



February 28th, 2020

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 2nd March 2020** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 3 February 2020

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15.0 Cross Border Tourism Conference 2020

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Notices of Motion

16.0 Notice of Motion - Dog Fouling

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown:

‘Recognising the extent of dog fouling across the District and the need to consider innovative solutions to tackle this problem, the Council will investigate the viability of using DNA testing to identify offenders and aid enforcement officers in issuing fines, drawing upon best practice from other Councils who have introduced this method. It will

also roll out an enhanced public awareness campaign of the dangers of dog fouling including additional signage and introduce a 'Green dog walkers' scheme.'

17.0 Notice of Motion - Changing Places Toilet Facilities

Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray:

"That this Council will proactively enable Changing Places (CP) toilets within our council area by: committing to include CP toilets in all new council buildings and leisure facilities; to review and resource retro fitting of CP toilets to all our public buildings over the next 10 years; require all applications for new buildings, open to the public, to install CP toilet instead of a basic disability toilet; to resource a fund for local businesses and charities to retro fit or install a CP toilet."

18.0 Notice of Motion - Benefits System for Terminally Ill People

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Sharvin:

"Newry, Mourne and Down District Council write to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Minister Justin Tomlinson MP to request that they prioritise the planned review into how the benefits system supports terminally ill people and that they conclude this review as quickly as possible so that people with illness such as Motor Neurone Disease can access benefits quickly and sensitively."

19.0 Notice of Motion - Street Lighting

Notice of Motion received from Councillor McKevitt:

"That this Council welcomes the announcement from the Infrastructure Minister that an additional £3m will be allocated to fixing street lights and filling potholes in our roads; notes the positive impact that fixing these problems will have on the lives of ratepayers; further notes the severe pressure on maintenance budgets; and agrees to write to the Minister for Finance to outline the need for additional resource to tackle these and other pressures that are vital for improving lives across our communities."

20.0 Notice of Motion - Dying to Work Campaign

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Byrne:

This Council believes that;

Every employee, facing the trauma of a terminal illness diagnosis, should be treated with compassion and understanding in order to assist them at such a distressing time.

This Council resolves to;

1. Support the TUC's Dying to Work campaign and sign up to its Charter outlining the principles in which terminally ill employees should be treated if they wish to continue to work.
2. Ensure as an employer that our employees will be given the freedom to make an informed decision for themselves as to the best course of action for them and their families
3. Ensure that all financial details, including death in service benefits, are fully explained so that any decision taken is an informed decision.
4. Write the principles of the Charter into our procedures and train our staff accordingly
5. Encourage employers throughout our city/town/borough/district/county to sign up to the Charter.

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Ms Alice Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Mr Kieran Gordon

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Terry Hearty

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Mrs Regina Mackin

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Aoife McCreesh

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly
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Cllr Harold McKee
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Patricia McKeever
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Cllr Karen McKeivitt
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Catrina Miskelly
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Mr Ken Montgomery
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Mr Roland Moore
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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muiri
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Ms Alison Robb
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Mr Kevin Scullion
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/178/2019	Notice of Motion – C/131/2019: Live Animals in Circuses	At the request of Councillor McAteer it was agreed the motion remain on the action sheet.	Democratic Services		N

ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/019/2020	To set a District Rate for the financial year 20/21	<p>Efficiency Working Group Meetings held on 12 November 2019, 17 December 2019 and 17 January 2020 were noted (appendix 6 – restricted item).</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group in relation to the 2020/21 rate setting process, and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve an increase in the district rate for 2020/21 of 2.85% based on an estimated penny product of 2,510,599 meaning a non-domestic rate of 23.6209 pence and a domestic rate of 0.4004 pence; 2. Approve the Medium Term Financial plan and authorise the 2020-21 expenditure included in the estimates (Appendix 1); 3. Approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2020/21 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code (Appendix 2); 4. Approve the capital programme (Appendix 3); 	D Carville	<p>Noted</p> <p>Actioned</p>	

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		5. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020-21 (Appendix 4); 6. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2020-21 (see Appendix 5).			
C/020/2020	Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 06.01.2020	The action sheet was agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/021/2020	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 06.01.2020	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/022/2020	Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting held on 13.01.2020	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/023/2020	Minutes of SPR Committee Meeting held on 16.01.2020	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/024/2020	Minutes of AHC Committee Meeting held on 20.01.2020	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p> <p><u>AHC/9/2020: Kilclief Play Park</u> In response to a query, Mr Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities confirmed he would provide an update regarding the completion of works at the play park at Carrievemaclone to Councillor Savage.</p> <p><u>AHC/13/2020: No 16 The Square, Rostrevor</u> In response to a request from Councillor Tinnelly, Mr Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services agreed to look at temporary toilet provision for Rostrevor. Mr Moore pointed out budget may be a restriction.</p>	<p>Democratic Services</p> <p>M Lipsett</p> <p>R Moore</p>	<p>Actioned</p> <p>Email sent to Councillor Savage</p> <p>Investigation into options underway</p>	

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C/025/2020	Minutes of NS Committee Meeting held on 22.01.2020	<p>The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p> <p><u>NS/112/2020: Evaluation of alternatives to use of Herbicides containing Glyphosate for controlling weeds and invasive</u></p> <p>It was agreed to amend the minute to read as follows: To undertake a 12 month review with a target to phase out completely the use of herbicides containing glyphosate for controlling weeds and invasive species on Council property within 3 years or as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Democratic Services</p> <p>R Moore K Scullion</p>	<p>Actioned</p> <p>To be implemented</p>	
C/027/2020	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 09.01.2020	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/028/2020	NILGA Conference, Exhibition & Gala Awards Dinner 2 February 2020	<p>It was agreed to note the names of Councillors and officers attending NILGA Conference, Exhibition and Gala awards dinner as listed on the schedule (as listed on the agenda).</p> <p>It was also agreed that Councillors Andrews, Burgess, McKevitt and Walker would attend as NILGA Members.</p>	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/029/2020	NI Local Government Partnership Conference – 14 May 2020	It was agreed that nominees Councillors Casey, Stokes and Tinnelly and Ms Suzanne Rice attend the Northern Ireland Local Government Partnership conference on 14 May 2020.	Democratic Services	Noted – Awaiting feedback from nominees	
C/030/2020	Correspondence from Ards and	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	

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	North Down Borough Council re: Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer re: C/182/2019				
C/031/2020	Correspondence from Department of Health re: NIFRS Budget C/209/2019	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/032/2020	Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re C/209/2019	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/033/2020	Correspondence from NILGA regarding NILGA Strategic Consultations	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/034/2020	Correspondence from Mid Ulster District Council	The correspondence was noted.	Democratic Services	Actioned	
C/035/2020	Notice of Motion – Ballynahinch By-Pass	It was agreed Council writes to the newly installed Minister for Infrastructure requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the next step of the Ballynahinch By-Pass and further underlines the fact that this By-Pass is vital to the survival of Ballynahinch town and also to the commuting community in this part of the District. We believe that this project is shovel ready and needs urgent Ministerial direction and approval.	Democratic Services	Actioned - Correspondence sent	

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C/036/2020	Notice of Motion – Domestic Abuse Incidents	The Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.	M Lipsett	Report to March AHC	
C/037/2020	Notice of Motion – A1 Junctions	<p>This Council make a formal written submission to the upcoming A1 Junctions Phase 2 Public Inquiry, which is to begin in March 2020.</p> <p>The submission will reflect the full support of this council for an urgent upgrade of this road as per the DfI proposals, a stretch of road that has brought so much devastation to the families of many local people who have lost their lives while travelling on it over the years.</p> <p>Council will also write to the other local authorities through which the A1 travels, namely Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council urging them to support our motion and requesting that they too make their own submissions to the inquiry.</p>	<p>C Mallon J McGilly</p> <p>Democractic Services</p>	<p>Submission to DfI completed.</p> <p>DfI have acknowledged the receipt of the submission and confirmed it will be tabled at the enquiry.</p> <p>Actioned - Correspondence sent</p>	
C/038/2020	Notice of Motion – Fireworks	<p>It was that in the interests of animal welfare, Council will recognise the unnecessary distress that fireworks can cause for animals and will investigate alternative ways of celebrating events such as quiet fireworks or lighting/laser displays.</p> <p>Council will resolve to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people; to actively promote a public awareness</p>	C Mallon	Ongoing	

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		campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks. It is important that we as Council recognise that events need to be inclusive and accessible to everyone especially those with additional needs and heightened sensory perception.			
C/039/2020	Notice of Motion – Climate Change	The Motion was referred to the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.	E Devlin S McElDowney	To SCCF Meeting on 20/02/2020	
C/040/2020	Notice of Motion - Bridge at Narrow Water, Warrenpoint	It was agreed that Council affirms it's unequivocal support for a bridge at Narrow Water, Warrenpoint as described in the Article 31 application P/2012/0121/F, and subsequently approved by former Minister Alex Attwood in October 2012.	Democratic Services	Actioned – Correspondence sent Motion discussed at February SCCF meeting.	
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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor C Casey

In attendance:	Councillor T Andrews Councillor R Burgess Councillor W Clarke Councillor L Devlin Councillor C Enright Councillor M Gibbons Councillor G Hanna Councillor R Howell Councillor A Lewis Councillor C Mason Councillor H McKee Councillor A McMurray Councillor K Owen Councillor B Ó Muirí Councillor M Ruane Councillor G Sharvin Councillor D Taylor Councillor J Trainor	Councillor P Brown Councillor P Byrne Councillor D Curran Councillor S Doran Councillor H Gallagher Councillor O Hanlon Councillor V Harte Councillor M Larkin Councillor G Malone Councillor D McAteer Councillor K McKevitt Councillor R Mulgrew Councillor G O'Hare Councillor H Reilly Councillor M Savage Councillor G Stokes Councillor J Tinnelly Councillor B Walker
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(Officials)

Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

C/017/2020

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Hearty, Magennis and McEvoy.

- The Chairperson asked that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of John Doris, former Councillor of Down District Council who had passed away.
- The Chairperson acknowledged the sad passing of Seamus Mallon and added his sentiments of condolences to the former Deputy First Minister.
- The Chairperson offered condolences to the family of Deaglan Moran who had died following a tragic road accident in Downpatrick.
- The Chairperson asked that a letter and flowers been sent to Councillor McEvoy who

had recently undergone surgery.

C/018/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Enright declared an interest in items 15,16,17 and 18 on the agenda.

C/019/2020 TO SET A DISTRICT RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 20/21 AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT (NI) 2011

Read: Report from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance dated 3 February 2020, regarding the District Rate 2020-21
 Appendix 1: Medium Term Financial Plan
 Appendix 2: Capital Strategy Report 2020-21
 Appendix 3: Four Year Capital Programme
 Appendix 4: Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020-21
 Appendix 5: Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2020-21

Mrs Carville, Director of Corporate Services referred Members to the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group at appendix 6 (restricted item). Members were asked to approve an increase in the district rate for 202/21 of 2.85%, highlighting the key factors contributing to the proposed rate increase in 2020/21.

Mrs Ward advised that, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011, she, as Chief Financial Officer, was required to provide assurance to Members on the robustness of the revenue estimates and the adequacy of the Council's reserves as part of the rate setting process.

Mrs Ward stated there were a number of significant uncertainties within the current estimates namely Brexit and NI Executive financial uncertainties, including a potential significant reduction of the Rates Support Grant.

Members took the opportunity to thank officers for their hard work and diligence throughout the year in striking the rate.

Noted: **The Action Sheets of Efficiency Working Group Meetings held on 12 November 2019, 17 December 2019 and 17 January 2020 were noted (appendix 6 – restricted item).**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Clarke to approve the considerations and recommendations of the Efficiencies Working Group in relation to the 2020/21 rate setting process, and:**

- 1. Approve an increase in the district rate for 2020/21 of 2.85% based on an estimated penny product of 2,510,599 meaning a non-domestic rate of 23.6209 pence and a domestic rate of 0.4004 pence;**
- 2. Approve the Medium Term Financial plan and authorise the 2020-21 expenditure included in the estimates (Appendix 1);**

3. Approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2020/21 as required by the CIPFA Prudential Code (Appendix 2);
4. Approve the capital programme (Appendix 3);
5. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020-21 (Appendix 4);
6. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2020-21 (see Appendix 5).

C/020/2020 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2020

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 6 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 6 January 2020 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Doran.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/021/2020 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2020

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Hanna.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/022/2020 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2020

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew.

C/023/2020 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2020

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2020 were agreed

as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Savage.

C/024/2020

MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2020

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2020 (copy circulated).

AHC/9/2020: Kilclief Play Park

Agreed: In response to a query, Mr Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities confirmed he would provide an update regarding the completion of works at the play park at Carrievemaclone to Councillor Savage.

AHC/13/2020: No 16 The Square, Rostrevor

Agreed: In response to a request from Councillor Tinnelly, Mr Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services agreed to look at temporary toilet provision for Rostrevor. Mr Moore pointed out budget may be a restriction.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainor.

C/025/2020

MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2020

Read: Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record, on the proposal of Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Owens.

NS/112/2020: Evaluation of alternatives to use of Herbicides containing Glyphosate for controlling weeds and invasive

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Walker to amend the minute to read as follows:
To undertake a 12 month review with a target to phase out completely the use of herbicides containing glyphosate for controlling weeds and invasive species on Council property within 3 years or as soon as possible.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2020 were adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Owens.

C/026/2020 **EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2020**

Read: Extract of Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Noted: **There were no issues referred from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2020.**

C/027/2020 **MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2020**

Read: Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2020 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Byrne.**

CONFERENCE/EVENTS

C/028/2020 **NILGA CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION & GALA AWARDS DINNER, 20 FEBRUARY 2020**

Read: Correspondence regarding the NILGA Conference, Exhibition and Gala Awards Dinner on 20 February 2020. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the names of Councillors and officers attending NILGA Conference, Exhibition and Gala awards dinner as listed on the schedule (as listed on the agenda).**

It was also agreed that Councillors Andrews, Burgess, McKevitt and Walker would attend as NILGA Members.

C/029/2020 **NI LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE – 14 MAY 2020**

Read: Correspondence dated 28 January 2020 from the Northern Ireland Local Government Partnership on Traveller Issues regarding a conference on 14 May 2020.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Ruane that nominees Councillors Casey, Stokes and Tinnelly and Ms Suzanne Rice attend the Northern Ireland Local Government Partnership conference on 14 May 2020.**

CORRESPONDENCE

C/030/2020 ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF BOWEL AND BREAST CANCER RE: C/182/2019

Read: Correspondence dated 2 January 2020 from Ards and North Down Borough Council re: Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer. (Copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence from Ards and North Down Borough Council re: Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer was noted.**

C/031/2020 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RE: NIFRS BUDGET C/209/2019

Read: Correspondence dated 9 January 2020 from Department of Health re: NIFRS Budget C/209/2019. (copy circulated).

Agreed: **The correspondence from Department of Health re: NIFRS Budget was noted.**

C/032/2020 FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL RE MOTION: C/209/2019 NIFRS

Read: Correspondence dated 10 January 2020 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re: Motion: C/209/2019 NIFRS. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 10 January 2020 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re: Motion C/209/2019 NIFRS was noted.**

C/033/2020 NILGA REGARDING NILGA STRATEGIC CONSULTATIONS

Read: Correspondence dated 23 January 2020 from NILGA re: NILGA Strategic Consultations. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 23 January 2020 from NILGA regarding NILGA Strategic Consultations was noted.**

C/034/2020 MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: MOTION: C/209/2019

Read: Correspondence dated 28 January 2020 from Mid Ulster District Council re: Motion: C/209/2019 NIFRS. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 28 January 2020 from Mid Ulster District Council re: Motion C/209/2019 NIFRS was noted.**

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/035/2020

NOTICE OF MOTION – BALLYNAHINCH BY-PASS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Walker:

"This Council writes to the newly installed Minister for Infrastructure requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the next step of the Ballynahinch By-Pass and further underlines the fact that this By-Pass is vital to the survival of Ballynahinch town and also to the commuting community in this part of the District. We believe that this project is shovel ready and needs urgent Ministerial direction and approval".

Councillor Owens seconded the Motion.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Walker referred to infrastructure work and projects that had taken place across Northern Ireland and stated he believed the time had come for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to demand a fair share of funding particularly for the Ballynahinch By Pass.

Councillor Walker stated that with the Assembly now restored and a Minister for Infrastructure in place, Newry, Mourne and Down Council should seek an urgent meeting with the Minister seeking the immediate release of funding so work on the Ballynahinch By-Pass could commence to enhance trade and business in and around the greater Ballynahinch area.

Members from each of the political party's spoke in support of the motion and it was unanimously agreed.

Agreed:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Owens that Council writes to the newly installed Minister for Infrastructure requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the next step of the Ballynahinch By-Pass and further underlines the fact that this By-Pass is vital to the survival of Ballynahinch town and also to the commuting community in this part of the District. We believe that this project is shovel ready and needs urgent Ministerial direction and approval.

C/036/2020:

NOTICE OF MOTION – DOMESTIC ABUSE INCIDENTS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Howell:

"That this Council recognises 2019 saw the North of Ireland experience the highest number of domestic abuse incidents since records began and agrees to work collaboratively with the statutory agencies and health trusts to ensure support and protection of individuals and families experiencing domestic violence be a priority in all council buildings".

Councillor O'Hare seconded the Motion.

The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee.

Agreed: **The Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.**

C/037/2020: NOTICE OF MOTION – A1 JUNCTIONS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Tinnelly:

"This Council make a formal written submission to the upcoming A1 Junctions Phase 2 Public Inquiry, which is to begin in March 2020.

The submission will reflect the full support of this council for an urgent upgrade of this road as per the DFI proposals, a stretch of road that has brought so much devastation to the families of many local people who have lost their lives while travelling on it over the years. Council will also write to the other local authorities through which the A1 travels, namely Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council urging them to support our motion and requesting that they too make their own submissions to the inquiry."

Councillor Mulgrew seconded the Motion.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Tinnelly pointed out the A1 was the main road between two of the biggest cities and was a road travelled by thousands from this District daily. Unfortunately, it was a lethal stretch of road that had claimed the lives of many residents including that of Karl Heaney, whose mother was present at this meeting and who was a determined campaigner to ensure the Department of Infrastructure delivered on much needed and long promised road improvements.

Councillor Tinnelly stated the Department for Infrastructure were aware the public opinion for the proposed upgrade being overwhelmingly in favour of their proposals, and that this was reinforced by the response to the statutory consultation between March and June 2019. Despite the volume of support which included a petition of 12,000 signatures it was disappointing that the Department for Infrastructure felt obliged to initiate a public enquiry.

Councillor Tinnelly stated that it was for that reason that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council had to offer its unqualified support for the improvement proposals for the A1 and make a formal written submission to the upcoming A1 Junctions Phase 2 Public Inquiry.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Mulgrew welcomed the Department for Infrastructure's decision to implement significant and major changes to this road. Councillor Mulgrew advised her understanding was that works were to include 4 new grade separate junctions, 21 improved access points, 9 road closures and enhanced central reservation barriers amongst others. The process of the review would take until 2020/2021 and in the meantime her party would push strongly for any interim measures to make this road safer until the works that were to be carried were implemented.

Councillors McKeivitt, Taylor, Owens, Reilly and Malone on behalf of their respective party's spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor Tinnelly thanked Members for their unanimous support for the motion.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew that Council make a**

formal written submission to the upcoming A1 Junctions Phase 2 Public Inquiry, which is to begin in March 2020.

The submission would reflect the full support of Council for an urgent upgrade of this road as per the DFI proposals, a stretch of road that has brought so much devastation to the families of many local people who have lost their lives while travelling on it over the years. Council will also write to the other local authorities through which the A1 travels, namely Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council urging them to support our motion and requesting that they too make their own submissions to the inquiry.

Councillor Reilly left the meeting at this point – 7.12pm

C/038/2020: NOTICE OF MOTION – FIREWORKS

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Brown:

"In the interests of animal welfare, this Council will cease to use, purchase or fund fireworks and fireworks displays for events in the district. It recognises the unnecessary distress that fireworks can cause for animals and will investigate alternative ways of celebrating events such as silent fireworks or lighting/laser displays".

In proposing the motion, Councillor Brown advised he was doing so following concerns amongst animal owners and animal welfare activists about the harm traditional fireworks can cause. Councillor Brown advised that since tabling the motion he had been contacted by several animal charities, dog kennels, farmers and individual animal owners expressing their support for the motion.

Reference was made to a campaign lead by RSPCA called 'Bang out of order' as well as the impact of traditional fireworks had on humans, military veterans and some children and adults with autism.

Councillor Brown stated it was important to note that his motion was not to ban fireworks, but rather that Council should seek alternatives and suggested the words silent fireworks be amended to read quiet fireworks.

Councillors Walker and Clarke stated they could not support the motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued following which Councillor Enright seconded an amendment to Councillor Browns original motion as follows:

"In the interests of animal welfare, this Council will recognise the unnecessary distress that fireworks can cause for animals and will investigate alternative ways of celebrating events such as quiet fireworks or lighting/laser displays".

Councillor Clarke put forward the following amendment to Councillor Brown's motion, seconded by Councillor Sharvin. This amendment was accepted by Councillor Brown.

"In the interests of animal welfare, Council will recognise the unnecessary distress that fireworks can cause for animals and will investigate alternative ways of celebrating events such as quiet fireworks or lighting/laser displays. Council will resolve to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people; to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks. It is important that we as Council recognise that events need to be inclusive and accessible to everyone especially those with additional needs and heightened sensory perception."

Councillors Sharvin, Hanlon, Taylor, Owens Tinnelly and McAteer spoke in support of the amended motion.

The Chairperson asked for a show of hands on the amended motion, which was unanimously agreed.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Sharvin that in the interests of animal welfare, Council will recognise the unnecessary distress that fireworks can cause for animals and will investigate alternative ways of celebrating events such as quiet fireworks or lighting/laser displays.

Council will resolve to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people; to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks. It is important that we as Council recognise that events need to be inclusive and accessible to everyone especially those with additional needs and heightened sensory perception

Councillor Burgess left the meeting during the above discussion – 7.25pm.

C/039/2020: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Enright:

"This Council recognises that in view of its recent "Climate Change Emergency" motion, a range of actions need to be adopted across all departments in Council. To ensure a speedy departure from the current status quo towards real climate change action, this Council adopts the concrete actions found in the British and Irish Nuclear Free Local Authorities 10-point guide and instructs management to build and implement a Climate Change Emergency Plan founded on this detailed framework."

Councillor Brown seconded the Motion.

The Chairperson advised that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6 the motion would be referred to the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum.

Agreed: **The Motion was referred to the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.**

C/040/2020: **NOTICE OF MOTION – BRIDGE AT NARROW WATER, WARRENPOINT**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor McAteer:

"That this Council affirms it's unequivocal support for a bridge at Narrow Water, Warrenpoint as described in the Article 31 application P/2012/0121/F, and subsequently approved by former Minister Alex Attwood in October 2012".

Councillor McKevitt seconded the Motion.

In proposing the motion, Councillor McAteer reminded Members planning permission had been given in 2012 for a 2 lane fully opening bridge capable of facilitating vehicular traffic to access and go over the Narrow Water to Louth crossing. The project had been around for many years and was featured in the New Decade, New Approach document published following the reinstatement of the Assembly.

Councillor McAteer called on Council to reiterate its support for the bridge as it would be an immense asset to the region.

Councillors Stokes, Hanna, Ruane and McKee spoke in support of the motion and it was unanimously agreed.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor McKevitt that Council affirms it's unequivocal support for a bridge at Narrow Water, Warrenpoint as described in the Article 31 application P/2012/0121/F, and subsequently approved by former Minister Alex Attwood in October 2012.**

Councillors Lewis and Enright left the meeting during the above discussion – 7.50pm.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

In Attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor R Burgess
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A McMurray
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes

(Non Committee Members)

Councillor C Mason

Officials in Attendance: Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer
Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

ERT/019/2020: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from the following Councillor:

Councillor C Enright

ERT/020/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest.

**ERT/021/2020: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hanna, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020.**

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

**ERT/022/2020: 2020 AGENDA NI
ECONOMIC CONFERENCE**

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the 2020 NI Economic Conference delivered by Agenda NI. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Harte seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed to support the 2020 NI Economic Conference delivered by Agenda NI, through a lead sponsorship at a cost of £10,000.**

Noted: Members suggested that Officers should consider the possibility of hosting this event in Newry in the future.

ERT/023/2020: NEWRY CHAMBER CROSS BORDER CONFERENCE

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Newry Chamber Cross Border Conference, to highlight the importance of the cross border economy. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Council contribute £5,000 towards the costs associated with running this event.**

ERT/024/2020: BELFAST CITY REGIONAL DEAL – DIGITAL INNOVATION PROJECT

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Belfast City Regional Deal Digital Innovation Project. **(Copy circulated)**

During discussion Officers explained the process for the allocation of monies and noted that Officers were awaiting advice from Public Health England regarding 5G test beds.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the appointment of an external consultant to assist officers with the design, development and implementation of key Belfast City Regional Deal digital projects.**

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/025/2020: TOURISM PROMOTIONS EVENTS

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the Council's plan in respect of attendance at a range of tourism trade shows in 2020/2021. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to approve the Council's Tourism Trade Show Plan for 2020/2021.

**ERT/026/2020: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND
TOURISM EVENTS & TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MARKETING**

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding grant award within Call 1 of the Financial Assistance Grant Programme for Tourism Events and Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve grant awards within Call 1 of the Financial Assistance Grant Programme for Tourism Events and Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund.

ERT/027/2020: NEWRY & MOURNE MUSEUM FORWARD PLAN

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding a forward plan for Newry & Mourne Museum. **(Copy circulated).**

Noted: Members felt that adequate signage needed to be provided to indicate to visitors the location of the Museum in Newry.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed to approve the Forward Plan for Newry and Mourne Museum 2020-2023.

ERT/028/2020: TOURISM ACCOMMODATION FUND

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events, regarding a capital grant fund for Tourism Accommodation. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Council open a Capital Grant Fund, closed call for expressions of interest,

to support the construction of new hotel developments of scale in the District, in line with agreed funding criteria.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer, it was agreed to note the criteria included “Projects that are seeking maximum grant support of £400,000”, not £300,000 as was incorrectly stated in the Officers Report dated 10 February 2020.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ERT/029/2020: RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor C Mason:

“This Council recognises the transformational impact that rural development funding has had on many of our local rural communities throughout the District; notes the negative impact that the loss of this funding opportunity will have for many isolated rural communities who would have availed of such funding opportunities; and therefore agrees to source ways in which this Council can continue to help invest in our rural communities.”

Councillor Mason presented the above Notice of Motion highlighting the benefit of Rural Development Funding to rural communities in the District and made the following points:

- Capital grant aid provides sustainability and efficiencies for farms, access business development groups and allow them to survive in the market in turbulent economic times.
- Benefit for community groups to address rural isolation for the elderly.
- Enable sporting clubs to improve facilities and provide much needed activities for youth thus improving health and wellbeing.
- Health development teams have been able to operate health and wellbeing projects to benefit rural communities.

Councillor Mason said that ceasing this funding has highlighted the negative impact of Brexit and she urged the Council to actively seek alternative sources of funding to continue helping rural communities.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to adopt the Notice of Motion.

All members of the committee voted in favour of the Notice of Motion.

Noted: It was noted workshops were presently being held on Rural Development and that it was important Council worked with all relevant groups to ensure clarity on the provision of future rural development funding.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Ruane Andrews it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 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).

ERT/030/2020: **LEASE: DOWN ARTS CENTRE**

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding extension of office space at Down Arts Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following decision:

ERT/030/2020: Lease re: Office Space at Down Arts Centre Downpatrick

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to extend the Lease in respect of office space at Down Arts Centre Downpatrick to current tenants for a further 5 year period, effective from the date of expiry of the current Lease, as per recommendation contained in correspondence dated 14

January 2020 from Land and Property Services.

FOR NOTING

ERT/031/2020: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

Read: Planning Performance Figures for January 2020.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note Planning Performance Figures for January 2020.

ERT/032/2020: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK & FINISH

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Castlewellan Forest Park.

ERT/033/2020: DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT

Read: Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding Downpatrick Regeneration Project. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report dated 10 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding Downpatrick Regeneration Project.

**ERT/034/2020: HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER
ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM**

Read: Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

ERT/035/2020: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Scheme of Delegation. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Scheme of Delegation.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.45pm

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 March 2020.

Signed: **Councillor R Mulgrew**

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: **Mr C Mallon**

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Appeal Hearing re: Closing Order in respect of Bay of Bengal Kilkeel, held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 3.15pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**
 Councillor T Andrews
 Councillor R Burgess (3.40pm – 4.15pm)
 Councillor W Clarke
 Councillor D Curran
 Councillor O Hanlon
 Councillor G Hanna
 Councillor V Harte
 Councillor M Larkin
 Councillor D McAteer
 Councillor G Stokes

(Non Committee Members)
 Councillor C Mason

Officials in Attendance: Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation
 Mr F O Connor Head of Legal Administration
 Mr F Quinn Head of Licensing & Enforcement
 Ms S Smyth Lead Licensing Officer
 Ms P Hughes Licensing Officer
 Mr D McAllister Licensing Officer
 Ms E McCartney Licensing Officer
 Ms M Grant Licensing Administration Officer
 Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following Councillors:

Councillor M Ruane
Councillor McMurray

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest.

APPEAL HEARING

RE: CLOSING ORDER – BAY OF BENGAL KILKEEL

Mr Quinn explained the District Council's control of premises supplying meals or refreshments, under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985, whereby a Council may make an order, referred to as a Closing Order, with respect to premises in its District.

He said Council Officers would present evidence in the case relating to an Appeal Hearing in respect of a Closing Order for Bay of Bengal Newcastle Street Kilkeel after which a ten minute presentation would be given by the complainant with Councillors having an opportunity to discuss, followed by a ten minute presentation from the owners of the said premises with Councillors again having an opportunity to discuss. After both presentations discussion will take place with Councillors and Officials.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 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).**

(3.40pm – Councillor Burgess joined the Meeting)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.**

When the Committee came out of Closed Session the Chairperson reported the following decision had been taken:

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed the Council issue a Closing Order on premises known as Bay of Bengal Newcastle Street Kilkeel, to close from 12 midnight to 5am seven days per week.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.15pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 March 2020.

Signed: Councillor R Mulgrew
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon
Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020 at 6.25pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor M Savage

In Attendance:

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor S Doran	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor R Howell	Councillor A Lewis
Councillor D Murphy	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor W Walker	

Also in attendance:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor

Officials in Attendance:

Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr C Quinn, Assistant Director of Estates & Capital Projects
 Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy
 Mrs K McNiff, Safety, Health and Emergency Planning Manager
 Mr Fearghal O'Connor, Head of Legal Administration
 Mrs L Fitzsimons, HR Manager
 Mrs E McGrath, HR Business Partner
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
 Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/9/2020: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher and Mulgrew.

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Murphy to the Committee and to Council and offered congratulations to Councillor Mulgrew on becoming a grandmother again.

SPR/10/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Carville declared an interest on behalf of all the senior officers in relation to Item 3.

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Doran, 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 a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Having previously declared an interest, Mrs Carville, Mr Lipsett, Mr Moore, Mr Quinn, Mr Moffett, Mrs McNiff and Mr O'Connor left the meeting at this stage. Ms L O'Hare also left – 6.28pm

SPR/11/2020: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE (PRESENTATION)

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to approve the recommendations contained within the report, namely a new Management Structure for the organisation and a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme.

Mrs Carville, Mr Lipsett, Mr Moore, Mr Quinn, Mr Moffett, Mrs McNiff and Mr O'Connor and Ms O'Hare re-entered the Chamber at this stage.

Ms Taggart joined the meeting at this stage – 7.00pm.

Mrs Ward, Mrs Fitzsimmons and Mrs McGrath also left the meeting at this stage – 7.00pm

SPR/12/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2020

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 19 January 2020, be noted, and actions removed as marked.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

SPR/13/2020 PERSONAL SAFETY POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES EXPOSED TO WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mrs K McNiff, Safety, Health and Emergency Planning (SHEP) Manager, regarding Personal Safety Policy for Employees exposed to Workplace Violence and Abuse **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Andrews asked if paper could be extended to include Councillors' welfare. Mrs Carville confirmed she would speak to the National Association of Councillors about the matter.

Members spoke in support of the policy with Councillor Hanlon highlighting the importance of building resilience within Members to deal with challenging issues.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to approve the personal safety policy for employees exposed to workplace violence and abuse from the public.

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/14/2020 IRISH LANGUAGE MATTERS

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy, regarding Irish Language Matters **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following was agreed;

- To implement an Irish Language Bursary Scheme for the period 2020-2021, with an overall budget of £50,000. This to be apportioned to two district six-monthly periods: April – September (£45,000) and October – March (£5,000).
- Updated Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group Terms of Reference (February 2020), as detailed in the officer's report.

SPR/15/2020 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr C Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy, regarding the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War through the presentation of Silver Poppies to surviving World War II veterans within our district in May 2020.

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

SPR/16/2020 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS MAY 2020-MAY 2021

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mrs M Ward, Chief Executive, regarding Schedule of meetings May 2020-May2021 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed to approve the schedule of meetings including amendments on the following dates:

- Mock Annual Meeting – Friday 22nd May 2020 at 11am
- Annual Meeting – Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 6pm

- Neighbourhood Services – Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 6pm
- Council – Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 6pm
- Planning Committee – Thursday 8th April 2021 at 10am

FOR NOTING

SPR/17/2020

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020

Read: Draft Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020 **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the Draft Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

SPR/18/2020

APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NI – CIVIC INNOVATION PROGRAMME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITIZENS' PANEL

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance, regarding Application to the Community Foundation NI – Civic Innovation Programme for the establishment of a Citizens' Panel **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the application to the Community Foundation NI – Civic Innovation Programme for the establishment of a Citizens' Panel.

SPR/19/2020

CONSULTATION ON GAMBLING

Read: Correspondence received from Department for Communities regarding Consultation paper on 'Regulation of Gambling in Northern Ireland' **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the Consultation paper on 'Regulation of Gambling in Northern Ireland, with parties to make responses as considered appropriate.

SPR/20/2020

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER OF FINANCE RE: REVAL 2020 AND TRANSITIONAL RELIEF

Read: Correspondence received from Minister of Finance Re: Reval 2020 and Transitional Relief **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: It was agreed to note the correspondence received from Minister of Finance re: Reval 2020 and Transitional Relief

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Lewis, 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 a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/21/2020 CASH HANDLING POLICY

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Cash Handling Policy **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to approve the Cash Handling Policy.

SPR/22/2020 CCTV REVIEW

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director of Community Planning and Performance, regarding CCTV Review **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve the recommendations arising from the external review of public space and facilities CCTV provision and to proceed to begin consultation with key stakeholders and to prepare an overarching strategy for the provision of CCTV and commence preparation of a business case for replacement CCTV.

SPR/23/2020 LEGAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NMDDC AND BLUEBELL LANE

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration, regarding Legal Agreement between NMDDC and Bluebell Lane **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to establish a Legal Agreement with a Private Landowner (Bluebell Lane) which sets out agreement for the placement of an iron age roundhouse at Bluebell Lane, and includes a specific term committing the landowner for responsibility of the ongoing maintenance of the unit until March 2030, mitigating any future risk or liability against Council.

SPR/24/2020 DEED OF CHARGE SPA GOLF CLUB

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding Deed of Charge Spa Golf Club **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to approve:

- The club's request to release the expired Charge on the property.
- The club's request to release the live charge early, subject to an inclusion in any future sale that the premises are to be used primarily for golfing purposes.

Councillor Ó Muirí left the meeting at this stage – 7.50pm

SPR/25/2020 CONSENT FOR WORKS AT QUOILE RIVER BY NIEA

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding Consent for Works at Quoile River by NIEA **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve the NIEA's request to upgrade the Council owned portion of the path at Quoile Quay, subject to both parties entering into a suitable Licence for Works, with Council officers asked to cost the upgrade of the remainder of the path in Council ownership and revert to Committee with same.

SPR/26/2020 PROPOSED LICENCE OF OUTBUILDINGS AT COUNCIL ROAD, KILKEEL

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from L Moore, Head of Legal Administration, regarding Proposed Licence of outbuildings at Council Road, Kilkeel
(Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to proceed with Option 1 as outlined in Paragraph 2.0 of the officer's report, namely to accede to the Group's request and to agree to a licence agreement for 5 years at a peppercorn fee, subject to Departments consent.

SPR/27/2020 DOWNPATRICK HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr T McClean, Head of Service Capital Projects, regarding Downpatrick Household Recycling Centre
(Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve:

- Additional costs of £47,000 on Phase 1 for an attenuation tank.
- The final account for Phase 2 at the value of £444,991.97 (being £201,391 over contract cost).

SPR/28/2020 MOORHILL FORMER REFUSE SITE

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, regarding Moorhill Former Refuse Site
(Copy circulated)

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor McMurray, it was agreed to approve a further extension until September 2020 to allow Mountaineering Ireland to finalise a detailed business case for the site.

FOR NOTING

SPR/29/2020 MCCREESH PARK VERBAL UPDATE

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

Noted: It was agreed to note that Choice Housing have accepted nomination to develop the Patrick Street site for Social Housing, with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive supporting Category 1, older persons accommodation on the site. Council officials are now working on designing an appropriate Public Consultation which will take place once Choice Housing provide details of their planned design for this site

SPR/30/2020 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Read: Report dated 13 February 2020 from Mr K Montgomery, Assistant Director of Finance, regarding Management Accounts to 31 December 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

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

Noted: It was agreed to note the Management accounts for the period ending 31 December 2019, with officers to write to Minister Dodds seeking progress on legislation for Apprenticeship Levy.

SPR/31/2020 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION – DISSOLUTION FUNDING AND CONTINUING OPERATIONS 2020/21

Read: Correspondence dated 4 February 2020 received from Local Government Staff Commission regarding Dissolution Funding and Continuing Operations 2020/21 **(Copy circulated)**

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

Noted: It was agreed to note the correspondence received.

SPR/32/2020 ACTION SHEET FROM STRATEGIC PROJECTS WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2020

Read: Action Sheet from Strategic Projects Working Group meeting held on 20 January 2020 **(Copy circulated)**

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

Noted: It was agreed to note the action sheet arising from the Strategic Projects Working Group meeting held on 20 January 2020.

SPR/33/2020

**ACTION SHEET FROM EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

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Read: Action Sheet from Efficiency Working Group meeting held on 6 February
(Copy circulated)

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

Noted: It was agreed to note the action sheet arising from the
Efficiency Working Group meeting held on 6 February 2020.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Signed: Councillor Michael Savage
Chairperson

Signed: Dorinnia Carville

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2020

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 17 February 2020 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor B Ó Muirí

In attendance: **(Councillors)**

Councillor S Doran	Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor G Malone	Councillor C Mason
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor	Councillor W Walker

Also In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance: Mr P Weston, Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI)

AHC/14/2020: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Gallagher and McEvoy.

AHC/15/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/16/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020.**

PRESENTATION**AHC/17/2020: PRESENTATION BY ORNI**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Philip Weston to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation, copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Mr Weston thanked the Chairperson for the invitation and provided the Committee with a review of the Service Level Agreement for 2019-2020 highlighting the following:

- Delivery and promotion of Saul and Ballynahinch Community Trails and preparation of Management Plans.
- Delivery on the ground of 4 Community Trails (Drumkeeragh, Tievenadarragh, Corry Wood, Seaforde) and preparation of a Management Plan for Tievenadarragh.
- Data collection for all Community Trails sites, including Castlewawrd, Tobar Mhuire, Bunkers Hill, Saul and Ballynahinch.
- Feasibility Study for Community Trail from Downpatrick to Delamont.
- Feasibility Study for Community Trail from Downpatrick to Hollymount.
- Project Development Work of a further 5 Community Trails to 'shovel ready' status.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Weston for his presentation and invited questions from Members.

Councillor Walker welcomed the feasibility study for Downpatrick to Delamont and raised his concerns regarding the issue with private landowners not providing access for the Community Trail.

Mr Weston advised the land within the proposed Trail had recently been purchased by a new landowner who had negative experience with public access in the past, however this may be revisited in the future.

Councillor McMurray raised a question regarding whether the SLA had been extended to complete the works. Mr Lipsett advised he would respond to that question once the representative from ORNI had left the chamber.

Councillor Trainor queried whether the Downpatrick to Delamont trail could be packaged into smaller trails to get the project started.

Mr Weston advised ORNI had investigated smaller sections however there were similar landowner issues within those potential trails and there were also outstanding queries with the land at the shoreline as a new crossing point would be required.

Councillor McKeivitt asked whether it was possible for local groups to access funding for walkways around existing football pitches etc.

Mr Weston advised ORNI would not have access to funding for community trails however they can assist local groups in rural communities to identify funding for same.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**AHC/18/2020 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT**

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District

Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. (Copy circulated)

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to note the report and to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020
 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2020

AHC/19/2020**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Financial Assistance. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage, to:
- Fund applications in Call 1 as per the Appendices contained within the officer's report;
 - Open Financial Assistance Call 2 in March 2020 and Call 3 in April/May 2020;
 - Provide workshops/training to applicants during Call 2 and 3 on the use of the online system (three sessions per Call)

AHC/20/2020**PEACE PLUS – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Peace Plus Consultation. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to:
- Accept the revised Letters of Offer for the PEACE IV Local Action Plan (Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations) representing an approved extension to December 2021;
 - Approve the PEACE PLUS consultation response as circulated with the officer's report.

AHC/21/2020**COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRE CHARGES**

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Community Centres Scale of Charges 2020/21. **(Copy circulated)**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was agreed to maintain the hire

charge pricing that had been adopted for the 2019/20 period with exception of Bridge Centre, Killyleagh, Gold Card Membership Fitness Suite – Over 60 Membership, Off peak £3.80 plus £1.00 per use.

AHC/22/2020 RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BARNMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Renewal of Lease Agreement for Barnmeen Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed to provide a further 12-week timeframe to the Parish for the lease to be agreed and signed. In the event of this deadline not being met, the keys of the building will be returned to the Parish.

AHC/23/2020 INCLUSIVE CITIES PROJECT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement, regarding Inclusive Cities Project. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to take the issue of nominating a strategic lead (Elected Member) back to Parties for agreement with nominations presented at the Council Meeting. It was agreed to select an operational lead for the Inclusive Cities Project. The operational and strategic leads to join the next meeting which will be held on 16 and 17 March 2020 in Peterborough.

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/24/2020 LEISURE AND SPORT – SCALE OF CHARGES

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport regarding Leisure and Sport Scale of Charges 2020/21. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve the proposed scale of charges for Leisure and Sports Section for 2020/21, commencing the 1 April 2020 as per appendix 1 of the report.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/25/2020: ORGAN DONATION INITIATIVE

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Organ Donation Initiative, referred from Council. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Mason, to facilitate a sign up of Elected Members and employees with associated publicity and a similar event to be hosted within each of the seven DEAs.

AHC/26/2020: REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR PORT HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding Ship Sanitation Inspection Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to implement the new charging regime with effect from 1 April 2020.

AHC/27/2020: REQUEST FROM NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO HOST A MEETING IN NEWRY. MOUNRE AND DOWN AREA

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, regarding Nuclear Free Local Authority All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum Meeting. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to host a Nuclear Free Local Authority Forum Meeting on Friday 20 March 2020 in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row.

AHC/28/2020: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM OFFICE OF PRODUCT SAFETY AND STANDARDS

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, regarding funding from Office of Product Safety and Standards on behalf of all Councils in Northern Ireland. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Mason, to accept the offer of funding from Office of Product Safety and Standards and to carry out the procurement exercise on behalf of the 11 Councils.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**AHC/29/2020: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND**

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding an update on Social Investment Fund. **(Copy circulated).**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update report on Social Investment Fund.**

AHC/30/2020: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2019, which were approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2020.**

AHC/31/2020: POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the report and Minutes including:**

- **Minutes of the Policing Committee held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, approved at the Policing Committee Meeting on Tuesday 21 January 2020.**
- **Minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, approved at the PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 21 January 2020.**

AHC/32/2020: BALLYKINLAR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Ballykinlar Community Centre – Hire of a Generator in the Absence of Electricity Supply. **(Copy circulated).**

Councillor Mason advised she had been working closely with the group in Ballykinlar who had been unable to access the new facility due to the lack of an electricity supply and in turn were at risk of losing funding for various projects. She asked whether there was something that Council can do to assist.

Mrs Hillen advised officers had been in constant contact with NIE and MoD to try to reach a resolution to the issue and suggested a way forward may be to install a generator on-site,

which had been supplied in December, however the cost would be continuous. She advised there was a budget ringfenced for Ballykinlar Community Association within the budget which was to be used as part of Facility Management Agreement, which could be used to hire and fuel the generator until the funding was exhausted which would enable officers additional time to negotiate with NIE to resolve the issue.

Councillor Mason proposed that Council proceed with the officer's suggestion and ensure that all the groups involved in the usage of the centre be kept informed. This was seconded by Councillor Trainor.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to note the report and to use the money ringfenced for Ballykinlar within the budget to hire and fuel a generator for the community centre, until such budget is exhausted to enable officers to negotiate with NIE to resolve the issue.

FOR NOTING – LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/33/2020: AUTISM FRIENDLY SWIM SESSIONS

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport. **(Copy circulated).**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the arrangements for the launch of Autism Friendly Swim Sessions in Newry, Kilkeel Leisure Centres and Tropicana from 1 April 2020.

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

AHC/34/2020 RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR HIGH LEVELS IN SPORT

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, 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. 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (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.

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding Recognition of Achievement for High Levels in Sport Rostrevor. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve the revised criteria and processing procedures for Council's

Recognition of Achievement for High Level Sports 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 within the officer's report.

AHC/35/2020

CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC ANALYST SERVICES

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, 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. 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report dated 17 February 2020 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing regarding the appointment of Public Analysts. **(Copy circulated)**

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

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to appoint the persons listed within the Officer's report at paragraph 3.1, employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd to act as Public Analysts under the provisions of The Food Safety Order (Northern Ireland) 1991, The Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

AHC/36/2020

THREEWAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE – REFURBISHMENT OF ROPEWALK PITCH

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Ruane, 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 17 February 2020 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community Engagement regarding the Refurbishment of Ropewalk Pitch. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- Agreed:**
- It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Malone to:**
- **Approve the business case and the recommendation contained within same.**
 - **Proceed with a procurement exercise to appoint a contractor to carry out the refurbishment works.**
 - **Incorporate the legacy Service Level Agreement into the current Facility Management Agreement for Threeways Community Association in line with other similar facilities.**
 - **Review booking over the period detailed in the Facility Management Agreement and present options to Council in order to inform potential future investment in the facility.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.53pm.

Signed: Councillor B Ó Muirí
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

Report to:	Council
Date of Meeting:	2 March 2020
Subject:	Inclusive Cities Project
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose To nominate operation and strategic leads for the Inclusive Cities Project.				
1.2	Background It was agreed at the January AHC Committee meeting that the Council participate in the Inclusive Cities project. At the February Meeting of AHC, it was agreed to take the issue of nominating a strategic lead (Elected Member) back to Parties for agreement with nominations presented at the Council Meeting. It was also agreed to select an operational lead for the Inclusive Cities Project. The operational and strategic leads to join the next meeting which will be held on 16 and 17 March 2020 in Peterborough. Inclusive Cities is a knowledge exchange initiative supporting UK cities and their local partners to achieve a step-change in their approach towards the inclusion of newcomers in the city. The initiative is facilitated and supported by Oxford University. The first phase of the programme ran from 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2019 and supported 6 UK cities to develop their approach to the inclusion of newcomers through peer learning, development of a dedicated action plan and knowledge exchange. The second phase will continue to deepen and mainstream this engagement and will recruit 6 new cities. Cities from Northern Ireland have been invited to participate in the second phase of the project.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	The Council must nominate two people who will actively engage in the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A senior official or elected representative to provide leadership and profile for the city’s initiative, who is committed to participating at the key milestone events, including the European learning				

	<p>exchange, and to heading up the city's own taskforce on behalf of the city. This could be an officer at Chief Executive, Director or equivalent level; or elected official with appropriate mandate (Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader, Executive Member or equivalent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An operational lead official who has capacity to develop and deliver the action plan and manage the taskforce (with support and input from the Inclusive Cities project manager) and is able to drive forward progress day-to-day, as well as to attend the key milestone events including the European exchange. • The names and positions of the operational and strategic leads are to be provided by 12 February. • The operational and strategic leads are expected to join the next meeting which will be held on 16 and 17 March in Peterborough. Accommodation, board and travel costs are covered by the programme.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To nominate a strategic lead (elected member) and operational lead for the Inclusive Cities project.</p> <p>The operational and strategic leads to join the next meeting which will be held on 16 and 17 March in Peterborough.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Staff time to attend the Inclusive Cities meetings/exchange visits.</p> <p>Budget will be provided for travel and accommodation costs of the two city representatives for each UK meeting and the learning exchange visit to cities in Europe.</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	<p>The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.</p>
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	<p>Due regard to rural needs has been considered.</p>
7.0	Appendices
	<p>Inclusive Cities Briefing note</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	<p>None</p>

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chair: Councillor K Owen

Members:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor D Curran
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor V Harte
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor O Magennis
Councillor G Malone	Councillor H McKee
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor J Tinnelly

Officials in Attendance: Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management (Acting)
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

NS/116/2020: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Mason and Murphy.

Councillor Owen advised that Johnny McBride had been appointed as Assistant Director, Waste Management on a temporary basis for a number of months due to the absence of the substantive post holder. She welcomed Johnny and wished him well in his new role.

AGREED: **At the request of Councillor Andrews it was agreed to send a letter of best wishes to Mr J Parkes on behalf of the Committee.**

NS/117/2020: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

No declarations of Conflicts of Interest were made.

NS/118/2020: ACTION SHEET OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020

Read: Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2020. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Hearty, it was agreed the Action Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2020 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION

NS/119/2020: SCHEME OF DELEGATION REPORT FROM 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Scheme of Delegation Report 19 February 2020 from Mr R Moore, Director of NS. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation Report.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

NS/120/2020: SPONSORSHIP AND RENOVATION OF PLANTED COUNCIL MAINTAINED ROUNDABOUTS

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr K Scullion re: sponsorship and renovation of planted Council maintained roundabouts. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend approval of the following:-

- Note the content of the report.
- Agree to proceeding to offer a sponsorship scheme as detailed within Section 2 of the report.
- Council to retain the maintenance of the locations in-house to enable a similar standard of landscape presentation with unified impact which can be improved upon.
- Approve the Roundabout Sponsorship Policy (circulated at Appendix 3), subject to final legal approval, and proposed Sponsorship fees (circulated at Appendix 1).
- Agree that sponsorship income to offset existing direct annual maintenance costs to Council.
- Approve the progression of the scheme and for Officers to commence process to seek and recruit Sponsors for the 8 identified roundabouts.

It was also agreed Mr Scullion find out if the roundabout on the Ardglass Road, Downpatrick, coming out of the hospital, was in Council or Dfi ownership and that he would advise Councillor Curran

Noted: In response to comments from Members regarding the planting of wildflowers at roundabouts, Mr Scullion confirmed this would be considered as part and parcel of the scheme going forward.

NS/121/2020: DRAFT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr K Scullion re: the Council's Public Convenience Strategy. *(Circulated)*.

A detailed discussion followed during which Members raised the following issues:-

- Are there any other strands of funding which the Council could access to help with this programme?
- Concerns expressed re: any proposal to amalgamate the public conveniences at Island Park, Central Promenade and Castle Park, Newcastle – this would cause difficulties.
- Currently no public convenience provision in Saintfield due to the toilets being vandalised – could they be re-opened once more and review if the vandalism continued.
- Concern about the continued closure of the toilets in Rostrevor and the need for a short term solution.
- Concern about locating public toilets in the Community Centre in Bessbrook – the Centre was not a central venue unlike Bessbrook Town Hall.
- The public toilets at Loughross Amenity Area were the only facilities in the entire area and needed to be kept and maintained.

Mr Scullion advised that if the Draft Strategy was approved by Committee and at the full Council Meeting in March 2020, a 12-week consultation period would then commence to allow comments from the public to be considered prior to a more structured proposal coming back to Committee. He said all proposed recommendations would have to go through a significant business case process.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed to note the content of the above report and recommend approval for the draft Public Toilet Strategy as presented and approve the commencement of a 12-week public consultation on the recommendations from the draft Strategy.**

It was also agreed a Rowallane DEA Councillors site visit be organised with relevant Council Officials to discuss public convenience provision in Saintfield and that a report be brought back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration.

NS/122/2020: CEMETERY/BURIAL CHARGES 2020/2021

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr K Scullion re: Cemetery/Burial Charges 2020/2021. **(Circulated).**

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the content of the report dated 19 February 2020 and to recommend approval to adopt the Cemetery/Burial Scale of Charges 2020/2021 as set out in the Appendix 1 (circulated), to be effective from 1 April 2020.**

NS/123/2020: COUNCIL INVITE TO PARTICIPATE IN GARDEN SHOW IRELAND 2020

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr K Scullion re: Council invite to participate in Garden Show Ireland 2020. **(Circulated).**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the contents of the above report and that Council write to Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council thanking them for their invitation, wishing them success with their event, but to regretfully decline their invitation to participate on this occasion due to restrictions on resources available within the Grounds Maintenance Section in what is one of the Section's busiest time of year.

WASTE MANAGMENT

NS/124/2020: WASTE MANAGEMENT SCALE OF CHARGES 2020/21

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr J McBride re: Waste Management Scale of Charges 2020/2021. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to recommend the adoption of the proposed Waste Service Scale of Charges 2020/21 as set out in Section 2.1 – Appendix 1.

NS/125/2020: DAERA CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 19 January 2020 from Mr J McBride re: DAERA Capital Grant Programme. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed to recommend:-

- The proposed projects to be submitted to the DAERA capital grant programme (as set-out in Appendix I); and
- Authorise Officials to develop additional projects for inclusion in any future capital grant programme from DAERA. A future report to be tabled at Committee, once detailed scoping has been completed.

It was also agreed Mr McBride advise Committee Members of the three existing Household Recycling Centres which were listed for refurbishment under the Project.

NS/126/2020: DAERA WASTE PREVENTION PROGRAMME 2019 – "STOPPING WASTE IN ITS TRACKS"

Read: DAERA Waste Prevention Programme 2019 – "Stopping Waste in its Tracks" – consultation responses to be submitted by 18 March 2020. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed arc21 would be responding on behalf of the 6 Councils who are members and also that if Councillors had

any additional comments they should advise Mr Moore/Mr McBride.

NS/127/2020: STUDY VISIT TO DULEEK EFW PLANT

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr J McBride re: visit to the Indaver Facility, Duleek, County Meath. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, it was agreed to visit the Indaver Facility, Duleek, County Meath on Thursday 2 April 2020 and to also agree the proposed programme.**

FOR NOTING

NS/128/2020: Arc21 MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN JANUARY 2020

Read: Arc21 Members' Monthly Bulletin January 2020. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to note the above bulletin.**

NS/129/2020: HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET

Read: Historic Actions Tracking Sheet *(Copy circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed the Historic Actions Tracking Sheet of the Neighbourhood Services Committee be noted and actions removed as marked.**

Proposed Memory Gardens

In response to a query from Councillor Tinnelly re: progress in relation to the proposed memory gardens, Councillor Clarke advised this had been discussed at the Good Relations and Equality Committee Meeting and members were content to proceed with the proposal and to have a Memory Garden in each Health Trust area.

AGREED: **It was agreed an update report would be brought back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee.**

(Councillor McKee left the meeting – 7.00 pm).

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Items 15 and 16 are deemed to be exempt under paragraph 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.

On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.

NS/130/2020: FLEET REPLACEMENT (CAPITAL) – APPROVAL OF BUSINESS CASES TO REPLACE CHASSIS CAB VEHICLES

Read: Report dated 19 February 2020 from Mr J McBride, re: fleet replacement (capital) – approval of business cases to replace chassis cab vehicles. *(Circulated)*.

NS/131/2020: REMOVAL OF LEACHATE FROM DRUMANAKELLY LANDFILL SITE FOR PROCESSING AT NI WATER FACILITY IN BELFAST

Read: Business case for the removal of leachate from Drumanakelly Landfill site for processing at NI Water Facility in Belfast. *(Circulated)*.

Councillor proposed and Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Stokes, to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following had been agreed:-

Item 15 – Report on Fleet Replacement (Capital) – approval of business cases to replace chassis cab vehicles

On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to note the content of the report dated 19 February 2020 and that Council approves the recommendation that those vehicles, as listed in Appendix 1, be prioritised for replacement and also that the Council approves the individual business cases relating to vehicles listed in Appendix 2 with an amendment that Officers bring a report back to the March Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting detailing alternative options and costs.

Item 16 – Removal of leachate from Drumanakelly Landfill Site for processing at NI Water Facility in Belfast

On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to approve the business case for the removal & transport of leachate from the Drumanakelly landfill site.

NS/132/2020: DOG FOULING – LISSMORE PARK CROSSMAGLEN

AGREED: At the request of Councillor Hearty it was agreed to ask the Enforcement Officer to visit Lissmore Park Crossmaglen regarding problems with dog fouling and also to discuss getting signage and dog fouling bins provided in the area.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.20 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 March 2020.

Signed: Councillor Owen
Chairperson of Neighbourhood Services Committee

Signed: Mr R Moore
Director of Neighbourhood Services

**EXTRACT FROM DRAFT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES –
12 FEBRUARY 2020**

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Devlin the following item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 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.

P/017/2020: AUDIO RECORDING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Read: Report dated 12 February 2020 from Mr F O'Connor, Legal Advisor, re: audio recording of Planning Committee Meetings. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Devlin seconded to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairman reported the following had been agreed:-

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to amend the lawful basis currently relied upon by Council in the audio-recording of Planning Committee Meetings. The current practice is to seek the express consent of individuals and it was agreed this be replaced by relying upon the ground set out in Article 6 Article 6(1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), viz that "processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller".



FEBRUARY HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 13th February 2020 at 10.30 am in the Coleraine Council offices.

For Information, a report of the attendance is undernoted:-

Members Present

Ald Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough (Chair)
Cllr Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough
Ald Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
Cllr Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Ald John Finlay	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough
Ald Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District
Ald Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Cllr Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough
Cllr Michael Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District

Members Apologies

Cllr Nick Mathison	Ards & North Down Borough
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The Housing Council's considered various routine items at the Meeting, followed by detailed discussions on the undernoted matters:-

- Members received a presentation from representatives from the Housing Executive and the Department for Communities on Housing Executive's Stock Transfer.
- The Housing Executive's Chief Executive gave a verbal update on **Housing Executive's Business from the January Board Meeting**, which included the following items:-
 1. Key Issues and Priorities (Open Discussion Item)
 2. Board Business – Committee Membership / Structures
 3. Monthly Finance Report as at 31 December 2019
 4. Proposed Changes to the Corporate Risk Register
 5. Request to Close Two Unused Bank Accounts
 6. Response Maintenance Procurement Strategy
 7. Exceptional Supporting People Payment
 8. Draft Home Energy Conservation Authority (HECA) Annual Progress Report
 9. Performance against the 2019-20 Business Plan at the end of the third quarter of the business year

10. Corporate Services Quarterly Update Report
 11. Supporting People Programme – Progress Status Update
 12. Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPRS) Update
 13. Compliance Health & Safety Assurance – Monthly Report
 14. Proposed Repayment Arrangements for Leaseholds for planned schemes costs (Reacquisition Policy)
- Members then received an update from Judith Woodburn and Maryann Demspey, Department for Communities, on the **Departments' Housing Top Issues** to date, which included:-
 1. Social Newbuild starts
 2. Co-ownership
 3. Programme for Social Reform
 4. Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Policy
 5. Reclassification of Northern Ireland Social Housing Providers
 6. Supporting People Delivery Strategy
 7. Homelessness Strategy
 8. St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena
 9. Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
 10. Increasing Housing Supply
 11. Affordable Warmth Scheme
 12. NIHE Rent Scheme
 13. Update on Welfare Reform Mitigation payments

The next Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12th March at 10.30 am in the Omagh Council offices.

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding the content.

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Leaving Flanders & The Somme of WW1 behind as we travel on to Normandy and WW2 area where we Visit Ranville Cemetery - Pegasus Bridge - Caen city and the landing beaches of the area including British - Canadian & American Beaches as well as various memorials and Cemeteries connected to the war and a few beautiful little seaside towns of Normandy. eg. St Mere Englise and Arromanche as well as Caen.

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Northern Ireland Housing Conference 2020

New decade, new approach for social housing



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Housing conference

As we begin a new decade, the challenges that faced the social housing sector in the previous ten years are continuing. The number of households in priority need of social housing in Northern Ireland is at the highest level ever recorded. At the end of March 2019 there was 37,859 households on the social housing waiting list, of which 26,387 are considered to be in housing stress and 19,629 are deemed to be homeless.

At the root of the crisis is the disparity between supply and demand. With a shortage of housing, we must find new ways to supply housing for people in need. Welfare reform has also had a huge impact on the lives of many. As we move forward, we must continue to prioritise the most vulnerable. There must also be a broader range of affordable housing options both for rent and for purchase. The challenge is to provide housing for every stage of life to include student accommodation, affordable long-term rental, family homes, dwellings for one or two persons and accessible homes suitable for older people and people with disabilities.

A new decade

Having no functioning Assembly or Executive in Northern Ireland for the past three years added considerably to the difficulties facing the social housing sector. On 9 January 2020 the **New Decade, New Approach** deal was published to restore a functioning Northern Ireland Executive. Among other priorities, it is hoped that by introducing legislation to reclassify housing associations, the Executive will enable housing associations to continue building new social housing and intermediate housing, including the Co-ownership Housing Scheme after March 2020. Housing will also be included as a specific priority in the Programme for Government. The Executive will also enhance investment and agree a target for new social and affordable home starts and tackle the maintenance backlog for Northern Ireland Housing Executive properties. The Executive also intends to extend existing welfare mitigation measures beyond March 2020, when they are currently due to expire.

These measures would certainly go some way to reducing the number of households in housing stress, however at the time of writing the proposed financial package has still to be agreed.

In the absence of a functioning devolved government, organisations in the sector continued to forge ahead. Housing Associations continue to provide more than just housing – regeneration and community investment are more important now than ever before alongside care services and skills and providing training.

This conference will bring together key stakeholders with an interest or role in housing in Northern Ireland and look at how we can fulfil the need for secure, affordable housing both now and in the future.

A high level panel will examine key issues including:

- ✓ Social housing policy in Northern Ireland
- ✓ The impact of welfare reform
- ✓ Creating sustainable communities
- ✓ Embracing Housing First on the journey to ending homelessness
- ✓ Fire safety post Grenfell
- ✓ Community investment to transform lives
- ✓ Delivering sustainable social housing
- ✓ The shape of the future social housing provider
- ✓ Better tenant engagement to empower residents in social housing
- ✓ Collaboration for better results
- ✓ Political panel: The future of social housing in Northern Ireland
- ✓ Lessons from elsewhere

Visiting experts



Margaret Ann Brünjes

Margaret Ann Brünjes is Chief Executive of Housing First Scotland. Maggie has been in the housing and homelessness sector in Scotland for over 20 years, holding various data, policy and programme management positions before taking up the chief officer role at Homeless Network Scotland in 2010. With a special interest in evidence-based and participatory approaches to policy and delivery, she co-founded Housing First Scotland in 2016 and the UK-wide Centre for Homelessness Impact in 2018. Maggie was a member of the Scottish Minister appointed Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Action Group in 2018.



John Hannigan

John Hannigan is Chief Executive Officer of Circle Voluntary Housing Association in Ireland. He has worked in social housing for over 25 years. He took up his current position in September 2017. John previously held the position of Managing Director of Sunbeam House Services since 2010. Prior to that, he worked as Finance Director with Respond Housing Association. John is currently the Vice Chair of The Housing Alliance, an alliance of six of the largest Housing Associations in Ireland.



Matt Parsonage

Matt Parsonage is Head of Communities at Clarion Futures, the charitable foundation of Clarion Housing Group. Clarion Futures plans to invest £150 million over ten years to provide support, skills and opportunities to more than 360,000 social housing residents across the UK. Matt has worked in the Social Housing Sector for the last 10 years. He gained a Masters in Urban Regeneration from the University of Westminster during his time working on a New Deal for Communities programme in London. His specialisms include neighbourhood regeneration, partnership development and community engagement – just three themes of which he currently puts theories into practice in his role as Head of Communities at Clarion Futures.

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- 0830 Registration and morning coffee
- 0900 Chairman's welcome and introduction:
Jamie Delargy, Business Broadcaster
- Policy**  **Social housing policy in Northern Ireland**
Louise Warde-Hunter, Deputy Secretary
Department for Communities
- Transformation**  **Transforming services to create sustainable communities**
Jennifer Hawthorne, Regional Manager for
Belfast, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Community investment**  **Clarion Futures: Community investment to transform neighbourhoods and lives**
Matt Parsonage, Head of Communities
Clarion Futures, Clarion Housing Group
- Welfare reform**  **Protecting the most vulnerable: Measures to avert the welfare crisis**
Kevin Higgins, Head of Policy, Advice NI and
Welfare Reform Mitigations Working Group
- Housing First**  **Housing First in Scotland and the journey to ending homelessness**
Margaret Ann Brünjes, Chief Executive
Housing First Scotland

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

- 1100 Morning coffee / networking break

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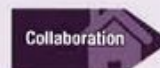
The future social housing provider

Professor Paddy Gray, Chair
Connswater Homes



The challenge of delivering sustainable social housing

Diana Fitzsimons, Chair, Radius Housing



The Housing Alliance: Collaboration for better results

John Hannigan, CEO, Circle Voluntary Housing
Association, Ireland



Fire safety post Grenfell

Geoff Somerville, Group Commander, Northern
Ireland Fire and Rescue Service *(invited)*

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

POLITICAL PANEL: The future of social housing in Northern Ireland

The conference will finish with a political panel with representation from all parties to discuss the future of social housing in Northern Ireland. Delegates will be able to put questions to the panel and hear their priorities and views.

1330

Chairman's summary and conference close
followed by networking lunch



Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

There are a number of opportunities for interested organisations to become involved with this conference as sponsors or exhibitors. This is an excellent way for organisations to raise their profile with a key audience of senior decision-makers from across the housing sector in Northern Ireland. For further information on how your organisation can benefit, contact Jillian Wallace on 028 9261 9933.

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Who should attend?

The conference will be of interest to all stakeholders involved in aspects of housing, funding and management including senior managers in the public, private and third sectors in Northern Ireland. The conference will be of particular interest to:

- Professionals in housing policy and delivery;
- Government departments and agencies;
- Those providing benefits advice;
- Housing associations;
- Policy / public affairs advisors;
- The construction industry;
- Project funders;
- Legal advisors;
- Housing and planning consultants;
- The community / voluntary sector / NGOs;
- Local elected representatives.

Networking opportunity

The conference is structured in a way to provide a high level of interaction between speakers and delegates.

There will be plentiful opportunities for questions as well as discussion in each of the sessions. In the breaks and margins of the event there will also be ample scope for business development.

Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the conference will:

- ✓ Look at the future of housing policy in Northern Ireland
- ✓ Discuss the impact of welfare reform
- ✓ Analyse all the key issues
- ✓ Hear about innovative solutions being applied elsewhere

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APSE Cemeteries and Crematoria Seminar 2020

Caring and Sharing – the changing roles and responsibilities of Bereavement Services Managers



Thursday 16 April 2020

National Conference Centre, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull B92 0EJ

Programme

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09:00 Coffee and registration

10:00 Session One

APSE State of the Market results 2020

- Results of the state of the Market Survey 2019
- Future funding implications
- Income generation - the opportunities

Paul O'Brien Chief Executive APSE

Public/Private Partnerships – developing partnerships approaches with the private sector

- Undertaking cremations for the private sector
- The opportunity for partnership working
- The benefits for both organisations

Paul Wright, Open Space Services - Divisional Manager, Halton Borough Council

Bringing Nature and Biodiversity back Into Cemeteries

- A vision for our 40 acres of cemeteries
- External funding and internal funding challenges/opportunities
- Successes to date and lessons learned
- Plans for the future

Adrian Pickersgill Bereavement Services Manager, Doncaster Council & Andy Harbon Chair of the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery group

Audience question and answer session

11.30 Coffee break and Exhibition Viewing

12:00 Session Two

'What is Innovation ?' - An interactive audience open discussion on what constitutes innovation in order to help us understand what is happening in our local services

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| • Mechanical Digging | • Heat Recovery |
| • New Memorial choice | • Digital Paperwork |
| • Artificial Grass | • Council Funeral Director |
| • Mausoleums | • Litter Recycling |
| • Council Cost Effective Funeral Services i.e. Residents Funeral Service | • Friend Groups |
| • Floral Tribute Recycling | • Grounds Management |
| • Abatement | • Cremation Music Choice |
| | • Cremation Visual Tributes |
| | • Webcasting |

Andrew Bond Bereavement Services Manager, Wigan Council & Halton Borough Council

Lea Fields Crematorium, Gainsborough - Commissioning and running in-house crematorium services during the age of austerity

- Considerations: Financial climate, Local need and Commercial opportunity.
- Design and development: managing the build, stakeholder support and market engagement
- Impact – Council (Commerciality and transformation), People (Engagement and Partnerships) and Place (Innovation and design)

Cllr. G McNeill, Leader of West Lindsey District Council and Alan Robinson, Acting Director of Governance, West Lindsey District Council

Audience question and answer session

13.00 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

14:00 Session Three

Cremations and burials in an age of climate change worries

- Electric vs Gas Cremations
- Greener solutions to cemetery development
- Contributing to carbon neutrality and climate change declarations in the bereavement industry

Justin Smith, Director, The CDS Group

Norwich Natural cemeteries

- Where we are now
- Sustainable living
- Sustainable dying

Susan Moore, Area Management Team Leader, Norwich Council

Are you prepared for a Pandemic?

- Following the outbreak of Coronavirus, would your authority be able to cope with a Pandemic
- Do you have a Pandemic Plan in place?
- What would be the planning, staffing and operational issues

Lee Snashfold, APSE Associate

Audience question and answer session

15:15 Seminar close

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Seminar Objectives

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About the Seminar

Bereavement Services is a high profile council service which, as well as meeting the needs of the bereaved, is under increasing pressure to become commercially self-sustaining whilst ensuring value for money.

The service area is also facing changing cultural requirements as well as being held responsible for caring for the natural environments in which they work. Added to this catalogue of responsibilities is the need to meet a long list of new and current legislative demands.

Whilst these challenges have to be met, the heart of the service is still to ensure it considers its customers' needs at the most vulnerable time in their lives.

In a time of austerity, local authorities continue to find their budgets shrinking and, as such, managers and staff alike are having to look for ways to compensate against these losses, either through service efficiencies, generating new sources of income, or innovative service delivery methodologies such as partnership working.

Service delivery is, therefore, having to change. APSE recognises this need and, through the provision of this seminar and its wider networking services, APSE can help elected members, managers and officers hear examples of how these changes can be brought about.

Therefore, the aim of the seminar is to highlight best practice and innovation, which, together, will prove invaluable to the development of future Bereavement Services.

Delegates will learn about:

- The issues which are key concerns for local authority Bereavement Services via the results from APSE's State of the Market Report 2020.
- Working with the private sector to increase income levels and utilise local authority bereavement assets
- Learning how one local authority working with Friends Groups have made a place for nature within their cemeteries
- Identifying innovation and best practice examples in the delivery of Bereavement Services via an interactive discussion
- Hearing about the planning and delivery of a new state of the art crematoria.
- Understanding the climate change impacts of the Bereavement Services and looking at ways on how to reduce them
- Looking at how one local authority is approaching a cradle to grave approach to environmental sustainability.
- How local authority Bereavement Services need to plan for potential pandemics.

It is hoped delegates will take away ideas and experiences which will help services become more sustainable and ready to meet future opportunities and challenges.

The conference is planned to allow time for debate and questions as well as giving delegates the chance to meet exhibitors of products and services which will help Bereavement Managers in delivering higher quality services.

Who should attend?

- Service Directors
- Managers and officers (bereavement services, funeral services, cemeteries and crematoria, grounds maintenance, greenspace, climate change and environmental services)
- Policy advisors, accountants and lawyers
- Performance Management officers
- Health and Safety Managers
- Sustainability and environmental officers
- Trade Union representatives
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisations

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APSE Northern Ireland

Climate Emergency: Practical actions and long-term policy goals for Northern Ireland Local Councils



Thursday 5 March 2020

Millbrook Lodge Hotel, 5 Drumaness Rd, Ballynahinch BT24 8LS

Programme

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10:00 Coffee and registration

10:30 Session one

Chair: Cllr Terry Andrews, APSE Northern Ireland Chair

The Bigger Picture: Climate Change and Councils across the UK

- Climate change actions by councils across the UK
- Route maps to action: short, mid and long-term plans
- The policy dynamics of climate change in a council context
- It's not just about carbon! Ecology, Economy, Environment
- Interface with frontline council services

Mo Baines, APSE Head of Communications and Coordination

Belfast City Council; Resilience Strategy

- The Belfast Resilience Strategy
- A low carbon resilient economy
- Innovate UK funding for on-street EV infrastructure
- Developing hydrogen refuelling in the city

Grainia Long, Belfast Commissioner for Resilience, Belfast City Council

Local Authority Climate Action – Northern Ireland

- Drivers for climate action – Impacts, Policy, Ethics and Emergency Declarations
- Climate Action Planning – Resources & Commitment, Data & Information, Processes
- The challenges and opportunities
- North West Regional Energy Strategy

Cathy Burns, Climate Programme Manager, Leo Strawbridge, Energy Manager and Ciaran McGrath, Regional Energy Co-ordinator, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Audience question and answer session

Sustainable NI

- Our priorities for action: What do we need to support effective action?
- Balancing mitigation and adaptation strategies
- Sustainable development: Sustainable economic growth for Northern Ireland
- What are the big asks for local councils?

Nichola Hughes, Executive Director, Sustainable NI

11:45 Coffee break

12:00 Session two

Electric vehicles and fleet: Are they achievable in Northern Ireland Councils?

- When will the tipping point arrive for electric vehicles?
- What about infrastructure, generation and storage?
- How can the local authority engage in developing viable schemes for local areas?

Sebastian Street, Development Manager, Gridserve

Making your assets including leisure centres greener

- The impact of energy on civic and public buildings
- The high energy burn: Leisure centres
- What actions can you take in the short, medium and long-term to reduce the carbon footprint of your assets?

Alan Barber, APSE Energy Associate

The importance of Biodiversity for Climate Action

- The CANN Project: 'Collaborative Action for the Natura Network'
- An INTERREG Funded Project
- The importance of biodiversity and peatland habitats for climate action

Shane McGivern, CANN Project Manager, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Networking lunch

APSE Climate Change and Renewables Network

Did you know that as an APSE member you can access the free to attend APSE Climate Change and Renewables Network? The network shares best practice, ideas and innovation and strategic policy direction between APSE member councils that have made, or are considering making, a climate emergency declaration. You can sign up online on the APSE website www.apse.org or email Mo Baines on mbaines@apse.org. uk for more information.

APSE Energy

Our unique APSE Energy membership based service brings together advice and guidance on the specialists area of municipal energy schemes; exploring local authority renewables energy schemes, energy infrastructure projects from solar farms to on-street residential electric

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APSE Solutions

APSE Solutions is part of APSE's not-for-profit services to members. In the field of climate change, APSE Solutions offers support for fleet reviews, looking at how you can green your fleet, underground bins and the issues of the resources and waste strategies proposed across the UK and how all services can contribute to the green agenda and decarbonisation – including more efficient ways of working to reduce road miles. Contact Andy Mudd on amudd@apse.org.uk

Seminar Objectives

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About the seminar

As councils across the UK declare Climate Emergencies this event for APSE member local councils is designed to explore the current policy context of climate change actions by local councils and the public sector. This seminar will provide both an overview of the challenges and opportunities for both adaptation and mitigation strategies as well as offering some practical solutions to help frontline services deal with the challenges of greening local services.

This event will provide an interactive environment in which to explore the issues facing local councils as well as future action planning and networking to share ideas and successes.

Who should attend?

The Climate Emergency is not isolated to any one service or specialism and should be viewed holistically across all local council services and portfolios. Therefore we encourage attendance from:-

- Elected Councillors including leaders and portfolio holders
- Sustainability and energy officers
- Chief Executives, Senior Managers and Frontline Service Managers
- Northern Ireland Public Agencies and statutory bodies

Reserve your place now by completing the booking form and emailing it back to Caitlyn King at CKing@apse.org.uk or by completing the online booking form at www.apse.org.uk.

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This event is FREE to APSE member local councils

The Venue

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Conference Programme

Conference Facilitator Chair: Brendan McSherry - Heritage Office Louth County Council

8.30am -9am Registration & Tea/Coffee and Networking

9am – 9:10am **Welcome: Pat McCormick,**
President Dundalk Chamber of Commerce

9.10am – 9.40am **"What slow food can do for me"**
Hermione Winters- President Slow Food Ireland

9.40am – 10.10am **" World of Tourism Talks: Deeper Connections with Podcasting"**
Wayne Denner

10.10am – 10.40am **"Boyne Valley Food Trail"**
Grainne McKeown

10.40am – 11.00am **"Questions and Answers"**

11.00am – 11.20am **Coffee Break and visit trade stands**

11.20am – 11.50am **"Ballyhoura and how to be different."**
John Fitzgerald – Chairman Ballyhoura Failte Development Group

11.50am – 12.20am **"Why Not!"**
Cillian Murphy- Loop Head Tourism

12.20am – 12.50am **'2020 Vision: 10 things your visitors want this year'**
Pól Ó Conghaile - Travel Editor with The Irish Independent

12.50am – 1.15pm **"Questions and Answers"**

1.15pm – 2.00pm **"Networking Lunch"**
This session gives attendees the opportunity to meet the speakers on a one to one basis and visit all the trade exhibits at the event. Key stake holders include:
DKIT School of Hospitality
Southern Regional College
Local Enterprise Office Louth
Louth Leader Partnership
Louth County Council Planning Office

Conference ends at 2.00pm

Your Speakers



Cillian Murphy believes a sustainable tourism industry can only be created through prioritizing community involvement in destination development. Co-founder of Loop Head Tourism, a multi-award winning Irish responsible tourism destination, he has spoken many times on this including at World Travel Market and The World Bank Group Tourism Forum in Washington. He has an MSc in Responsible Tourism, he has developed a practical, place based, methodology which puts the host community at the very centre of the destination development process, empowering and building them to better understand the role tourism plays, what assets they have and are happy to sell, and to whom and when it is appropriate. Cillian has provided advice to many communities, local authorities and destination management organisations throughout Ireland and internationally, including Visit Lofoten, Central Counties Tourism, Canada, and is currently working with The National Trust Northern Ireland delivering the community engagement lens of the Giants Causeway Capacity Study.



Hermione Winters is the current President of Slow Food Ireland, having taken over from Darina Allen in March 2017. She has been a member of Slow Food since 1999. In 2000, she established The Garden Convivium, a local branch of Slow Food covering South Dublin/North Wicklow. As Slow Food Ireland is a volunteer organisation, Hermione works full-time as the Company Secretarial Manager in the Asset Management and Investment Funds Division of a leading Dublin law firm. In 2003, Hermione left law to set up her own business "Passion for Food", a retail outlet specialising in Irish artisan foods. She sold the business in 2008, returning to law. Hermione is still passionate about food dedicating all her spare time to promoting Slow Food and organising events, both national and local. She is currently working on a number of projects for Slow Food: the setting up of a Fresh Blood Pudding Presidia; the introduction in Ireland of the Slow Food Chefs' Alliance and, in conjunction with Trinity College, "Food Smart Dublin" a project to promote sustainable seafood consumption. Hermione loves cooking, enjoys foraging and is experimenting with hedgerow brewing.



Pól Ó Conghaile is Travel Editor with The Irish Independent and a regular contributor to National Geographic Traveller. He has been voted Travel Writer of the Year in both Ireland and the UK, has been published all over the world, and as a travel expert features regularly on national TV & radio. Pól is the author of Secret Dublin: An Unusual Guide (Jonglez) and a speaker at travel, media and food events, including the National Geographic Traveller masterclasses. He is a father of two, husband of one, and continues to travel widely throughout the island... and beyond. Follow him on Twitter at @poloconghaile.



Wayne Denner author of 'The Student's Guide to an Epic Online Reputation...and parents too', Coach, Educator, Speaker and Trainer, set up Ireland's first Social Network platform in the early noughties before Facebook, Twitter, Myspace and Bebo!. After 23 years in this space Wayne is now internationally regarded as a thought leader and influencer on online safety and reputation, online behaviour, community engagement and emerging trends in social media in today's rapidly changing online environment. Wayne inspires and motivates young people and adults to protect their well being online, take control and maximise their individual talent in today's digital world. Wayne tells his story and provides sound advice on protecting personal, professional and organisational reputation online and using social networks, the internet and smartphones to your advantage



John Fitzgerald has over 20 years experience as Event Management Consultant and Project Manager. Previously spent over 14 years as Facilities, Engineering and Project Manager for major US Multinational IT Business. Has led Teams as PM on numerous major Construction Projects and Event Concepts and now specifically designs and Builds unique Event Designs and Experiences for Corporate and Private clients. John has also created the Kennedy Rooms Venue concept in Bruff Co Limerick as a multi room event space and specialised venue, converting an old disused Convent into a unique location for all aspects of Events and the Film Industry. John works with Rebecca on creating themed and high end Events at the Kennedy Rooms and numerous Hotels and locations around Ireland. John is Chairman of Ballyhoura Failte and is working to continue the Development of the Ballyhoura Tourism concept