

## **NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Ref: AHC/2026**

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### **Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 January 2026 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers, Downshire Civic Centre**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor C Bowsie

**In attendance in Chamber:** Councillor J Brennan Councillor C Galbraith  
Councillor J Jackson Councillor A King  
Councillor N Lawlor Councillor Lee-Surginor  
Councillor A Mathers Councillor D Murphy  
Councillor K Murphy

**Committee Members in attendance (via Teams):** Councillor M Gibbons Councillor R Howell  
Councillor J Truesdale

**Officials in Chamber:** Mr A Patterson, Director, Active and Healthy Communities  
Mr C Haughey, Assistant Director, Healthy Living  
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development  
Mr D Telford, Communications and Marketing Officer  
Ms F Branagh, Democratic Services Officer  
Mr C Smyth, Democratic Services Officer

**Officials in attendance (via Teams):** Ms M Flynn, Head of Engagement

### **AHC/001/2026: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Finn and Magennis.

Councillor Bowsie requested that all Members of the Committee ensure their cameras remained switched on for the duration of the meeting to enable full engagement.

### **AHC/001/2026: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **AHC/003/2026: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2025**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 December 2025. (**Copy circulated**).

**AGREED:**

**On the proposal of Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Mathers, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 December 2025.**

**AHC/004/2026: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUM UPDATE**

Read:

Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development, regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update. (**Copy attached**)

**AGREED:**

**On the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor A King it was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for:**

- Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held 9 December 2025**
- Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held 9 December 2025**
- Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025**
- Sieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025**
- Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 December 2025**

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

**AGREED:**

**On the proposal of Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following items, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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 Jackson, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

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

**AHC/005/2026: LEASING OF COUNCIL LAND AND FACILITIES**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Community Development, regarding Leasing of Council Land and Facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mathers, it was agreed to progress the request to lease Council lands at Meigh Community Centre through the Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy.**

**AHC/006/2026: PROCUREMENT FOR PCSP CONTRACTED SERVICES**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Community Development, regarding Procurement for PCSP Contracted Services. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor A King, it was agreed to approve the procurement for PCSP Contracted Services for 2026/27 as detailed within the Officer's Report.**

**AHC/007/2026: USAGE AGREEMENT FOR AHC FACILITY**

Read: Report from Mr C Haughey, Assistant Director Healthy Living, regarding Usage Agreement for AHC Facility. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed to approve the sporting clubs sole use of the Council facility for the duration of their development works until March 2027, subject to agreed terms and periodic review.**

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

**AHC/008/2026: GOOD RELATIONS ACTION PLAN 2026-27**

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director of Community Development, regarding Good Relations Action Plan 2026-27. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor K Murphy, seconded by Councillor A King, it was agreed to note the report and the attached draft of the NMDCC Good Relations Action Plan for 2026/27.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.16pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 February 2026

**Signed:** **Councillor C Bowsie**  
**Chairperson**

**Signed:** **Andrew Patterson**  
**Director Active and Healthy Communities**