



January 20th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 26th January 2026 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre**.

Committee Membership 2025-26

Councillor C Bowsie **Chairperson**

Councillor M Gibbons **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor J Brennan

Councillor D Finn

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor R Howell

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor A King

Councillor N Lawlor

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor J Truesdale

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

5.0 Leasing of Council Land and Facilities

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

 [AHC Report - Leasing of Council Land and Facilities.pdf](#)

Not included

 [Appx - Lands at Meigh CC Map.pdf](#)

Not included

6.0 PCSP Procurement for Contracted Services 2026/27

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

 [AHC Report - Procurement for PCSP Contracted Services 2026 27.pdf](#)

Not included

7.0 Usage Agreement for AHC Facility

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person and the public may,

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 **AHC Report - Usage Agreement for AHC Facility.pdf**

Not included

FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

8.0 Good Relations Action Plan 2026-27

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

 **AHC Report - NMDDC Good Relations Action Plan 2026 27.pdf**

Not included

 **Appx - Draft NMDDC Good Relations 2026 27 Action Plan .pdf**

Not included

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
Cllr Callum Bowsie
Cllr Jim Brennan
Mr Gerard Byrne
Cllr Pete Byrne
Cllr Philip Campbell
Cllr William Clarke
Cllr Laura Devlin
Cllr Cadogan Enright
Cllr Killian Feehan
Cllr Doire Finn
Cllr Conor Galbraith
Cllr Mark Gibbons
Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
Cllr Glyn Hanna
Cllr Valerie Harte
Cllr Martin Hearty
Cllr Roisin Howell
Cllr Tierna Howie
Cllr Jonathan Jackson
Joanne/Noelle Johnston
Cllr Geraldine Kearns
Miss Veronica Keegan
Cllr Aurla King
Cllr Cathal King
Cllr Mickey Larkin
Cllr Niall Lawlor
Cllr David Lee-Surginor
Cllr Alan Lewis
Cllr Oonagh Magennis
Mr Conor Mallon
Cllr Aidan Mathers
Cllr Declan McAteer
Ms Kerri McConnell
Cllr Declan Murphy
Cllr Kate Murphy
Cllr Selina Murphy
Sinead Murphy
Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
Mr Andy Patterson
Cllr Áine Quinn
Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Ms Alison Robb

Cllr Michael Ruane

Conor Smyth

Sarah Taggart

Cllr David Taylor

Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly

Cllr Jill Truesdale

Mrs Marie Ward

Cllr Helena Young

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 15 DECEMBER 2025

| Minute Ref | Subject | Decision | Lead Officer | Actions taken/ Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
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| AHC/105/2025 | Action sheet from AHC Meeting held 17/11/25 | It was agreed to note the action sheet | A Patterson | Noted | Y |
| AHC/106/2025 | Presentation – NMD Sports Awards 2026 | It was agreed to note the presentation | C Haughey | Noted | Y |
| AHC/107/2025 | District Electoral Area (Dea) Forum Update | <p>It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Meeting held on 4 November 2025. •Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 13 November 2025 •Mournes DEA Forum Meeting held on 18 November 2025. | A Robb | Noted and actions being progressed | Y |
| AHC/108/2025 | PCSP & Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Update | <p>It was agreed to note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held 8 October 2025 and approved on 26 November 2025. -Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 30 September 2025, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 25 November 2025. | A Robb | Noted | Y |
| AHC/109/2025 | 2025 Sports Awards | It was agreed to note the contents of the report | C Haughey | Noted | Y |

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| Report to: | Active and Healthy Communities Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 26 January 2026 |
| Subject: | District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement |

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -

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| For decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | For noting only | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the report. • To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | None. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Note the report. ➤ Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 16 December 2025 |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA Action Plans. |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |

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| 5.2 | <p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.3 | <p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
| 6.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) |
| .1 | <p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 7.0 | Appendices |
| 7.1 | <p>Appendix 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025 - Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 16 December 2025 |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
| 8.1 | None. |

**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 18.00 pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: **Councillor Kate Murphy**

In Attendance: **Councillor Micky Ruane**
Councillor Declan McAteer
Councillor Selina Murphy

Independent Members: **Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff**
Connaire McGreevy, Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce
Cathy McMahon - Confederation of Community Groups
Keith Parke- Ardarragh Accordian Band/ Lisnamullion Rural Association/ Drumlough & Ballygorian RDA

Statutory Partners: **Annie Clarke - Southern Health and Social Care Trust**
Carrie Crawford- Education Authority
Sergeant Conor Valentine- Neighbourhood Policing Team
Aisling Pryers - NI Housing Executive

Council Officials: **Shirley Keenan-Hughes – DEA Co-ordinator Crotlieve**
Edel McGeeney – Peace Plus Officer

Apologies: **Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly**
Councillor Mark Gibbons
Ciara Burns – Community Services Manager
Martina Flynn - Head of Engagement

| ITEM | SUBJECT | DECISION | FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed. |
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| DEA/C/54/2025 | Welcome and Apologies. | Councillor Kate Murphy welcomed Members and noted apologies. | COMPLETED. |
| DEA/C/55/2025 | Declarations of Interest. | There were no declarations of interest declared. | COMPLETED. |
| DEA/C/56/2025 | Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 14 th October 2025. | Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr McAteer and Seconded by Cllr Murphy. | COMPLETED. |
| DEA/C/57/2025 | DEA Co-ordinators Report. | <p>Update from DEA Co-ordinator Ms S Keenan-Hughes on projects, events and programmes organised and supported by Crotlieve DEA Forum that have taken place from the date of the last meeting including.</p> <p>Funding Fair 22nd October 2025 Positive Ageing Afternoon Tea Dance 28th October 2025 Crotlieve Schools Christmas Concert 1st December 2025 Christmas Lights Switch On Events</p> <p>Members were also updated on planned events including:</p> <p>Rostrevor Community Inclusion Carol Service 13th December Schools Movie Day 27th January 2026 Blue Monday 19th January 2026</p> | NOTED. |

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| | | <p>International Womens Day 5th March 2026 Rural Womens Programme 2026 Spring Tea Dance 2026</p> <p>It was Proposed by Cllr McAteer and seconded by Cllr Murphy that the planned events should be supported from the DEA Budget.</p> | |
| DEA/C/58/2025 | New Members | Cathy McMahon from CCG and Aisling Pryers NIHE introduced themselves to the DEA Forum. | COMPLETED |
| DEA/C/59/2025 | Peace Plus Update. | <p>Ms E McGeeney provided an update in respect of the delivery of the PEACE PLUS plan. They are currently in the process of procuring contractors for delivery of activity. Bi-monthly Newsletter has been launched. The Crotlieve Engagement Event is 16th December 2025 in Hilltown. Programmes discussed included First Aid, Cross Border Mens Shed programme, Cultural Heritage Project.</p> | CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS. |
| DEA/C/60/2025 | Community Services Update. | Ms C Burns forwarded apologies. | NOTED. |
| DEA/C/61/2025 | Education Authority Update. | Ms C Crawford provided an update on activity across Crotlieve area. There is ongoing provision of 2 nights per week for Warrenpoint area. | NOTED. |

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| DEA/C/62/2025 | Promoting Wellbeing Team SHSCT Update. | Ms A Clarke discussed the Recovery College Programme and will circulate the prospectus. | NOTED. |
| DEA/C/63/2025 | PSNI Update. | Sgt. Conor Valentine provided members with an update on activity across the DEA. PSNI had launched the Season's Greetings campaign and had recently met with WBR Chamber to discuss how better local businesses can be supported. | NOTED. |
| DEA/C/64/2025 | Housing Issues Meeting 2026. | DEA Co-ordinator advised members a separate meeting to discuss housing issues will be organised for January 2026. | Details to follow. |
| DEA/C/65/2025 | Financial Assistance. | Ms M Byrne raised concerns in respect of the deadline of 12 th January for groups to submit applications to Councils Financial Assistance Call, given the Christmas period. Her concerns were reiterated by Cllr McAteer who requested that the Grants and Funding Department extend the deadline. | Grants and Funding Department to be contacted with request. |
| DEA/C/66/2025 | Hilltown Christmas Lights | Ms M Byrne advised there are ongoing issues with the Christmas Lights in Hilltown and queried how long the contract is with the current Contractor. | DEA Co-ordinator to contact Maintenance Department. |
| DEA/C/67/2025 | Date of Next Meeting. | The next meeting date: Tuesday 10 th February at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall. | DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance. |

The meeting ended at: 18:35 pm

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 9 December 2025 in Downshire Civic Centre**

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| Chairperson: | Councillor Conor Galbraith |
| In Attendance: | Councillor Cadogan Enright Councillor Oonagh Hanlon |
| Independent Members: | Jenny Laverty, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network Breige Jennings, County Down Rural Community Network |
| Statutory Partners: | Maureen O'Gorman, Education Authority |
| Council Officials: | Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement Manager Theresa McLaverty, PeacePlus Officer |
| Others in Attendance: | Lois Kennedy, May We |
| Apologies: | Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective Mel Murray, Education Authority |

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| DEA/DPK/25/01 | Apologies | As recorded above. | Noted. |
| DEA/DPK/25/02 | Declarations of Interest | None were declared. | Noted |
| DEA/DPK/25/03 | Action Sheet of Meeting held 14 October 2025 | The Action Sheet was noted. | Noted |
| DEA/DPK/25/04 | Update from Peace Plus Officer | <p>The PeacePlus Officer gave members an update on projects for the Downpatrick DEA. She advised that there was availability within the Capacity Building and Reimagining Thematic Programmes for further consideration.</p> <p>She also advised members that May We have been appointed to support the facilitation of the Reimagining Project Action Plans.</p> <p>Members are to consider suitable areas for projects and refer them directly to the Officer. Updates to continue to be provided through the Forum.</p> | DEA Forum & PeacePlus Officers |
| DEA/DPK/25/05 | Update from DFI re Traffic Management Survey – Edward Street, Downpatrick | The Officer advised that, following a survey of the area, 15 different options were initially considered. These have now been reduced to four options. A brief will be issued early next year, after which the most suitable option will then be considered. Once selected a detailed design will be prepared, | Noted |

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| | | followed by consultation with residents within the affected area. It is anticipated that the project will not be completed within the next 18 months. | |
| DEA/DPK/25/06 | DEA Co-Ordinators Update | <p>The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members, including detail on activities including -</p> <p>Monthly Domestic Violence One Stop Shop with partners including Women's Aid, the PCSP and PSNI.</p> <p>Seniors Silver Screening scheduled for December 2025 in Downpatrick.</p> <p>Upcoming Newcomers Winter event hosted in partnership with the NMDDC Social Inclusion team.</p> <p>A variety of schools programmes scheduled including Building Resilience and Mini-Medics.</p> <p>NR projects included minor capital investment across 2025/26.</p> | Noted |
| DEA/DPK/25/08 | Date of Next Meeting | The DEA Co-Ordinator advised that an ad hoc meeting has been organised for the Downpatrick & Rowallane DEA Forums to receive a presentation on Housing. This has been scheduled for 3.00pm on 3 February 2026 (MS Teams meeting). Members further agreed that the Downpatrick DEA February meeting commence at 4.30pm on this date. | DEA Co-Ordinator |

The meeting ended at: 10.50am

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**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 1.30pm in Newry Leisure Centre**

Chairperson: **Councillor Aidan Mathers**

In Attendance: **Councillor Doire Flynn (Via Teams)**

Independent Members: **Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups**
Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID
Allison Slater, Bolster Community
Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency

Statutory Partners: **Sergeant Warren Roberts, PSNI**
Claire Crainey, Housing Executive

Council Officials: **Padraig Harte, Newry DEA Coordinator**
Edel McGeeney, Peace Officer

Apologies: **Councillor Valerie Harte**
Councillor Geraldine Kearns
Councillor Cathal King

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| DEA/N/2025/1 | Declarations of Interest | None. | |
| DEA/N/2025/2 | Matters arising from Action Sheet | Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record. Members were advised that the Action Sheet remains in draft form for this meeting, as it precedes the NMDCC Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting. | Approved. |
| DEA/N/2025/3 | Patrick Street Site | Submissions made. Under review. | Coordinator to progress. |
| DEA/N/2025/4 | Peace Plus & Community Services Update | <p>Peace Plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contracts have been awarded, with facilitator approvals expected to be finalised in the coming weeks. - The Reimaging Programme will deliver feasibility assessments for Camlough Road, Meigh, Mill Street, and Dominican Gardens. - A bi-monthly newsletter will be issued to members, with a request that it be circulated widely across their networks. - The Civic Pride and Health & Wellbeing programmes are scheduled to open in January and will be accessible to all residents across the District. - Capacity Building initiatives will be delivered in partnership with Newry Gateway. <p>Community Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drumalane Community Centre – Ongoing: Engagement is continuing between Community Services and the Association to progress matters. | Noted. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derrybeg Community Centre – The issue has been identified as external to Council and sits with NI Water. A further update will be provided at the next meeting. - Barcroft Community Centre – Joiners were scheduled to attend site on 9 December; however, due to adverse weather conditions, this was postponed. It is anticipated that works will commence in January 2026. | |
| DEA/N//2025/5 | DEA Co-ordinator's Report. | <p>Reimaging Project, St Marys Youth Community Centre – The project is nearing completion, weather permitting. An official launch is planned for early January, and an invitation will be issued to all Forum members once the date is confirmed.</p> <p>Shared Education Programme - Year 8 students from Newtownhamilton High School, St Paul's High School Bessbrook, St Joseph's High School Crossmaglen, and Newry High School are participating in a Shared Schools Programme. The initial event took place on 3rd October, with the most recent session held on 20th November featuring activities including Irish dancing, Highland dancing, and the creation of identity shields.</p> <p>Financial Assistance Workshops - The Council's Financial Assistance Programme is now open for applications. To support local groups in maximising their chances of securing funding, the DEA hosted a series of 1:1 guidance workshops. Seven groups benefited from individual 30–45-minute sessions, receiving tailored support to strengthen their applications and identify opportunities for funding success.</p> <p>Community Development Workers Meeting - The Newry and Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinators hosted their bi-annual Community Development Workers meeting, bringing together Community Development workers from across</p> | Noted and Coordinator to progress. |

Newry and South Armagh. The session provided an opportunity to share updates, discuss upcoming events, and explore collaborative opportunities.

Seniors Programme - Successful "Tea, Trivia and Times Gone By," took place on 21st November at the Thomas Davis Complex, supported by Arbour Housing and Radius Housing. Christmas Flower Planting events will be delivered as part of the senior wellbeing programme. The first will take place on Friday, 12th December at Carnagat Community House, engaging participants from Barcroft, Ballybot, Carnagat, Derrybeg, Martins Lane, and Meadow/Armagh Road areas (34 registered to date). The second session will be held on Friday 19th December at Three Ways Community Centre (24 registered to date), welcoming residents from Ballinacraig, Drumalane/Quayside Close, Greater Linenhall, St Mary's, and Three Ways areas. PCSP will deliver a safety talk in Carnagat and the PSNI will deliver a safety talk in Three Ways Community Centre.

Ulster Scots - In partnership with Gaeláras Mhic Ardghail and Bun Scoil An Iúir, an event was held on Thursday 27th November as part of Ulster-Scots Week. P6 and P7 pupils were introduced to Ulster-Scots language and culture, and the session was well received by all involved.

