Drumkeeragh, Tievenadarragh, Corry Wood, Seaforde) and preparation of a Management Plan for Tievenadarragh.
- Data collection for all Community Trails sites, including Castlewawrd, Tobar Mhuire, Bunkers Hill, Saul and Ballynahinch.
- Feasibility Study for Community Trail from Downpatrick to Delamont.
- Feasibility Study for Community Trail from Downpatrick to Hollymount.
- Project Development Work of a further 5 Community Trails to 'shovel ready' status.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Weston for his presentation and invited questions from Members.

Councillor Walker welcomed the feasibility study for Downpatrick to Delamont and raised his concerns regarding the issue with private landowners not providing access for the Community Trail.

Mr Weston advised the land within the proposed Trail had recently been purchased by a new landowner who had negative experience with public access in the past, however this may be revisited in the future.

Councillor McMurray raised a question regarding whether the SLA had been extended to complete the works. Mr Lipsett advised he would respond to that question once the representative from ORNI had left the chamber.

Councillor Trainor queried whether the Downpatrick to Delamont trail could be packaged into smaller trails to get the project started.

Mr Weston advised ORNI had investigated smaller sections however there were similar landowner issues within those potential trails and there were also outstanding queries with the land at the shoreline as a new crossing point would be required.

Councillor McKeivitt asked whether it was possible for local groups to access funding for walkways around existing football pitches etc.

Mr Weston advised ORNI would not have access to funding for community trails however they can assist local groups in rural communities to identify funding for same.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/18/2020 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant
Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District

Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to note the report and to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020
 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2020

AHC/19/2020

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, to:
- Fund applications in Call 1 as per the Appendices contained within the officer's report;
 - Open Financial Assistance Call 2 in March 2020 and Call 3 in April/May 2020;
 - Provide workshops/training to applicants during Call 2 and 3 on the use of the online system (three sessions per Call)

AHC/20/2020

PEACE PLUS – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Peace Plus Consultation. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to:
- Accept the revised Letters of Offer for the PEACE IV Local Action Plan (Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations) representing an approved extension to December 2021;
 - Approve the PEACE PLUS consultation response as circulated with the officer's report.

AHC/21/2020

COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRE CHARGES

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Community Centres Scale of Charges 2020/21. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to maintain the hire

charge pricing that had been adopted for the 2019/20 period with exception of Bridge Centre, Killyleagh, Gold Card Membership Fitness Suite – Over 60 Membership, Off peak £3.80 plus £1.00 per use.

AHC/22/2020 RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BARNMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Renewal of Lease Agreement for Barnmeen Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed to provide a further 12-week timeframe to the Parish for the lease to be agreed and signed. In the event of this deadline not being met, the keys of the building will be returned to the Parish.

AHC/23/2020 INCLUSIVE CITIES PROJECT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Inclusive Cities Project. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to take the issue of nominating a strategic lead (Elected Member) back to Parties for agreement with nominations presented at the Council Meeting. It was agreed to select an operational lead for the Inclusive Cities Project.
The operational and strategic leads to join the next meeting which will be held on 16 and 17 March 2020 in Peterborough.

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/24/2020 LEISURE AND SPORT – SCALE OF CHARGES

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Leisure and Sport Scale of Charges 2020/21. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve the proposed scale of charges for Leisure and Sports Section for 2020/21, commencing the 1 April 2020 as per appendix 1 of the report.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/25/2020: ORGAN DONATION INITIATIVE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Organ Donation Initiative, referred from Council. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Mason, to facilitate a sign up of Elected Members and employees with associated publicity and a similar event to be hosted within each of the seven DEAs.**

AHC/26/2020: REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR PORT HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Ship Sanitation Inspection Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to implement the new charging regime with effect from 1 April 2020.**

AHC/27/2020: REQUEST FROM NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO HOST A MEETING IN NEWRY. MOUNRE AND DOWN AREA

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, regarding Nuclear Free Local Authority All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum Meeting. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to host a Nuclear Free Local Authority Forum Meeting on Friday 20 March 2020 in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row.**

AHC/28/2020: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM OFFICE OF PRODUCT SAFETY AND STANDARDS

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, regarding funding from Office of Product Safety and Standards on behalf of all Councils in Northern Ireland. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Mason, to accept the offer of funding from Office of Product Safety and Standards and to carry out the procurement exercise on behalf of the 11 Councils.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/29/2020: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding an update on Social Investment Fund. **(Copy circulated)**.

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update report on Social Investment Fund.**

AHC/30/2020: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2019, which were approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2020.**

AHC/31/2020: POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and Minutes including:**

- **Minutes of the Policing Committee held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, approved at the Policing Committee Meeting on Tuesday 21 January 2020.**
- **Minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, approved at the PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 21 January 2020.**

AHC/32/2020: BALLYKINLAR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Ballykinlar Community Centre – Hire of a Generator in the Absence of Electricity Supply. **(Copy circulated)**.

Councillor Mason advised she had been working closely with the group in Ballykinlar who had been unable to access the new facility due to the lack of an electricity supply and in turn were at risk of losing funding for various projects. She asked whether there was something that Council can do to assist.

Mrs Hillen advised officers had been in constant contact with NIE and MoD to try to reach a resolution to the issue and suggested a way forward may be to install a generator on-site,

which had been supplied in December, however the cost would be continuous. She advised there was a budget ringfenced for Ballykinlar Community Association within the budget which was to be used as part of Facility Management Agreement, which could be used to hire and fuel the generator until the funding was exhausted which would enable officers additional time to negotiate with NIE to resolve the issue.

Councillor Mason proposed that Council proceed with the officer's suggestion and ensure that all the groups involved in the usage of the centre be kept informed. This was seconded by Councillor Trainor.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to note the report and to use the money ringfenced for Ballykinlar within the budget to hire and fuel a generator for the community centre, until such budget is exhausted to enable officers to negotiate with NIE to resolve the issue.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/33/2020: AUTISM FRIENDLY SWIM SESSIONS

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the arrangements for the launch of Autism Friendly Swim Sessions in Newry, Kilkeel Leisure Centres and Tropicana from 1 April 2020.

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

AHC/34/2020 RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR HIGH LEVELS IN SPORT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Recognition of Achievement for High Levels in Sport Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve the revised criteria and processing procedures for Council's

Recognition of Achievement for High Level Sports 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 within the officer's report.

AHC/35/2020

CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC ANALYST SERVICES

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing regarding the appointment of Public Analysts. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to appoint the persons listed within the Officer's report at paragraph 3.1, employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd to act as Public Analysts under the provisions of The Food Safety Order (Northern Ireland) 1991, The Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

AHC/36/2020

THREEWAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE – REFURBISHMENT OF ROPEWALK PITCH

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters 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.

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement regarding the Refurbishment of Ropewalk Pitch. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Malone to:

- **Approve the business case and the recommendation contained within same.**
- **Proceed with a procurement exercise to appoint a contractor to carry out the refurbishment works.**
- **Incorporate the legacy Service Level Agreement into the current Facility Management Agreement for Threeways Community Association in line with other similar facilities.**
- **Review booking over the period detailed in the Facility Management Agreement and present options to Council in order to inform potential future investment in the facility.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.53pm.

Signed: Councillor B Ó Muirí
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities