

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2024

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 22 January 2024 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre and via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor R Howell (Chamber)	
In attendance in Chamber:	Councillor C Galbraith Councillor D Lee-Surginor Councillor A McMurray Councillor S O'Hare	Councillor J Jackson Councillor A Lewis Councillor D Murphy
In attendance via Teams:	Councillor L Devlin Councillor A Finnegan Councillor A Mathers	Councillor D Finn Councillor O Magennis Councillor K Murphy
Non-Members in Chamber:	Councillor T Andrews	Councillor J Tinnelly
Officials in Chamber:	Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth & Tourism Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting) Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer	

AHC/001/2024: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

There were no apologies received.

The Chairperson paid tribute to the lifeguards at Newry Leisure Centre and thanked them for their heroic response last week when dealing with a medical emergency and hoped the person was feeling better .

The Chairperson extended congratulations to St Patrick's GFC, Cullyhanna on winning the AIB GAA Football All Ireland Championship Final.

AHC/002/2024: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/003/2024: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2023

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 December 2023. **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 December 2023.

AHC/004/2024: COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB (CCH) UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 22 January 2024 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 D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Finn, to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheet for the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2023.

AHC/005/2024: SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LAND

Read: Report dated 22 January 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding a request for additional land by Saintfield Community Association. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Jackson, to approve Saintfield Community Association's request to extend the current Community Garden at Saintfield Community Centre and include it within its Financial Management Agreement with Council.

AHC/006/2024: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE

Read: Report dated 22 January 2024 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 O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, to note the officer's update report on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.

AHC/007/2024: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 22 January 2024 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 O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, to:

- **Note the report.**
- **Note the minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2023, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024.**

AHC/008/2024: MULTI SPORTS HUB REVIEW

Read: Report dated 22 January 2024 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Multi Sports Hub Review. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Tinnelly said he had concerns about the contents of the report to which the Chairperson advised the report was for noting. The Chairperson said she was aware issues raised by Councillor Tinnelly were being dealt with through other channels.

Councillor Tinnelly stated he had been told at Council Meeting that someone from Audit would be in touch with him and that no one had contacted him.

The Chairperson confirmed Mr Tamati would follow up on the action from Council.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, to note the officer's report.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.12pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 5 February 2024.

Signed: Councillor Howell
Chairperson

Signed: Paul Tamati
Assistant Director Leisure and Sport