

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson: Councillor G Sharvin

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor T Andrews
Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor K Loughran
Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor C Enright
Councillor R Howell
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor D Taylor

Also in attendance: Councillor H Harvey

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

AHC/177/2018: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Doran, Harte, Kimmins, Quinn and Walker and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement.

- The Chairperson advised there were 2 nominations shortlisted for final selection for the NILGA 2018 Local Government Awards from the AHC Department with Sean McKevitt, Neighbourhood Renewal Officer being nominated for Employee of the Year and Newry Leisure Centre nominated for Best Local Authority Design and Build Capital Project.
- The Chairperson updated the Committee on the following projects which had been completed within the current financial year:
 - Kilbroney Park Tennis Courts - resurfacing;
 - Warrenpoint Milltown Tennis Courts – LED lighting of the courts;
 - Derryleckagh Football Pitch – fencing, dug-outs, ball-stops, football posts, pedestrian area, new entrances, pitchwork;
 - Donaghaguy Lake – new pathway around lake and 6 new fishing stands on lake;
 - Mayobridge Play Park;
 - Warrenpoint Bowling Green – new pavilion;
 - Hospital Road – new fencing;

- Saintfield Hockey Pitch – new synthetic surface, fencing, roadway, improved lighting;
- Ballyhornan Beach – fencing for sand dune restoration;
- Ballyhornan Beach Car Park – disability access;
- Dundrum – disability access;
- Rosconnor Playing Fields – fence improvements.
- The Chairperson advised an item had been referred from a recent Party Reps meeting regarding a request from Women's Aid Armagh/Down to address Council and it had been agreed that this be facilitated by an invitation to the AHC Committee. He stated in the past, officers had received a report from the organisation and this was then included on the agenda. Members were content to receive a report detailing the presentation from Women's Aid Armagh/Down.
- The Chairperson advised that Sinead Murtagh, Environmental Health Officer was selected to run for Ireland in the World Mountain Running Championships in Andorra where she helped the team achieve a credible 11th place.
- The Chairperson stated that Council had been granted membership of the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities which was a reflection of the ongoing efforts of the District's Age Friendly Strategic Alliance and will allow Council to share their experiences with other such localities across the world.
- The Chairperson congratulated former Kilmore Rec player, Dylan Boyle who made his debut for Fleetwood Football Club at the age of 16.
- The Chairperson congratulated Down Camogs who reached the All-Ireland final and unfortunately were unsuccessful on the day.
- The Chairperson praised Downpatrick and Slieve Croob DEAs on the hosting of their Walk for Life events recently.
- The Chairperson congratulated Eoin Taggart of Ballynahinch Youth who had recently signed a 2 year scholarship with Portsmouth Football Club.
- The Chairperson sent his congratulations to Downpatrick Football Club Ladies who recently completed the double in winning the league and the cup.

AHC/178/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/179/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2018

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 August 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/180/2018: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to note the report and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 6 June 2018;
- The Mourne DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 26 June 2018;
- Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 26 July 2018;

AHC/181/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor McMurray, the following recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership were agreed:

- **Capacity Building Programme for Groups** – Procure and appoint relevant facilitator to deliver a cross community capacity building programme to Men's Shed Groups across the District. Estimated cost: £50,937
- **Shared History and Culture Programme** – Procure and appoint a facilitator to deliver: Impact of the 1798 rebellion. To increase awareness of the roots, course and impact of the 1798 rebellion and the foundation/impact of the Society of United Irishmen in County Down. Estimated cost: £10,000
Procure and appoint a facilitator to deliver: Embroidering History Together – Making a cross community history embroidery for Newry, Mourne and Down. Estimated cost: £30,000
- **Ethnic Minority Cultural and Integration Programme** – 4 cross-border Intercultural Events to include venue, catering, transport and facilitators. Estimated cost: £5,100 per event. Total: £20,400.

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/182/2018: KITTYBANE AMENITY TOILETS

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Kittybane Amenity Toilets, as the toilet facility has fallen into disrepair a new toilet unit and installation costing in the region of £15/20k could be resourced from realigning current capital budget for other amenity areas.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed to approve the purchase and installation of a new toilet unit and the realignment of the overall capital budgets of £20k for the facility. The unit to be managed, maintained and cleaned by the local fishing club by way of an SLA.

AHC/183/2018: PLAY PARK PROPOSALS FOR KILLOUGH, NEWTOWNHAMILTON AND BALLYHOLLAND

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding Play Strategy Upgrade Schemes for Killough, Ballyholland, Forkhill and Newtownhamilton. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Enright welcomed the schemes, particularly for Killough and proposed to accept the officer's recommendation, this was seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Councillor Ó Muirí stated there was some confusion among the community within Newtownhamilton following the public consultation as to the proposed siting of the new playpark and proposed an additional one-off public consultation meeting be held within the next two weeks in order to ensure the community are content with the siting of the playpark, without holding up any of the other playparks. This was seconded by Councillor Howell.

The Chairperson stated the process followed was a single-stage process as per agreement at June's AHC Committee and this had been completed for the Newtownhamilton playpark.

Councillor Ó Muirí's proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 2
AGAINST: 4
ABSTENTIONS: 3

The proposal was LOST.

Councillor Enright's proposal to accept the officer's recommendation was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

FOR: 7

AGAINST: 2
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The proposal was **CARRIED**.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to accept the recommendations from PlayBoard NI with regard to Killough, Ballyhollan, Forkhill and Newtownhamilton sites, design and cost as per details circulated with report.

AHC/184/2018: LANGLEY ROAD PITCH UPGRADE

Read: Report dated 19 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, outlining previous approval from Council in January 2018 for capital works at Langley Road Playing Fields, Ballynahinch of £40k with additional capital monies of £22,446 being required to complete proposed planned works at the site. This spend would be off-set against underspend on other capital projects. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, the new overall capital budget of £62,446 for essential works at Langley Road Playing Fields, Ballynahinch was agreed.

AHC/185/2018: NEWRY CITY AFC

Read: Report dated 19 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding request from Newry City AFC for Council assistance with financial outlay for enhancement works to meet studies and risk assessments. This was part of an initial planning application for the upgrade of Newry Back Field to 3G with additional drainage, fencing and car parking. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to a capital spend of £3450 for the Flood Risk Assessment and Topographical Survey for Newry Back Field as these would be advantageous to Council if any development works were to be carried out in the future by Council.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/186/2018: FOOD SERVICE PLAN

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the requirement of the Food Standards Agency for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to have an up-to-date, documented food service plan, readily available to food business operators and consumers.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed that Council adopt the Food Service Plan 2018/19.**

AHC/187/2018: CONSULTATION ON FOOD LAW CODE OF PRACTICE

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the requirement of the Food Standards Agency for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to follow the Code of Practice in carrying out duties in relation to Food Law Enforcement. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor McMurray, it was agreed to return the consultation response on the Food Law Code of Practice to the Food Standards Agency.**

AHC/188/2018: FUNDING CALL FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing regarding the INTERREG VA Programme funding call for the creation of a cross-border Electric Vehicle (EV) network in order to promote cross-border, intermodal and sustainable transport in the eligible region.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed that the Health and Wellbeing Department seek suitable project partner and develop project applications under the INTERREG VA Funding Programme.**

AHC/189/2018: NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM December 2018 **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Devlin advised Newry, Mourne and Down District Council were members of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) and had requested their AGM be held in the Council area.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Andrews to hold the NFLA AGM in the Boardroom of Monaghan Row, Newry on Friday 7th December 2018.

AHC/190/2018: WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding World Mental Health Day 2018 and the proposal to host two coffee and connect events for post primary schools of Newry and Downpatrick **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Andrews to host two coffee and connect events for post primary schools of Newry and Downpatrick along with representatives from SERC and SRC to mark World Mental Health Day 2018.

DIRECTOR'S PAPERS

AHC/191/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION SCHEDULE

Read: Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, dated 17 September 2018, regarding Scheme of Delegation Schedule **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation Schedule.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/192/2018: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report which

provided an update to the on-going work of the partnership.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

AHC/193/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - UPDATE

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Ms Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement regarding Social Investment Fund Update. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report and minutes.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE & SPORT

AHC/194/2018: SANDSA UPDATE

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure regarding SANDSA Update to deliver a generic training programme, and hold an awards evening.
(Copy circulated)

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked that officers investigate whether there would be block rates for training for members of SANDSA.

Mr Haughey advised he would look into the possibility of having block rates put in place.

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

AHC/195/2018: INDOOR LEISURE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018 from Mr Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure regarding Indoor Leisure Customer Satisfaction Survey Results with 657 surveys being received and 71.4% satisfaction level **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the report.**

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

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion**

on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

AHC/196/2018: INDEPENDENT SURVEY FOR CURRENT HEATING SYSTEM AT BALLYHOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018, from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Independent Survey for Current Heating System at Ballyholland Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Taylor to engage with an independent consultant to review all aspects of the heating system at Ballyholland Community Centre.

AHC/197/2018: NO 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR

Read: Report dated 17 September 2018, from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding No.16 The Square, Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to agree option 3 contained within the officer's report, to lease a portacabin at current site and attempt to reallocate £90k in the current year's capital budget.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.51pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 1 October 2018.

Signed: Councillor G Sharvin
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities