

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2020

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 19 October 2020 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor L McEvoy

In attendance:

(Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor G Malone
Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor D Taylor

Councillor C Casey
Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor C Mason
Councillor McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance:

Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & 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
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/112/2020:

APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Trainor and Gallagher.

AHC/113/2020:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/114/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 September 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed at the request of Councillor McKeivitt for item AHC/102/2020: Autism Friendly Swimming Session to remain on the action sheet.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 September 2020.

DIRECTORS PAPERS

AHC/115/2020 ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BUSINESS PLAN 2019-2020

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mr M Lipsett regarding the Active and Healthy Annual Assessment Business Plan 2019-2020. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to approve the Active and Healthy Communities Annual Assessment Business Plan 2019- 2020.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/116/2020 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding the District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to note the report provided and approve the actions in the actions sheets for:

- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2020
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 24 September 2020
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 25 September 2020.
- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 2 October 2020.

AHC/117/2020

DRAFT SUBMISSION TO DfC FOR COVID-19 ACCESS TO FOOD FUND AND COVID-19 FINANCIAL INCLUSION FUND

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding a draft submission to DfC for COVID-19 Access to Food Fund and COVID-19 Financial Inclusion Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor McMurray, Mrs Hillen explained the current position was that Council was not restarting the food parcel project and that the submission was for additional funding from DfC for community partners to meet the need from the first COVID response.

Councillor Ó Muirí enquired if Council and partner agencies had all the information at their disposal to target where the assistance was most needed, should that be required. Mrs Hillen advised that Council were in a position to react quicker along with partners agencies.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to note the report and approve the draft submission (detailed in 1.1 of the officer's report) that was submitted to the Department for Communities (DfC) on behalf of the Council's COVID-19 Community Coordination Hub as to how the amounts awarded to Council under the 'COVID-19 Access to Food Fund' and 'COVID-19 Financial Inclusion Fund' would be awarded and for what purposes.

It was further agreed to approve the awarding of the funding allocations to the 'Confederation of Community Groups', 'County Down Rural Community Network' and 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down' as detailed in the draft submission set out in 1.1 of the officer's report, through their current SLAs with Council.

AHC/118/2020

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding a Financial Assistance Update. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query raised by Councillor Ó Muirí, Mrs Hillen advised she did not foresee any delay to call one going ahead in January 2021 as planned.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the following:

- The COVID Response and Recovery and Christmas Illuminations.
- Re-allocation of the balance of COVID Response and Recovery funding as outlined within the officer's report.
- Postpone Call One 2021-2022 until quarter 4 (including both Community & Sports Capital).

AHC/119/2020

VOLUNTEERING RESPONSE

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Volunteer Policy. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McMurray enquired if there was scope for training volunteers. Mrs Hillen confirmed the volunteer procedures contained commitment for training and induction for the volunteers undertaking specific tasks for Council.

Agreed: Mrs Hillen to circulate draft Volunteer procedures to Members for their information.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor Mason, to approve the Volunteer Policy, as attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

AHC/120/2020

BRITISH RED CROSS HARDSHIP FUND

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding the British Red Cross Hardship Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Casey, Mrs Hillen advised the British Red Cross provided support through the Ethnic Minority Support Centre based at Newry Town Hall. The proposal would provide greater local access to the Hardship Fund by working in partnership with established community networks.

Councillor Taylor confirmed by way of information that the British Red Cross worked out of Altnaveigh House, Newry.

AGREED:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to approve the following:

- **Council become a Trusted Partner with the British Red Cross for the delivery of the Hardship Fund through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.**
- **Council engage with local community organisations who are represented on the Community Coordination Hub and the Stakeholder Forum and engage them on the relevant training to make referrals.**
- **Staff and other representatives undertake the training through the Red Cross.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/121/2020 SUPPORT REQUEST FROM KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL FOR ECO SCHOOLS PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 2021-22

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, regarding a support request from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for Eco Schools Programme for period 2021-22. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to approve the contribution of £1,700 for the period 2021-22 as per Option 4 in the correspondence received from Eco Schools.**

AHC/122/2020 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM ACTIONS FOR MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, regarding Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Actions for meeting held on 17 September 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to note the report from the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum held on 17 September 2020 and to approve the actions contained within the attached Action Sheet.**

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/123/2020 SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE – CAPITAL

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Community Engagement, regarding an update on the Social Investment Fund, Capital. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and the minutes of the Social Investment Fund Capital Project Board Meeting held on 7 September 2020.**

AHC/124/2020 POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Community Engagement, regarding the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKevitt, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and the Minutes of the PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2020, approved at the PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting on Tuesday 29 September 2020.

AHC/125/2020 **NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

Read: Report dated 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKevitt, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and the Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2020, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2020.

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

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/126/2020 **LEASING OF JACK MACKIN PARK PITCH TO ST JOHN BOSCO**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding the leasing of Jack Mackin Pitch to St John Bosco. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, to enter into a formal key holding arrangement with St John Bosco GAC to allow vehicular access to the Car Park at Newry Leisure Centre when access is required to Jack Mackin Park and

the St John Bosco Club house outside of Newry Leisure Centre opening hours.

It was also agreed to include within the Lease of Jack Mackin Park, the entire area outlined in red on the map attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

AHC/127/2020

LEASING OF LAND – BALLYMARTIN PLAY PARK

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the leasing of land, Ballymartin Play Park. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to enter into a 25-year lease of Mullagh Close in Ballymartin (appendix 1 of officer's report) to facilitate the establishment of a play park in the Ballymartin area as per the Council's Play Strategy.

AHC/128/2020

LEASING OF LAND TO SAVAL GAA AT NANSANDS PARK

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the leasing of land to Saval GAA at Nansands Park. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to approve the transfer of Council Land to Saval GAA, Nansands Park at the LPS evaluation price as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.

AHC/129/2020 **LEASING OF LAND, THE LINKS PLAYING FIELDS, STRANGFORD**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the leasing of land, the Links Playing Fields, Strangford. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve the adherence to the terms of the lease between Council and Strangford and District Playgroup Association and After Schools Club and the recommencement of ground rent payments.

AHC/130/2020 **SINGLE TENDER ACTION ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IT SUPPORT**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, regarding the Single Tender Action for Environmental Health IT Support. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, for the Director of Active and Healthy Communities to sign the Single Tender Action document as attached to the officer's report.

AHC/131/2020 **REOPENING PLANS FOR LEISURE**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the reopening plans for leisure. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Andrews, 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 approve the contents of the officer's report on the reopening plans for Leisure.

AHC/132/2020 **REOPENING PLANS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, 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 19 October 2020 from Mrs J Hillen Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding the reopening plans for Community Facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve the contents of the officer's report on the reopening plans for Community Facilities.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.08pm.

Signed: Councillor L McEvoy
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities