

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2021

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 December 2021 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Estate and via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor C Casey (Chamber)

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor A Lewis
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor W Walker

Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor J Trainor

In attendance via Teams: Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor G Malone
Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor V Harte
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G Sharvin

**Also in attendance via
Teams:**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor O Hanlon

Councillor P Byrne

**Officials in attendance
In Chamber:**

Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

**Officials in attendance
Via Teams:**

Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/236/2021:

APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher and McKevitt and Mr Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities.

In the absence of Councillor McKevitt, Councillor Casey assumed the Chair.

The Chairperson advised the Programmes Unit had organised two funding training sessions in December with 209 people in attendance with another two sessions planned for January. The first event included input from a number of external funders including DAERA, CRC, Sport NI, National Lotteries Community Fund.

The Chairperson congratulated members and staff of Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP on being awarded the Public Sector Award for Road Safety at the recent Northern Ireland Road Safety Awards. The PCSP were nominated for the Award by the PSNI in recognition of the many successful road safety initiatives which had been undertaken over recent years

including the Paulie Project.

The Chairperson also congratulated the PCSP and PSNI on the launch of their new Mobile Engagement Unit vehicle. This was the first of its kind in the UK and was equipped with a wide range of gaming consoles to increase community-police engagement. Members were advised the works were part funded by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive with contributions from the PSNI/PCSP.

AHC/237/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/238/2021: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 November 2021. **(Copy circulated)**.

AHC/017/2021: Sports Facilities Strategy, Sports Hub

In response to Councillor Ó Muirí, Mr Tamati provided an update regarding the Sport Facilities Strategy confirming that consultation had taken place with three focus groups in Newry, Kilkeel and Downpatrick during November with another online focus group planned for early January 2022. Mr Tamati added a survey was also being undertaken and hoped that early February 2022 would see a conclusion.

AHC/211/2021: Leasing of land at Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC

In response for an update from Councillor Andrews regarding the play parks, Mr Tamati confirmed work was ongoing with the clubs and GAA and lease arrangements were progressing as planned.

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 Monday 15 November 2021.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/239/2021 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ó Muirí referred to discussions at the Slieve Gullion DEA meetings and the James Reel Play Park in Silverbridge and the need for financial assistance to offer support in terms of maintenance.

Councillor Ó Muirí proposed officers examine how the new James Reel Play Park in Silverbridge could be incorporated into the Play Strategy. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan.

Mr Tamati advised there was an element within the Play Strategy to offer support to community groups that develop play parks however ongoing maintenance of parks was under the Neighbourhood Services department and that he would discuss the matter with that department to establish if there was help and support that could be provided.

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, regarding advertisements for current training for Members of DEAs Mrs Hillen confirmed there was an exercise being undertaken for assistance from the Strategic Stakeholder Forum with training to reach out as far as possible including reapplications to the DEA Forums. Mrs Hillen added focus for advertising would include those rural areas which had been not been filled for a more targeted approach.

Councillor Trainor commended the DEA Forum and the work undertaken and enquired about how effective they had been in terms of shaping strategic direction through thematic working groups of community planning.

Mrs Hillen referred to a paper presented to Committee in November 2021 on Community Planning Partnership and the review it was about to undertake with a procurement exercise to have consultant review Community Planning in full including a review of DEA Forums.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached to the officer's report for:

- **The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2021.**
- **Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30 November 2021.**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30 November 2021.**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Finnegan for officers to examine how the new James Reel Play Park in Silverbridge could be incorporated into the Play Strategy.

AHC/240/2021

COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB – UPDATE REPORT

Read:

Report dated 20 December 2021 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 Trainor, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2021.

AHC/241/2021

APPLICATION TO DFC FOR FUNDING TOWARDS IT EQUIPMENT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL GROUPS IN NEWRY AND DOWNPATRICK

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an application to the Department for Communities (DfC) for funding to supply I.T equipment to community groups across the Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Areas **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne spoke of the barriers for rural communities not being able to hold face to face to face meetings and enquired about how to get past rural proofing and whether there were similar schemes available to help rural areas with the supply of IT equipment.

Mrs Hillen confirmed it was targeted through the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and was something Department for Communities did on a regular basis. Mrs Hillen agreed to the to bring back Councillor Byrne's comments to the Community Coordination Hub meeting to consider the rollout of this type of programme to other rural areas outside the present designated Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Trainor to note the report and Council make an application to the Department for Communities (DfC) for funding to supply I.T equipment to community groups across the Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.**

Assistant Director, Community Engagement to bring forward to the Community Coordination Hub meeting a request to consider the rollout of this type of programme to other rural areas outside the present designated Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/242/2021

KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL CONTRIBUTIONS 2022-23

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding financial support and the signing of an SLA for the period 2022 - 2023 to support the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) Live Here Love Here campaign and Eco Schools Programme across the District. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to approve to approve the financial support and the signing of an SLA for the period 2022 - 2023 to support the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) Live Here Love Here campaign and Eco Schools Programme across the District.**

AHC/243/2021 SUSTAINABLE NORTHERN IRELAND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 2022-23

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding the provision of financial support to Sustainable NI and sign a SLA in relation to this for 2022-23. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve the provision of financial support and signing of SLA with Sustainable NI for 2022-23 year.**

AHC/244/2021 CONSULTATION: REDUCTION OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding a consultation on options for the reduction of the consumption of single use plastic beverage cups and food containers in Northern Ireland.

Mr Devlin advised the response would be submitted by the required date (17th December 2021) on the proviso that it was subject to Council Approval.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to return the consultation response as contained within the officer's report.**

AHC/245/2021 CONSULTATION: NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding a consultation seeking views on proposals for a Northern Ireland Food Strategy Framework. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised the response would be submitted by the required date (19th November 2021) on the proviso that it was subject to Council Approval.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, to return the consultation response as contained within the officer's report.**

AHC/246/2021 CONSULTATION: NORTHERN IRELAND GREEN GROWTH STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a consultation seeking views on proposals for a Northern Ireland Green Growth Strategy **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised the response would be submitted by the required date (21st December 2021) on the proviso that it was subject to Council Approval.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor McMurray to return the consultation response as contained within the officer's report.**

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/247/2021 DISCOUNTED USE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding discounted use of Council facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí that any discounts for Council Leisure's facilities be aligned to the Councils Corporate Membership as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.**

FOR NOTING

AHC/248/2021 NI ECAR CONSORTIUM ORCS CHARGE POINTS

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding NI E Car Consortium ORCS Funding - Potential EV Charge Point Locations. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin regarding sites including one in Killough (marked in appendix 2 of the report) as requiring a legislative change to enable any misuse of an EV Charging Bay to be enforced by means of a Penalty Charge Notice, Mr Devlin advised he would get back to him directly with further details. Councillor Sharvin also asked that Council officers look into getting white lines in the Killough Car Park.

Councillor Trainor enquired if Council had identified and retained other potential sites to be used for future programme of works. Mr Devlin confirmed the list was not exhaustive and every potential car park would be considered in line with criteria.

Councillor Byrne expressed concern that those sites starred in appendix 2 including Crossmaglen may not be feasible due to the need for legislative changes regarding Penalty Charge Notice. Mr Devlin confirmed that was not the case and that it was to highlight there may be an issue in enforcing misuse of the bays.

Councillor Tinnelly welcomed the 17 charge point locations within the report and spoke of the need for electric vehicle charge points should be part of house building programmes.

Mr Devlin welcomed the comments from Members and pointed out that public charging points alone were not the answer to this and work would be ongoing to avail of any opportunity for projects such as these.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the report.

AHC/249/2021 **POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update on ongoing work of the PCSP. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the report and Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Thursday 30 September 2021, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

AHC/250/2021 **NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

Read: Report dated 20 December 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding an update on the ongoing work of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the report and Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021. It was further agreed to note the Newry NRP Action Plan for 2021/2024.

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

AHC/251/2021

DONARD PARK OVERFLOW CAR PARK – BUSINESS CASE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, 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 December 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding Donard Park Overflow Car Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 commence the Donard Park Overflow Car Park Capital Project (subject to planning) as per the previously agreed budget (outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report) and approve the Donard Park Overflow Carpark Business Cases as per appendix 2.

AHC/252/2021

COMMUNITY TRAILS UPDATE – BUSINESS CASE AND CAPITAL MONIES APPROVAL

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, 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 December 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport, regarding an update on community trails including business case and capital monies approval. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor McMurray to approve Capital costs and Council match funding for Community Trail Projects 2021 and the annual maintenance and upkeep costs for Community Trails as per in appendix 1 of the officer's report.

It was further agreed to approve the Community Trail Projects Business Cases for 2021/22 as per appendix 2,3,4,5 and 6 of the officer's report.

AHC/253/2021

BUSINESS CASE – BALL STOP REQUIREMENTS AT CASTLEWELLAN COMMUNITY CENTRE 3G PITCH

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, 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 December 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding a business case for ball stop requirements at Castlewellan Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor McMurray to approve the Business Case for Ball stop requirements Castlewellan Community Centre 3G Pitch and the procurement of option 2 and installation of a Skynet at the 3G Pitch Castlewellan.

AHC/254/2021

NEWCASTLE ROCKPOOL UPDATE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, 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 December 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding an update on Newcastle Rockpool. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Trainor to clarify the viability of this project and progress pre-planning application discussions with statutory organisations including but not limited to, planning, HED, NIEA, and Marine Division prior to progressing a full business case and detailed feasibility options.

It was further agreed to allocate an additional fund to Councils Capital programme to facilitate further engagement with statutory consultees, consultants working on Council's behalf and to complete any further survey work should this be required.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.07pm.

Signed: Councillor C Casey
Chairperson

Signed: Eoin Devlin
Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing