

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2018

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held  
on Monday 15 October 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,  
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews

**In attendance:**

**(Councillors)**

Councillor C Enright

Councillor D Hyland

Councillor K Loughran

Councillor B Ó Muirí

Councillor D Taylor

Councillor R Howell

Councillor L Kimmins

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor B Quinn

Councillor W Walker

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing  
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement  
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

As Councillor Sharvin had submitted an apology for the meeting, the Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Andrews assumed the Chair.

**AHC/198/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Harte and Sharvin

- The Chairperson advised the existing Down Leisure Centre proposed closure date was Saturday 3 November 2018 with the official dignitary opening ceremony for new Down Leisure Centre proposed to take place on Thursday 22 November 2018 followed by a public launch weekend on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November 2018. He stated the new centre would then officially go live at 6.30 am to the public on Monday 26 November 2018.
- The Chairperson stated two very successful events took place to mark Positive aging week at the start of the month with over 500 older people attending along with 30-40 exhibitors. He stated this was due to the hard work of the Age Friendly Coordinator and also the DEA Coordinators who were closely involved in bringing this to fruition.
- The Chairperson congratulated Burren on winning the Senior Final Championship against Kilcoo; Teconnaught on winning the Junior Final Championship against Kilclief; and Saul GAC on winning their league title over the weekend.
- The Chairperson offered his congratulations to Newry Leisure Centre who won an award for the Best Local Authority Design and Build Capital Project at the Annual NILGA Awards last week and also to Sean McKeivitt who was nominated for employee of the year at the awards.

- The Chairperson wished a speedy recovery to Councillor Sharvin and Ellen Brennan, Rowallane DEA Coordinator.

**AHC/199/2018:     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/200/2018:     ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Read:                     Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                   **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Quinn to note the action sheet.**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/201/2018:     DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT**

Read:                     Report dated 15 October 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                   **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:**

- **Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 14 August 2018;**
- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 18 September 2018;**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 25 September 2018;**

**AHC/202/2018:     SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**

Read:                     Report dated 15 October 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Sustainable Christmas Tree Pilot. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Howell queried whether the issue of power at the proposed location of the tree in Castlewellan had been rectified.

Mrs Hillen advised there were 9 pilot sites, all with their own issues, all of which would be worked through to try to alleviate. She stated in the event there was an issue that would stop the erection of a sustainable tree, a tree would still be provided.

Councillor Enright asked whether there was flexibility to include Kilclief who had a receptacle for a Christmas tree in their new park and Ardglass who normally had a tree funded by the Council.

Mrs Hillen advised that Council supported Christmas trees in four different ways and this pilot was an avenue for supporting communities at Christmas. She stated the pilot areas were proposed and approved by neighbourhood services and there was no flexibility for this year however other areas may be looked at in the future.

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Walker to support the roll out of the Sustainable Christmas Tree Initiative by resourcing community engagement elements of the pilot programme.**

**AHC/203/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hyland, the following recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership were agreed:**

- **Capacity Building Programme for Groups – Procure and appoint relevant suppliers as required by the groups in order to deliver their animation project. Estimated cost: £210,000 (£5000 per group x 42 groups)**
- **Civic Leadership Programme – Procure and appoint relevant training providers/suppliers to deliver a training programme regarding caring for trauma victims (including a residential). Estimated cost: £6,000**
- **Total: £216,000.**

**AHC/204/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CALL 3**

**Read:** Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Hillen advised the call for Financial Assistance opened on 10 September and closed on 28<sup>th</sup> September with 57 applications received under the Sports Active theme. She stated the amount of funding requested was much higher than the available budget and it had been recommended by Sports NI that applications be scored and ranked with the available funding awarded in line with rank until the full budget was allocated. She advised 44 applications were recommended for funding however there were only 25 applications awarded the full funding in the amount of £65,230.

Councillor Enright suggested the same logic used by Sports NI for assessing funding applications should be used by Council in order that organisations that apply for funding can access the total amount they request.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to approve the funding of Sports Active applications in Call 3 for the 2018-2019 period as per the circulated appendix.

## **LEISURE AND SPORT**

**AHC/205/2018: INDOOR LEISURE FACILITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019/20 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, regarding Indoor Leisure Facility Arrangements for 2019/20 Public Holidays (**Copy circulated**)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, it was agreed to continue to open specific facilities for specific holidays for 2019/20 as below subject to the forthcoming rates estimates process and subject to change with any future agreements through management and trade unions:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 – All centres open single shift\*
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – All centres open single shift\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – All centres closed
- 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – Newry and Kilkeel single shift – all other centres open as normal
- 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – All centres open single shift\*
- 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – All centres closed
- 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – All centres closed
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – All centres closed

**AHC/206/2018: COMMUNITY TRAILS ORNI**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding ORNI – Community Trails **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Lipsett advised the recommendation was that Committee approve, in principle, to contribute capital funding of up to £393,633.75 for the development of the trails as set out in the circulated report.

Councillor Enright raised concerns that the trail that would link Downpatrick to Killyleagh and Castle Ward to Delamont was not being completed and should be prioritised.

Mr Lipsett advised that officers had been working on this trail for a considerable amount of time however there were issues with crossing the Quoile River which had caused problems.

Councillor Ó Muíri stated Members from all of the DEAs could put forward schemes which would be important however would the money for these schemes dissipate before all 7 DEAs had an opportunity to get the community trails.

Mr Lipsett advised it would be hoped that additional external funding may become available in the future to develop more trails.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to approve, in principle, to contribute capital funding of up to £393,633.75, for the development of the trails at Drumkeeragh, Tievenadarragh, Corry Wood, Seaforde Planting and Annsborough Link as ORNI can secure funding through TRPSI and RDP.**

**AHC/207/2018: MACMILLAN MOVE MORE CO-ORDINATOR POST**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, outlining Macmillan Move More Co-ordinator Post **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Gordon advised Council had committed to support the Macmillan Move More Funding Programme in 2017 for a three year period which was due to terminate in December 2020. He stated Macmillan had given commitment to fund an additional 27% of the costs to extend the programme in line with other Councils until 2021 therefore the Council would be required to fund the shortfall of 73% to the value of £10,029 within the rates for 2020/21 and £20,058 within the rates for 2021/22.

Councillor Quinn requested a report or presentation from the Move More Co-ordinator at a future AHC Committee Meeting. This was agreed.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, it was agreed to extend the Macmillan Move More programme until 2022 at a cost of £10,029 within 2020/21 and £20,058 within 2021/22; provide a letter of commitment to Macmillan to secure the remaining 27% funding in order to deliver the programme in 2022.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **AHC/208/2018: LIVE HERE LOVE HERE FUNDING REQUEST**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Live Here Love Here Funding Request. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised Live Here Love Here's media campaign had been instrumental in helping achieve a downward trend in the Litter Pollution Index, engagement with 50,000 volunteers annually and build 40% brand awareness of the Civic Pride Programme. He stated they were requesting Council to put in place a new three year agreement to continue the programme through to 2022 at an annual budget of £26,000 as in previous years.

Councillor Enright proposed it would be better for the Council if the funding was used to assist groups with insurance required while they were carrying out litter picks. This was seconded by Councillor McMurray.

Councillor Ó Muíri proposed to accept the officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Kimmins.

The Chairperson put Councillor Enright's proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 2**  
**AGAINST: 8**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 0**

**The proposal was LOST.**

The Chairperson then put Councillor Ó Muíri's proposal to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 9**  
**AGAINST: 1**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 0**

**The proposal was CARRIED.**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri, seconded by Councillor Walker, it was agreed to support Live Here Love Here for the 2019-2020 period at a cost of

**£26,000 and to commit an additional £10000 for small grants, dependent on rates estimates process.**

**FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/209/2018: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report which provided an update to the on-going work of the partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

**AHC/210/2018: POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2018 from Mr D Brannigan, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Policing & Community Safety Partnership report which provided an update to the on-going work of the PCSP and note the minutes and officer's reports **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

**AHC/211/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2018 from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager regarding Social Investment Fund Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

**FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**AHC/212/2018: SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM ACTIONS**

Read: Report dated 15 October 2018 from Ms S McEldowney, Head of Sustainability, regarding Sustainability & Climate Change Forum action sheet arising out of meeting held on 17 September 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Loughran, 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 Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**AHC/213/2018: NO 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

**Read:** Report dated 15 October 2018, from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding No.16 The Square, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muíri, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ó Muíri, to note the contents of the officer's report, to accept the projected costs of the works and proceed.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.05pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 5 November 2018.

**Signed:** Councillor T Andrews  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities