

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2024

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 17 June 2024 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre**

Chairperson: Councillor C Galbraith

In attendance in Chamber:

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| Councillor L Devlin | Councillor A Finnegan |
| Councillor M Gibbons | Councillor J Jackson |
| Councillor D Lee- Surginor | Councillor A Lewis |
| Councillor A Mathers | Councillor D Murphy |
| Councillor K Murphy | Councillor H Young |

Officials in Chamber:

Mr A Patterson, Director, Active and Healthy Communities
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

AHC/050/2024: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Finn, Howell, Magennis and McEvoy.

The Chairperson spoke of his privilege having been nominated by SDLP colleagues to take on the role of Chairperson of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee and looked forward to working with officers and Members to ensure provision of the resources and services required in the best interest of those that live in the District.

He thanked the outgoing Chair, Councillor Howell for carrying out the role with such professionalism.

Referring to Chairperson's remarks Members were advised that from the outset any requests for remarks were welcome, however, these should be submitted to the Chairperson in advance of meetings.

AHC/051/2024: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/052/2024: **ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2024**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 May 2024. **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024.**

AHC/053/2024: **TO AGREE DATES AND TIMES FOR ACTIVE AND HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024/25**

Read: Schedule of Meetings for Active and Healthy Communities Committee meetings 2024/25. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to approve the schedule of meetings for the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meetings 2024/25.**

AHC/054/2024: **ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES BUSINESS PLANS &
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE**

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Directorate Business Plans for Active and Healthy Communities. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to approve the Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 and the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2024-25.**

AHC/055/2023: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2024.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2024.
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 6 June 2024.
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2024.

AHC/056/2023: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OPERATING PROTOCOL

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) For a Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Mathers welcomed the report and the opportunity to move to monthly meetings when required particularly for those DEA Forums that had an extensive workload.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Councillor K Murphy, to note the report and approve the following amendment to the DEA Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol:
DEA Forum private meetings would normally be held bi-monthly. However, meetings may be held more frequently i.e. Monthly, with the agreement of the Forum Membership.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on item 9, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business. And on items 8 and 10 to 13 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 D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mathers, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

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

AHC/057/2023: DONARD PARK WORKS

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding a licence for works to Donard Park Pavilion and surrounding areas. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to issue a Licence for Works to Donard Park Pavilion and surrounding area as set out in the officer's report.

AHC/058/2024 COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB (CCH) UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update report on Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 22 May 2024.

AHC/059/2024: LEASING OF COUNCIL LAND – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (STAGE 1)

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding progression of sites via stage 1 of the Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy. **(Copy circulated)**

Following a point of clarification from Councillor D Murphy, Mr Patterson advised he would investigate and advise the Member.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to approve that the Expressions of Interest process for leasing of areas contained within the report are progressed in line with Council's Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy.**

AHC/060/2024: REQUEST FOR LETTER FOR SUPPORT

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding a letter of support for an application to SEUPB for PEACE funding. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to provide a Letter of Support as detailed in this report regarding the application to SEUPB for PEACE funding.**

AHC/061/2024: MULTIPLY FUNDING INITIATIVE

Report: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding Multiply Funding Initiative .

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor K Murphy, to note the officer's report.**

AHC/062/2024: LEASING OF COUNCIL LAND AND FACILITIES – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding an update on Expressions of Interest (EOI) received for the leasing of land and facilities as per the Sport and Community Leasing Policy. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor K Murphy, to note the officer's report.

FOR NOTING

AHC/063/2024: POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP), NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) AND DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development providing an update on the ongoing work of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership and the Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Councillor D Murphy to note the report and the following:

- Minutes of Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024.
- Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024.
- Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024, approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 4 June.

AHC/064/2024: SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME REPORT 2024

Read: Report dated 17 June 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the planned Summer Activity Programme for Leisure for July and August 2024. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to note the planned Summer Activity Programme for Leisure for July and August 2024.**

Councillor Jackson asked on behalf of Ballynahinch Hockey Club for an assessment to be carried out on the pitch at St Colman's High School. Mr Patterson advised he would revert to the Member directly on the matter.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.29pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 1 July 2024.

Signed: Councillor Galbraith
Chairperson

Signed: Andrew Patterson
Director Active and Healthy Communities