Christmas Event with Sound Friends Group - The DEA is supporting the Sound Friends Community Group on Saturday 20th December with a mixed sports event at Newry Leisure Centre. Twenty young people are expected to take part in a coached sports session, followed by a drop-in visit with Santa, where each child will receive a selection box and refreshments. Forum members are welcome to call in on the day.

Blue Monday - On Monday 19th January, the Newry, Slieve Gullion and Crotlieve DEAs will host a "Laugh Your Blues

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| | | <p>"Away" social afternoon at Cloughreagh Community Centre, funded under the Tackling Isolation and Loneliness Together initiative. Scheduled to coincide with Blue Monday, the event is designed to help tackle social isolation and loneliness by offering an uplifting and interactive experience for residents. Running from 1:30pm to 5:00pm, the programme will feature a range of activities including afternoon tea, health and wellbeing activities, feel-good sessions, a photo booth, ukulele entertainment, a mocktail bar, and goodie bags. A key attraction will be a live performance by local comedian Sean Hegarty.</p> <p>Community Support - Further Financial Assistance guidance and support have been provided to community groups and charities. Attendance at the Newry Advisory Meeting and Neighbourhood Renewal Community Physical Meeting. Inter-departmental meetings were also held with Council officials to progress event planning aligned to action plans for early 2026. In addition, met with NIHE to discuss the support being provided to local community groups and upcoming plans for 2026.</p> | |
| DEA/N/2025/6 | <p>Independent Members and Statutory Partners Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Health and Wellbeing (b) Environmental (c) Economic Development (d) Safety and Good Relations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Bolster – The organisation is currently undertaking a survey and has requested that members share this with their contacts. The Minister for Finance recently visited the premises to gain insight into the programmes being delivered. Significant work has been ongoing across a number of areas, with excellent support received for the Workplace Programme. (b) CCG – The Good Morning Good Neighbour project continues to go from strength to strength, with over 300 calls made across NMDDC and ABC areas. Engagement has taken place with Newry Community Associations in relation to the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. CCG has been co-ordinating Meals on Wheels in partnership with Norbrook, | Noted and Coordinator to progress. |

alongside delivery of seniors' Christmas sessions. In collaboration with NMDDC, toys and hampers donated by Norbrook staff will be distributed on 17 December. A Volunteer Recognition Day has been successfully completed, with a further event planned for February/March. There has also been a notable increase in demand for the Social Supermarket, alongside a growing need for donations.

(c) NIHE – NIHE is currently delivering a pilot programme in partnership with external agencies, initially addressing a small number of hoarding-related cases. Ongoing work continues around tenancy sustainment, with referrals in place for residents aged 55+ and patch managers maintaining active engagement with tenants. Meigh Community Association has recently secured Good Relations funding, with other groups also accessing similar support. In relation to Shared Tenancy, NIHE continues to work in partnership with MACS. Homelessness prevention activity remains ongoing, including engagement with schools and the delivery of Mythbusters sessions. The housing waiting list continues to face challenges, which are impacting tenant turnover.

(d) Newry BID – The Charity Business Dinner was a significant success, raising £102k on the night, with toys collected to be distributed to local community groups. In relation to recent flooding, Newry BID is currently working with the Department for the Economy regarding grant support. While temporary flood defences are in place, the risk of flooding remains until permanent measures are implemented. Concerns have also been raised regarding blocked gullies and the ongoing need for regular clearance. In addition, the sandbag station has been

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| | | <p>vandalised, resulting in substantial damage.</p> <p>NMEA – Under the Go Succeed programme, 43 business plans have been completed. The Growth and Labour Market Pathway (LMP) programmes are scheduled for full recruitment by the end of March 2026. In addition, Enterprise Week has been successfully delivered, showcasing the wide range of local organisations operating across the area.</p> <p>(e) PSNI Update – Members were informed of the online reporting systems. Officers are available to attend community workshops to provide face-to-face guidance, particularly supporting older people on how to report incidents online. Members are encouraged to liaise directly with Sergeant Roberts to arrange sessions. Antisocial behaviour remains an ongoing concern within the retail and hospitality areas, involving a recurring group; PSNI is aware of the issues and continues to respond accordingly.</p> | |
| DEA/N/2025/7 | Date of Next Meeting | Thursday 15 th January @ 1:30pm, Newry Leisure Centre MP2 | |

The meeting ended at: 2.30pm

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**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on 16 December 2025 at 12.30pm in Ballynahinch Community Centre**

Chairperson: **Councillor Callum Bowsie**

In Attendance:
Councillor Terry Andrews
Councillor Johnny Jackson
Councillor David Lee-Surginor

Independent Members: **Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network**
Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield
Community Estates

Council Officials: **Nicola Whyte, DEA Coordinator Rowallane**

Others in Attendance: **None**

Apologies: **Councillor Tierna Howie**
Lise Curran – Co Down Rural Community Network

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| ITEM | SUBJECT | DECISION | FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed. |
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| DEA/ROW/26/2025 | Welcome and Apologies | Councillor Bowsie welcomed Members and noted apologies. | COMPLETED |
| DEA/ROW/27/2025 | Declarations of Interest | There were no declarations of interest given. | COMPLETED |
| DEA/ROW/28/2025 | Action sheet from previous meeting on 21/10/25 | Action Sheet was proposed by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Jackson. | NOTED |
| DEA/ROW/29/2025 | DEA Coordinators Report | <p>DEA Coordinator delivered the Coordinator's Report including:</p> <p>Update on projects since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Down Arts Centre – Young Carers event with South Eastern Trust & DEA Downpatrick & Slieve Croob – Cinema & Crafts on 30.10.25 with full attendance. • Funding Event with DEA's in Owenbeg Bowling Club on 04.11.25 – Great turnout from Rowallane groups – busy evening. • Mens Shed Launch Killyleagh – 12.11.25 great attendance with 140 people, refreshments provided by DEA, thank you to NMDCC from all. Resulting in need for Hen Shed which is in the process of being set up. • Ulster Scots Event, Killyleagh – 27.11.25 great success with social media and press coverage with 38 attendees. • Silver Screening Cinema for over 55's with CDRCN & DEA's Down & Mournes on 04.12.25 two showings of Downtown Abbey – full attendance with good social media and press coverage. • Drop-in one-to-one meetings with Coordinator for information on FA Call 1 in Ballynahinch on 09.12.25 – Peace Plus Officer Theresa also in attendance. Full turnout from 10am to 2pm. | NOTED |

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| | | <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Fitness Dance programme for Year 7 PS Students with all DEA's in Down – Ballynahinch Coob Road PS (John Anderson) to start this in January 26. Showcase event in Down Leisure Centre on 06.02.26 • Building Resilience Programme with YMCA (2 PS Year 7 Students in Action Plan) 6-week programme. Coordinator working with Schools on this due to begin end January 2026. • Senior Carers Christmas Lunch with SE Trust & DEA's on 16.12.25 in Downpatrick – we could not attend due to Forum same day. • Economical Service & Celebration for 50 years of Killyleagh Chapel with Service in Church of Ireland on 31.01.26 & Mass in Chapel on 01.02.26 • Crossgar Walking Group Trip to meet up with group in Crotlieve – date in March TBC with both groups. • Action Cancer Bus Killyleagh – TBC with CDRCN <p>Other Updates Discussed:</p> <p>Saintfield Baptist Church – Safety Talk with Children, merchandise provided by PCSP. Thank you to PCSP from all.</p> <p>Linda Beers (new chair of Saintfield Community Association) to host introductory event to engage business to set up Rowallane Chamber.</p> <p>As part of awareness for Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Rowallane DEA to support delivery of a play to Sixth Form students (Spanner in the Works play <i>'The Voice Within'</i>). Speaking to both Assumption Grammer and St Colman's Ballynahinch to host the play.</p> <p>EA Youth Group Meeting – new programmes now live in Ballynahinch & Crossgar. Introduction to Saintfield given, new programme to be set up there.</p> <p>SERC working with two groups in Saintfield to provide introductory/basic IT training in Rowallane Hub – to start in January 2026 through PeacePlus funding.</p> | DEA Coordinator DEA Coordinator CDRCN |
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| DEA/ROW/30/2025 | New Members to join DEA Forum | <p>DEA Coordinator confirmed that the following statutory partners will join the forum and attend next meeting in February -</p> <p>PSNI - Suzanne Cochrane EA – Maureen O Gorman & Paul Fitzsimons NIHE – Aisling Pyers & Claire Crainey Independent Membership Form circulated</p> | NOTED | 21 |
| DEA/ROW/31/2025 | Community Planning Housing Needs Meeting | Meeting to take place on 03.02.26 with Downpatrick Councillors via Teams. | NOTED | |
| DEA/ROW/32/2025 | Ballynahinch Market | Cllr David Lee-Surginor queried the market location. It was agreed that the market will remain in the car park but there is currently legal transfer from DfI to NMDDC that needs to be in place before this is confirmed. | NOTED | |
| DEA/ROW/33/2025 | Disabled Persons parking bay, Ballynahinch | As per correspondence from Marie Ward for comments – no comments received all Councillors in attendance – happy to approve this. Coordinator to confirm via Democratic Services. | DEA Coordinator | |
| DEA/ROW/34/2025 | Ballynahinch Bypass | Members asked that the Coordinator make contact with DFI to request an update on the progress of the Ballynahinch Bypass. | DEA Coordinator | |
| DEA/ROW/34/2025 | AOB | <p>Cllr Andrews thanked the Coordinator for arranging the Christmas lunch for all members and for the work she has done to date.</p> <p>Cllr Lee-Surginor noted the Coordinator newsletter and advised that the weekly information was valuable.</p> | NOTED NOTED | |

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| DEA/ROW/35/2025 | Date of Next Meeting. | The next meeting date: 17 February in Ballynahinch Community Centre at 6pm. | DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance. | 22 |
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The meeting ended at: 2.30pm

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 via Microsoft Teams**

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| Chairperson: | Councillor Alan Lewis |
| In Attendance: | Councillor Siobhan O'Hare |
| Independent Members: | Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network |
| Council Officials: | Elaine Carr, Peace Officer (Programmes Unit) Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator |
| Others in Attendance: | Maureen O'Gorman, Senior Youth Worker, Education Authority |
| Apologies: | Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Roisin Howell Councillor Helena Young Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub |

| ITEM | SUBJECT | DECISION | FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed. |
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| DEA/SC/3/2025 | Declarations of Interest | No Declarations of Interest were made. | Noted. |

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| DEA/SC/4/2025 | Action Sheet of meeting held on Tuesday 23 rd September 2025 | Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 23 rd September 2025 was adopted as a true record. | Noted. |
| DEA/SC/5/2025 | PeacePlus update | An update was provided on PeacePlus programmes commencing in the Slieve Croob area. Members are asked to refer community groups interested in potential projects to the Peace Officer and identify any areas suitable for a re-imaging project. | Noted. All members. |
| DEA/SC/6/2025 | Youth Provision Update | An update on youth provision in the Slieve Croob area was delivered by the Senior Youth Worker. Contact details of Youth Workers to be shared with Councillor O'Hare. Information regarding the Down Locality Outcomes Group to be sent to the Senior Youth Worker. | Noted. DEA Coordinator. DEA Coordinator. |
| DEA/SC/7/2025 | Action Plan Update | Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2025/2026 and associated budget. | DEA Coordinator. |
| DEA/SC/10/2025 | Date and time of next meeting | Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24 th February 2026 at 4.30pm in The Hillyard House, Castlewellan. | DEA Coordinator. |

The meeting ended at 5.56pm