

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2022

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 16 May 2022 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate and
via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor K McKeivitt (Chamber)

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor A Lewis Councillor J Trainor

In attendance via Teams: Councillor A Finnegan Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor G Malone Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor A McMurray Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó Muirí Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor J Tinnelly

Also in attendance via Teams: Councillor T Andrews Councillor D Curran
Councillor O Hanlon

Officials in attendance In Chamber: Mr M Lipsett, Director Active and Healthy Communities
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

Officials in attendance Via Teams: Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport

AHC/087/2022: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Casey and Harte.

The Chairperson advised Members the Cooperation Ireland Pride of Place Awards were being held that evening with representatives from the nine Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Groups attending a virtual awards night in the Canal Court to watch the awards live from Killarney.

The Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership had been nominated by Council in the City category for their hard work and commitment to their communities and she wished them every success and would be closely following the outcome.

The Chairperson asked that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Colum Campbell from Warrenpoint Golf Club on winning his second Irish Amateur Open Championship.

The Chairperson congratulated Conor McMenemy who plays for Glentoran on being called up to the Northern Ireland Squad.

Reference was made to Downpatrick Racecourse Patrons with the Chairperson commending the various groups who stepped up and raised over £50,000 for the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal.

The Chairperson stated it was great to see the showcase events of Balmoral Show and North West 200 events back with great success particularly in terms of Covid recovery.

AHC/088/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/089/2022: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 April 2022. **(Copy circulated)**.

AHC/143/2021: Notice of Motion – Defibrillators

In response for an update from Councillor Lewis regarding defibrillators and the possibility of funding from the Heart Foundation, Mr Devlin advised the Heart Foundation was a charity and would be seeking funding rather than providing it.

Mr Devlin advised a report would be presented later under item 7: Financial Assistance Call 3 and funding opportunities update, and that defibrillator access would be included in that.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 April 2022.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/090/2022: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheet attached to the

officer's report for Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2022.

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COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Coordination Hub. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022.**

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ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DFC) FOR FRONTLINE ADVICE SERVICES

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding additional funding from the Department for Communities for Frontline Advice Services. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to note the report and agree to award the additional funding of £135,147.68 from the Department for Communities (DfC) to 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down', alongside funding of £292,539.00 for Generalist Advice Services for 2022/2023.**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – CALL 3 AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Financial Assistance, Call 3 and Funding Opportunities Update. (Copy circulated)

In delivering the report Mrs Hillen made reference to officers having been asked to seek funding to meet the shortfall in capital sports call (financial assistance call 1) which had an oversubscription of over £500,000 for successful applicants and included were some opportunities that applicants could apply for funding.

Mrs Hillen further advised there was a draft list of capital and revenue themes that may be of interest and help Councillors signpost groups especially those disappointed in the financial assistance round. A copy of this list would be circulated to Members.

In welcoming the report, the Chairperson spoke of the importance of defibrillators and asked that the funding threshold allow for defibrillators to be registered with the NIAS and made available to communities 24/7.

Councillor Ó Muirí suggested an audit on defibrillators be carried out within each DEA Forum to enable a heat map of where defibrillators were available.

Councillor Sharvin enquired about restrictions of the themes. Mrs Hillen advised she would report back to Councillor Sharvin to confirm that it was open to all events and festivals, that there was no match funding element to this theme and to confirm a timeline also.

In relation to capital funding for sports clubs, Councillor Sharvin enquired if letters of support from Council could be provided to assist projects to be funded and delivered within the District. Mrs Hillen advised that it had not been done before however there was rationale for it and that she would speak with the Programmes Unit and report back.

Councillor McMurray referred to sports capital and spoke of those groups who were successful in their applications only for there not to be enough funding and asked if other Directorates had shortfalls to enable unsuccessful groups to receive funding.

Councillor McMurray proposed Council review the entire Capital budget midyear to see if there were any underspends to meet the shortfall required for successful applicants for sports capital. Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, to issue Call 3 for Financial Assistance for the themes outlined above and that Council review the entire Capital budget midyear to see if there were any underspend to meet the shortfall required for successful applicants for sports capital.**

AHC/094/2022 **APPROVAL FOR SURESTART SOUTH ARMAGH – BESSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding approval for Surestart South Armagh to rent office space for a further 1 year at Bessbrook Community Centre. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy:**

- **Approval for Surestart South Armagh to rent office space for a further 1 year at Bessbrook Community Centre at cost of £3,000 exclusive of VAT.**
- **Approval to proceed to renew Lease Agreement via Council Legal Team.**

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

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DONARD PARK ARTIFICIAL PITCH UPGRADE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, 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 16 May 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Donard Park Artificial Pitch Upgrade. (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, to approve to upgrade the artificial pitch at Donard Park as part of a contribution funding opportunity with the Department of Education as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.

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DUNLEATH PARK ENHANCEMENT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, 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 16 May 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Dunleath Park Enhancement. (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to establish a skate park and pump track at Dunleath Park as part of a phase 1 development as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.

AHC/097/2022 **OUTDOOR RECREATION NI – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, 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 16 May 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Community Trails Plans Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Trainor to approve the following:

- To enter into new Service Level Agreement with ORNI for the 2022-2023 financial year as per appendix 1 and the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.
- To approve capital costs contribution for the delivery of projects outlined in the ORNI 2022/23 SLA as per appendix 2 and the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.

AHC/098/2022 **LEASING OF COUNCIL LAND – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, 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 20 April 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding expressions of interest for the leasing of Council land. (Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to progress an Expressions of Interest (EOI) Process in line with NMDDC Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016) for:

- 1. Lisdrumgullion Recreation Area Armagh Road, Newry**
- 2. Annsborough Playing Fields, Castlewellan**
- 3. Station Avenue, Castlewellan**

Councillors McMurray and Lewis left the meeting – 7pm and 7.02pm respectively.

FOR NOTING

AHC/099/2022 INDOOR LEISURE BOOKING PROCESS

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding indoor leisure booking prioritisation. (copy circulated)

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor O’Hare to note the contents of the report and that Indoor Leisure will prioritise facility hire requests as follows:

- 1. Historical Statutory and Essential Non-Commercial Bookings**
- 2. Internal Leisure Activity Programmes and Bookings**
- 3. Historical Sports Clubs and Non-Commercial Block Bookings**
- 4. New Statutory, Sports Club and Non-Commercial Block Bookings**
- 5. Commercial Block Bookings and third-party commercial bookings (only to be accepted where the centre does not currently deliver this service)**

AHC/100/2022 SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding the Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2022. (copy circulated)

In welcoming the wide range of activities across the District, Councillor Sharvin enquired if it was possible to extend the range of autism and sensory activities on offer. Mr Tamati agreed that officers would consider this and that he would report back directly to Councillor Sharvin.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor O’Hare to note the planned

Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2022 as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.

Mr Tamati to consider the range of autism and sensory activities and report back to Councillor Sharvin.

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NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor O'Hare to note the report and the Minutes of Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022, approved at Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022.**

AHC/102/2022

UKRAINE ASSISTANCE CENTRE – UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 May 2022 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update on Ukraine Assistance Centre. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by O'Hare to note contents of report.**

The Chairperson advised as it was her last Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting as Chair she wished to put on record her thanks to Councillor Casey as Vice Chair, as well as the Democratic Services team Sarah Taggart, Donna Starkey and Linda O'Hare and Mr Lipsett and all his team including Janine Hillen, Eoin Devlin and Paul Tamati.

Mr Lipsett thanked the Chairperson for all her help during her term.

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

Signed: Councillor K McKeivitt
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities