

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NMD/C/

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 6 January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor C Casey

In attendance:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor D Curran
Councillor L Devlin	Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Howell
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor A Lewis	Councillor O Magennis
Councillor G Malone	Councillor C Mason
Councillor D McAteer	Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor H McKee	Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor A McMurray	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor K Owen	Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó Muirí	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor B Walker	

(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
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Burgess and Reilly.

The Chairperson offered condolences to the families of JP Smyth and Shane Cunningham who had tragically lost their lives over the Christmas period and also Vicky-Leigh Carson who had sadly died by suicide.

The Chairperson offered his congratulations to Kilcoo who won the semi-final of the All-Ireland Club Finals and Ballynahinch Olympic who won the Border Cup over the Christmas period.

C/002/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/003/2020 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Action sheet arising from Council Meeting held on 2 December 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 2 December 2019 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor McKee.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/004/2020 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 2 December 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 December 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/005/2020 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2019 were agreed as an accurate record, on the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Curran.

C/006/2020 MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2019

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The Minutes of the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Savage

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**MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2019**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 December 2019 (copy circulated).

AHC/202/2019 – Sport NI Your School, Your Club Funding +1 Enclosure

Councillor Ó Muirí stated he had asked a question regarding the sports bubble seeking assurance from officials that everything was in order and complete transparent, however this had not been minuted.

Mr Lipsett advised the Minutes would be amended accordingly.

AHC/206/2019 – Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero

Councillor Sharvin enquired regarding the financial assistance and said a Working Group had already been set up but had met only once.

Mr Lipsett advised the financial assistance would be for the next financial year and a meeting with the full working group would be arranged as soon as possible.

Councillor Gibbons asked that, next year, consideration be given to increasing the £10,000 currently being allocated to Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 December 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor O’Muirí, seconded by Councillor Kimmins.

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**MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2019**

Read: Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2019 (copy circulated).

Councillor Tinnelly thanked Officers for the information forwarded to him regarding the Review of Council Municipal Cemetery Rules and Regulations but expressed concern that within the term of this Council, both Warrenpoint and Monkshill cemeteries would be at full capacity.

Mr Moore advised there were plans for extending both Warrenpoint and Monkshill cemeteries which would address capacity concerns.

Agreed: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2019 were agreed as an accurate record, on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Magennis.

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**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2019**

Read: Extract of Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2019 (copy circulated).

Agreed: The extract from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2019 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer and seconded by Councillor Ruane.

CORRESPONDENCE

C/010/2020 APPLICATION FOR NEW BUILD

Read: Correspondence dated 15 November 2019 from St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel re Application for New Build. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Doran stated there were serious health and safety issues with overcrowding in the school and he proposed that Council Officials' meet with the Board of Governors to offer assistance with their funding application. Councillor Clarke seconded the proposal.

Councillors Devlin, Savage and Tinnelly all agreed with Councillor Doran's comments.

Councillors Hanna and McKee also agreed with Councillor Doran's comments; Councillor Hanna said that Kilkeel High School also needed an upgrade and Council should be looking to support all schools and Councillor McKee said smaller schools needed assistance as well and that meetings should be arranged with school principals and officers.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Clarke that Council Officials' meet with the Board of Governors of St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel to assist them with their funding application.

Noted: The correspondence dated 29 November 2019 from St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel re Application for New Build was noted.

C/011/2020 RE MOTION: C/186/2019 LOCATION OF WELFARE APPEALS

Read: Correspondence dated 4 December 2019 from Mid Ulster District Council re Motion C/186/2019 – Location of Welfare Appeals. (copy circulated).

Councillor Savage welcomed the response received from Mid Ulster District Council and anticipated there would be further responses received from other Councils.

Mrs Ward advised a reply had been received earlier from Ards & North Down Borough Council in support of the Council's motion.

Agreed: The correspondence dated 4 December 2019 regarding Motion on Location of Welfare Appeals Charges was noted.

C/012/2020 RE MOTION: C/182/2019 EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF BOWEL AND BREAST CANCER

Read: Correspondence dated 10 December 2019 from R Pengelly re Motion C/182/2019 – Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer. (copy circulated)

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 10 December 2019 regarding the Motion on Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer was noted.**

C/013/2020 **WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS**

Read: Correspondence dated 19 November 2019 from NI Water re. Wastewater Infrastructure Crisis. (copy circulated)

Concern was expressed from several Councillors regarding the content of the letter.

Mrs Ward said NI Water would be in attendance at the Special Council Meeting at the end of January and all Members' concerns could be addressed then.

Agreed: **The correspondence dated 19 November 2019 regarding Wastewater Infrastructure Crisis was noted.**

C/014/2020 **CORRESPONDENCE RE MOTION: C/187/2019 SOFT OPT OUT ORGAN DONATION LEGISLATION**

Read: Correspondence dated 23 December 2019 from R Pengelly re Motion C/187/2019 – Soft Opt Out Organ Donation Legislation. (copy circulated)

Councillor Owen asked, in the absence of legislation, if there was anything that could be done at Council level in terms of educating people and raising awareness.

Councillor Mulgrew advised during her tenure as Chairperson she had hosted an event with young people to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation. She suggested the issue could be progressed through the DEAs.

Mr Lipsett said a report on this issue would be tabled at the next Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting.

Agreed: **Mr Lipsett to bring a report to the next Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting highlighting the importance of promoting Soft Opt Out Organ Donation through the DEAs.**

The correspondence dated 23 December 2019 regarding the Motion on Soft Opt Out Organ Donation Legislation was noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

C/015/2019 **NOTICE OF MOTION – BROWN BIN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS**

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

