

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2026

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

Chairperson: Councillor C Bowsie

**In attendance in
Chamber:**

Councillor J Brennan
Councillor J Jackson
Councillor N Lawlor
Councillor A Mathers
Councillor K Murphy

Councillor C Galbraith
Councillor A King
Councillor Lee-Surginor
Councillor D Murphy

**Committee Members in
attendance (via Teams):**

Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor J Truesdale

Councillor R Howell

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
- Slieve 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 NMDDC 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