

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2023

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 18 December 2023 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic  
Centre and via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor O Magennis (Chamber)

**In attendance in Chamber:** Councillor A Finnegan                      Councillor J Jackson  
Councillor D Lee-Surginor                      Councillor A Lewis  
Councillor A Mathers                      Councillor A McMurray  
Councillor D Murphy                      Councillor K Murphy  
Councillor S O'Hare

**In attendance via Teams:** Councillor L Devlin                      Councillor D Finn  
Councillor C Galbraith

**Non-Members in Chamber:** Councillor T Andrews

**Officials in attendance  
in Chamber:** Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport  
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)  
Mrs F Branagh, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in attendance  
Via Teams:** Mrs L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/135/2023:                      APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Howell and Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development.

The Chairperson advised that Item 13 – Metal Fabrication Works had been removed from the agenda.

**AHC/136/2023:                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/137/2023:                      ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER  
2023**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 November 2023. **(Copy circulated).**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 November 2023.

**AHC/138/2023:** **Active & Healthy Community Directorate Business Plan**

**Read:** Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Mid-Year assessment of AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 **(Copy Circulated)**

Councillor McMurray queried the direction of the community facilities strategy, specifically around the Slieve Croob area regarding a gap in the provision in community facilities.

Mr Tamati advised he would ask Mrs Robb to revert to the Member directly on this matter.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finn, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, to approve the Mid-Year Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24.

**AHC/139/2023:** **DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE**

**Read:** Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the District Electoral Area Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the update report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for:

- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2023
- The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held Tuesday 28 November 2023
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30 November 2023
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held Tuesday 12 November 2023
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2023
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2023

**AHC/140/2023** **COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB (CCH) UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the report and approve the

**actions in the action sheet for the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2023.**

**AHC/141/2023**

**POLICING & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding Policing & Community Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mathers to:**

- **Note the report.**
- **Note the minutes of the Policing Committee & PSCP Meeting held on 26 September 2023, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2023.**

**AHC/142/2023**

**DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mathers to:**

- **Note the report.**
- **Note the attached minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 5 July 2023, approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023**

**AHC/143/2023**

**NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mathers, to:**

- **Note the report.**
- **Note the minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2023.**

Read: Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Road Safety Initiatives, NMDDC. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Andrews spoke to the motion, and referenced the number of those killed or seriously injured within the District. He acknowledged the hard work carried out across the District by all and acknowledged the positive impact this had on road safety.

Councillor D Murphy spoke to the motion, acknowledging the importance of the multi-agency response, and the effectiveness of the work carried out to date. He acknowledged that it was unfortunate that the price has gone up for the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) equipment and that the Department was not providing any funding for more. He welcomed any initiative that highlighted the dangers on the roads, and made reference to the ongoing concerns of Members regarding the A1.

Councillor McMurray thanked Councillor Andrews for bringing the motion, and was happy to support this. He queried whether the Kids Court Initiative could be brought to specific schools as he believed it would be beneficial in more rural areas.

Mr Tamati responded that he would request for Mrs Robb to revert to the Member regarding the query.

Councillor Jackson recognised the work carried out by the PCSP to date, and recognise the positive contribution to the community.

In summing up, Councillor Andrews thanked everyone for the support for the motion.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, to:**

- **Note the ongoing Road Safety Initiatives progressed by Newry, Mourne & Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and other agencies (including NMDDC and the PSNI).**

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

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Devlin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 11 to 14, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. Three 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.**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Galbraith, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

**AHC/145/2023**

**SWIMMING POOL COVERS AND MOVING FLOORS**

Read: Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding Swimming Pool Moving floors and Pool Covers. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to:**

- **Approve the Business Case as per appendix 1 and appendix 2 of the officer's report.**
- **To commence procurement and appointment of contractor/supplier for swimming pool moving floors and pool covers.**

**AHC/146/2023**

**BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

Read: Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding Building Management Systems. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor Galbraith to:**

- **Approve the Business Case as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.**
- **Commence procurement and appointment of contractor/single supplier for Building Management Systems for leisure facilities.**

**AHC/147/2023**

**NEWRY LEISURE CENTRE SWIMMING POOL TILES**

Read: Report dated 18 December 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding Newry Leisure Centre swimming pool tiles. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor Devlin to:**

- **Approve core sampling works of Newry Leisure Centre swimming pool at a cost outlined in section 4.1 of the officer's report.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 18:35.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 8 January 2024.

Signed: Councillor Howell  
Chairperson

Signed: Paul Tamati  
Assistant Director Leisure and Sport