

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 December 2019 were ratified at the Council Meeting held on 6 January 2020, subject to the following amendment:

AHC/202/2019 – Sport NI Your School, Your Club Funding +1 Enclosure

Councillor Ó Muirí stated he had asked a question regarding the sports bubble seeking assurance from officials that everything was in order and complete transparent, however this had not been minuted.

Mr Lipsett advised the Minutes would be amended accordingly.

AHC/206/2019 – Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero

Councillor Sharvin enquired regarding the financial assistance and said a Working Group had already been set up but had met only once.

Mr Lipsett advised the financial assistance would be for the next financial year and a meeting with the full working group would be arranged as soon as possible.

Councillor Gibbons asked that, next year, consideration be given to increasing the £10,000 currently being allocated to Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme.

Ref: AHC/2019

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 16 December 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor H Gallagher	Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor L McEvoy	Councillor McKeivitt
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor W Walker	

Also In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
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)
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/195/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Trainor.

An apology was also received from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities.

AHC/196/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gibbons declared in interest in item 19, No 16 The Square, Rostrevor.

AHC/197/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

AHC/181/2019 ORNI Community Trails Legal Agreement and Ongoing Maintenance Costs

In response to Councillor McMurray, Mr Tamati confirmed the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreational Northern Ireland was due to finish on 31 March 2020 following a two-year period with 4 projects having come to fruition at Drumkeeragh, Tivenadarragh, Corrywood and Seaforde Forests and at this stage there was no plan to extend.

Councillors McMurray, Walker and Ó Muirí expressed concern at the Service Level Agreement not being extended to enable roll out across the District and enable other DEAs to have the opportunity to have community trails.

Mr Tamati outlined there was a plan for an Open Spaces Strategy and community trails would be picked up as part of that process.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, Seconded by Councillor Walker to have the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreational Northern Ireland extended beyond March 2020.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of 18 November 2019.

Councillor Ruane joined the meeting during the above discussion – 6.08pm

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/198/2019 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the update report on the ongoing work of the DEAs.**

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/199/2019 SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME FOR 2020

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Active and Healthy Communities 2020 Summer Activity Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí enquired if the Summer Activity Programme would be available in each DEA and Mr Tamati advised this type of programme would be less restrictive in terms of operating summer programmes and therefore give more flexibility across the District. A draft programme would be brought back to Committee.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to implement an alternative and enhanced Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020.**

Councillor Savage joined the meeting during the above discussion – 6.15pm.

AHC/200/2019 CASTLE PARK SEASONAL OPERATIONS

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding seasonal operations at Castle Park, Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve a public tender for a minimum of 5 years for the delivery of alternative and enhanced seasonal (Easter to September) operations and services at Castle Park in Newcastle.**

AHC/201/2019 EVERYBODY ACTIVE (EBA) 2020 DELIVERY CONTRACT – NEW TENDER

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding tendering of the Everybody Active 2020 Delivery Contract for 12 months from the 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021 with possible extension subject to funding. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Taylor it was agreed to approve Council to tender of the Everybody Active 2020 Delivery Contract for 12 months from the 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021 with possible extension subject to funding.

AHC/202/2019 **SPORT NI YOUR SCHOOL YOUR CLUB FUNDING +1 ENCLOSURE**

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding an update of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council projects that applied for Your School Your Club Funding. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Taylor spoke of the need for Council to correspond with the Minister for Education if devolved Government was restored in January 2020 and highlight funding required for Newry High School.

Councillor Taylor also referred to a Community Facility Project regarding Newry City FC and asked that Council examine the availability of funds through the rates process to support them with carrying out drainage assessment.

Mr Tamati assured Members all appropriate formalities had been followed regarding the Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt to examine the availability of funding for Newry City Football Club with a follow up meeting with Council officials to be arranged.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Savage, the update on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Projects that applied for Your School Your Club was agreed and approval given for the commissioning of the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady's in Newry.

AHC/203/2019 **RENEWAL OF THE LEISUREWATCH SCHEME**

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding the renewal of the LeisureWatch Scheme for another 12 months. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to renew the LeisureWatch Scheme and signoff the contract for another 12 months from 1 January 2020 with membership renewal on 1 January 2021.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/204/2019: ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a consultation response to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on NI Environment Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to return the consultation response to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the NI Environment Strategy. The response was returned by the required date on the proviso that it was subject to Council approval.**

AHC/205/2019 SINGLE USE PLASTICS STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Single Use Plastics Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to adopt a Single Use Plastics Strategy for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, including a Single Use Plastics Policy and Action Plan.**

AHC/206/2019: ADOPTION OF SUICIDE DOWN TO ZERO

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the adoption of a Suicide Down to Zero approach for our District, the creation of a Financial Assistance strand in relation to Mental Health and Suicide and the creation of a Council led forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Gibbons that:**

- **The Council formally adopt the approach and aspiration of Suicide Down to Zero. A suitable launch and media statement to be prepared for Council Chairperson.**
- **An amount of £10000 is allocated to a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme administered through a Financial call subject to the estimates process.**
- **A working group involving the Council, the Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts and local relevant voluntary organisations is created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District.**

AHC/207/2019: AUGHRIM HILL – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a letter of support to IndiWoods in relation to tree planting at Aughrim Hill. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **In response to a query from Councillor McMurray, Mr Devlin confirmed contact could be made with IndiWoods to see if there were any other way that Council could get involved in similar projects.**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to send a letter of support to Indiwoods in relation to tree planting at Aughrim Hill.**

AHC/208/2019: SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM ACTION SHEET

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O’Hare, to note the report and approve the actions arising from the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Meeting on 21 November 2019.**

FOR NOTING - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/209/2019: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND – UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding an update in relation to the Social Investment Fund.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes of the Social Investment Fund Board Meeting held on 7 October 2019.**

AHC/210/2019: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report, Minutes from the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

Meeting held on 17 September 2019 and the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plan 2019-2020.

AHC/211/2019: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report, Minutes from the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meetings held on 11 and 26 September 2019 and the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plan 2019-2020.**

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/212/2019: PLAY PARK STRATEGY UPDATE

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding an update on the Play Park Strategy.

Agreed: **It was agreed Mr Tamati would report back to Councillors Kimmins and Savage regarding the fencing at the new build Play Park at Carrievemaclone.**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report providing an update on the Play Park Strategy and Programme of Works for Play Parks 2019-2020.**

Councillor Gibbons left the chamber at this point of the meeting having declared an interest in item 19 – 6.35pm.

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, 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 a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

AHC/213/2019

16 THE SQUARE ROSTREVOR – ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding 16 the Square, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

- **Amend the business case to RDP for revised scheme to redevelop the entire building at 16 The Square Rostrevor.**
- **Approve the submission of the business case and begin procurement in advance of full council approval Jan 2020 (funding restrictions apply).**
- **AHC Director to provide RDP with a letter of comfort re Optimum Bias connected with project.**
- **Continue to provide portacabin facility to the rear of 16 The Square, allowing the Men's Shed to continue with their activities.**

AHC/214/2019

MULLAGHBAWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 16 December 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding an update on the lease of Mullaghbane Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

- **Extend the date for the parish to sign the lease from the 31 Dec 2019 to the 31 March 2020.**
- **If the legal agreement cannot be agreed by that date Council to hand the building back to the parish committee.**
- **Community Centre to remain closed until the lease agreement is finalised.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.42pm.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities