

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2021

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 15 March 2021 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor G O'Hare

**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor T Andrews                      Councillor C Casey  
Councillor A Finnegan                      Councillor M Gibbons  
Councillor C Mason                          Councillor McKeivitt  
Councillor McMurray                        Councillor B Ó Muirí  
Councillor D Taylor                         Councillor W Walker

**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing  
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement  
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport  
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer  
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/045/2021:                      **APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS****

Apologies were received from Councillors McEvoy and Trainor.

In the absence of the Chairperson Councillor McEvoy, Vice Chairperson Councillor O'Hare assumed the Chair.

The Chairperson congratulated Councillor McEvoy and her husband Niall on the birth of their son Pat. On behalf of the Committee he wished everyone well for the future.

**AHC/046/2021:                      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****

Councillor Andrews declared an interest in item 19: CANN Business Case, Approval to Procure Interpretative Signage for CANN Project.

**AHC/047/2021: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2021**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

*AHC/033/2021: Play Strategy Update*

It was agreed Mr Tamati would speak directly to Councillor Andrews in relation to an update for Darragh Cross and Hillfoot play facilities.

*AHC/206/2019: Suicide Down to Zero*

Councillor Gibbons appealed to any Councillors who had not done so to date, to sign up to The final session of the Suicide Training Prevention to be held on 25 March 2021.

**Agreed: It was agreed by all to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021.**

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/048/2021 COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB**

Read: Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding the Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

In commending the work undertaken by the Community Coordination Hub Councillor Ó Muirí also spoke of the crucial role other groups played within that, including Men's Shed.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Mason, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2021.**

**AHC/049/2021 INSTALLATION OF RAPID BINS ON COUNCIL SITES**

Read: Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding the installation of RAPID bins on Council sites. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to Councillor Walker, Mrs Hillen confirmed she would convey thanks to the PCSP for the roll out of this initiative and request that consideration be given to other areas including Crossgar in any future roll out.

In welcoming the installation of the RAPID bins, Councillor Ó Muirí paid tribute to the contribution that communities played in the roll out of the initiative.

In response to Councillors Taylor and McMurray for an update in relation to Bessbrook and Castlewellan respectively, Mrs Hillen confirmed she would report back to them directly.

Mrs Hillen advised that consultation through the DEAs, combined with stats from the PSNI and other statutory partners had provided information to site the 8 RAPID bins as outlined within the report.

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to proceed with the installation of a RAPID Bin at the following sites:
- Shimna Road Car Park, Newcastle
  - Irish Street Car Park, Downpatrick
  - Downpatrick Street Car Park, Saintfield
  - Windmill Street Car Park, Ballynahinch
  - Bridge Centre, Killyleagh
  - Newtownhamilton Community Centre, Newtownhamilton - Newry Street Car Park, Warrenpoint
  - Public Conveniences (Rear Wall), The Square, Crossmaglen

**AHC/050/2021**      **DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding DEA Forums Update Report. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Walker regarding an update on leisure provision within the Ballynahinch area, Mr Lipsett confirmed an update would be provided at the next Rowallane DEA Meeting.

Councillor Mason enquired if the Voluntary Rewards Scheme had to be considered by Council. Mrs Hillen confirmed the scheme had been discussed across a number of the DEAs and for a consistent approach to be applied it may require Council approval. Mrs Hillen confirmed she would report back directly to Councillor Mason on the matter.

In response to Councillor Casey, Mrs Hillen confirmed the action regarding the Willie Maley statue was being considered by the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Department and that the Newry DEA co-ordinator would provide an update directly.

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker, to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for:
- Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2021.
  - Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2021.
  - Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021.
  - Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2021.
  - Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

**AHC/051/2021            FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Read:**                                Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to Councillor Taylor’s query in relation to those not successful being able to appeal, Mrs Hillen confirmed there was an appeals process in place and encouraged any groups that were unsuccessful to go through that process.

**Agreed:**                                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor O’Hare to award the Financial Assistance for NI Centenaries as outlined within the appendix attached to the report.**

**LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/052/2021            NOTICE OF MOTION – OUTDOOR RECREATION NI**

**Read:**                                Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sports, regarding the Notice of Motion relating to Outdoor Recreation NI.

**Agreed:**                                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to agree the Notice of Motion and approve the creation of an Outdoor Recreation Group to be referred to Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee for consideration, and any established group to have representation from the Active and Healthy Communities and Neighbourhood Services departments.**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**AHC/053/2021            SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM**

**Read:**                                Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr E Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Actions arising from the meeting held on 18 February 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Mason, to approve the actions arising from the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum meeting on 18 February 2021 as attached in appendix 1.**

**AHC/054/2021**                    **MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY - CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Read:                                    Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding the consultation on Mental Health Strategy 2021-31. **(Copy circulated)**

In welcoming the consultation response, Councillor Mason asked that Council make it clear that there was a need to increase the share of funding for Mental Health Services as it had already been underfunded prior to Covid, and that demand for Mental Health services would be increasing.

Councillor Andrews concurred with these comments and Mr Devlin agreed to incorporate the need for additional resources for Mental Health Services within the consultation response.

**Agreed:                                    It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Andrews, to return the Consultation response as presented and incorporate the need for additional resources for Mental Health Services.**

**AHC/055/2021**                    **FUNDING REQUEST FROM SOCIAL FARMS AND GARDENS NI**

Read:                                    Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a request from Social Farms and Gardens NI to provide funding of £800 for the 2021-21 year. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:                                    It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to provide funding of £800 to Social Farms and Gardens for the 2020-21 year.**

**AHC/056/2021**                    **DAERA CONSULTATION – FISHERIES MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SCALLOP ENHANCEMENT SITES IN NORTHERN IRELAND INSHORE REGION**

Read:                                    Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding DAERA consultation request on development of fisheries management measures for Marine Protected Areas and establishment of scallop enhancement sites in the Northern Ireland inshore region. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:                                    It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to return the Consultation response as presented and that the response be returned by the required date (31st March) on the proviso that it would be subject to Council Approval.**

**FOR NOTING**

**AHC/057/2021**

**DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, regarding a Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the report and the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Sheet from Meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020, approved at the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2021.

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

**AHC/058/2021**

**CASTLE PARK SEASONAL OPERATIVES**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr P Tamati Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Castle Park Seasonal Operatives. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the following:

- To appoint the preferred bidder as detailed within the officer's report for Seasonal Operations at Castle Park for up to 5 years.
- For officers to agree the terms and enter into a contract with the preferred bidder for Seasonal Operations at Castle Park.

AHC/059/2021

**LEISURE AND SPORTS SCALE OF CHARGES**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr P Tamati Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Leisure Scale of Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Mason, to approve the following:

- The proposed scale of charges for Leisure and Sports Section for 2021/22 commencing the 1st April 2021 as per appendix 1.
- Officers continue to apply membership discounts aligned to COVID-19 restrictions and access to facilities and services.

AHC/060/2021

**PUBLIC TENDER – PROGRAMME DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding a Public Tender, Programme Delivery Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor O'Hare for a Public Tender for up

to 3 years for a Programme Delivery Partner, subject to annual rates estimates provisions.

AHC/061/2021

**MILLTOWN PLAYING FIELDS – LEASE RENEWAL**  
**WARRENPOINT TENNIS CLUB**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Milltown Playing Fields, Lease Renewal Warrenpoint Tennis Club. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Mason to approve the Renewal of the current lease arrangements at Milltown Play Fields between Council and Warrenpoint Tennis Club as per appendix 1 and subject to Council valuation processes.

AHC/062/2021

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR**  
**THREEWAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEWRY**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director, Community Engagement regarding Facilities Management Agreement for Threeways Community Centre, Newry. **(Copy circulated)**



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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, to approve the sinking fund to be reduced as outlined within the officer's report for a 2-year period and a budget to be made available through rates estimates to cover subsequent sink fund shortfall.

**AHC/063/2021**

**CANN BUSINESS CASE, APPROVAL TO PROCURE INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE FOR CANN PROJECT**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding the CANN Business Case and approval to procure interpretative signage for CANN Project. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor McMurray to proceed with a Procurement exercise for the work as detailed within the officer's report.

**AHC/064/2021**

**SINGLE TENDER ACTION FOR PHILIS**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, 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 para. 3 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.**

**Read:** Report dated 15 March 2021 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing regarding Single Tender Action for PHILIS. **(Copy circulated)**

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

**Agreed:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, for the Director of Active and Healthy Communities to sign the Single Tender Action as presented with provision for extension up to 3 years.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.55pm.

**Signed:** Councillor G O'Hare  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Michael Lipsett  
Director Active and Healthy Communities