

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 09 December 2019 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor D Curran (Deputy Chairperson ERT)

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor R Burgess
Councillor W Clarke
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

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/189/2019: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Councillor R Mulgrew

The Deputy Chairperson of the ERT Committee, Councillor Curran, spoke of the sad news regarding the passing of Councillor Mulgrew's mother Phyllis Evans. He said this was a particularly difficult time for Councillor Mulgrew as she had recently lost

her husband and he asked the Committee to hold a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Councillor Mulgrew.

ERT/190/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**ERT/191/2019: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise,
Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11
November 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor
Curran it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the
Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held
on Monday 11 November 2019.**

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

**ERT/192/2019: DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES
FUNDING : JANUARY – MARCH 2020**

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director
Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Department for
Communities funding application towards year end revenue and capital
initiatives across the District. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor
Ruane it was agreed Council submit two Funding Applications
and accept Letters of Offer from Department for Communities for
£100,000 for regeneration and marketing initiatives.**

**It was also agreed that subject to receipt of funding from
Department for Communities, progress be made to carry out the
necessary procurement to have the agreed number of project
elements completed.**

ERT/193/2019: REPORT OF WARRENPONIT FRONT SHORE

**PUBLIC REALM SCHEME
TASK AND FINISH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019**

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29 October 2019.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed:

- (a) Council Officers meet with Council Framework Consultants to commission RIBA Stages 1-3 of the project.**
- (b) A site meeting of the Task & Finish Committee to be arranged once consultants in place.**
- (c) Council Officers to work closely with the Framework consultants once appointed, to produce a more accurate project programme.**
- (d) Council Officers and consultants to proceed with the Topographical GPR and other associated studies as part of the design process.**
- (e) All relevant Council departments, DFI sections and other statutory and Utility Groups to be liaised with.**
- (f) Phasing priorities of Existing Town Centre Frontage, Baths to Balmoral and then to Cole's Corner, to be further considered once concept stage costings are known.**
- (g) Council officers to ensure the DFI maintain good communications with the local community regarding the out workings of future studies into the concept of a one-way system.**

ERT/194/2019: MASTERPLANS: PRIORITY ACTION PLANS

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, providing an update regarding Priority Action Plans for the following Masterplans:
(Copy circulated)

- Newry City Master Plan
- Ballynahinch Master Plan
- Downpatrick Master Plan

- South East Coast Master Plan

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to approve the updated content and actions outlined in Priority Action Plans for each of the following 4 No. Master Plans:

- Newry City Master Plan
- Ballynahinch Master Plan
- Downpatrick Master Plan
- South East Coast Master Plan

Noted: Officers confirmed that the Newcastle Centre project was led through the Active & Healthy Communities directorate but that it would be referred to in the South East Coast Master Plan.

Officers also confirmed that the Warrenpoint Seafront development would also be referred to within the South East Coast Master Plan.

BUILDING CONTROL & REGULATIONS

ERT/195/2019: BUILDING CONTROL NI FIRE SAFETY PANEL : ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding the Building Control NI Fire Safety Panel Annual Conference to be held 6-7 February 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to appoint 2 No. Building Control Officers to attend the Building Control NI Fire Safety Panel Annual Conference to be held 6-7 February 2020 in Armagh City Hotel at cost of £600.

Noted: Council Officials to update Councillor Andrews regarding the Council's participation in the forthcoming Holiday World Exhibitions.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/196/2019: REQUEST FOR FUNDING
WARRENPOINT PANTOMIME CLUB 70th ANNIVERSARY

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding a request for a financial contribution towards Warrenpoint Pantomime Group in recognition of the groups 70th Anniversary. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Tinnelly referred to Warrenpoint Pantomime Club which he described as being an institution which has been bringing mid-winter entertainment to many people across the District over the past seven decades. He said in the Club's 70th Anniversary year they would like to stage a production to mark the occasion and he said it would be a fitting tribute if the Council would recognise Warrenpoint Pantomime Club and give consideration to this request for financial assistance.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Council will cover facility hire costs in sum of £3,500 for the Warrenpoint Pantomime Group show in 2020.**
- (b) The Chairperson of Council to host a reception in recognition of Warrenpoint Pantomime 70th Anniversary.**

ERT/197/2019: MASTER PLAN
DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding a Master Plan for Delamont Country Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: In response to issues raised Officials confirmed proposals regarding charges at Forest Parks and plans for trail development, including mapping of boundaries, would be reported back to the ERT Committee in due course.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed as follows:

- (a) Council initiate implementing recommendations for the Delamont Country Park Master Plan, on a phased basis**

beginning with Trails and Interpretation improvements in 20/21, followed by other recommendations.

- (b) Council to pursue relevant funding opportunities to support implementation of the Delamont Country Park Master Plan.

ERT/198/2019: MARKETING / PR SERVICES
PROMOTION OF TOURISM EVENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the procurement of a Marketing/PR service to promote the Council's Tourism Events Programme 2020/21. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to procure a suitable provider to supply a Marketing/PR service to promote the Council's Tourism Event Programme.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the following matters 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).

(5.25pm: Councillor Tinnelly left the meeting)

ERT/199/2019: APPOINTMENT OF
FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT DIRECTOR

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding the continuation of a contract for Flying Display Director for the Festival of Flight 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

**ERT/200/2019: REVIEW OF DESIGNATED SITES
STREET TRADING**

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding a review of designated sites for Street Trading. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to come out of closed session.

(5.39pm: Councillor Tinnelly re-joined the meeting)

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

**ERT/199/2019: Appointment of Flying Display Director
Festival of Flight 2020**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to continue the contract for Flying Display Director for Festival of Flight 2020 with an option to renew for Festival of Flight 2021 following procurement exercise, as previously agreed at the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018.

ERT/200/2019: Review of Designated Sites – Street Trading

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to revoke 2 No. Street Trading Licences for hot food trading within the Newry Mourne & Down District. The Licences are to be revoked due to a breach of Licence conditions at the trading pitch in The Square, Warrenpoint.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ERT/201/2019: NOTICE OF MOTION

Noted: It was noted that the following Motion of Motion which had come forward for consideration in the name of Councillor G Malone, had been withdrawn:

“As the Council Members are aware, the retail sector are currently facing very

difficult times due to falling sales, internet competition, Brexit and many other difficulties. Many high street household names both nationally or locally have gone or are going into liquidation. Even at this late stage I believe the Council should consider reducing car parking fees in our District Council area, in an effort to increase the footfall in our city and towns in the run up to Christmas. I firmly believe this gesture would be welcomed by our retailers and provide a much welcomed boost during very difficult times.”

FOR NOTING

ERT/202/2019: UPDATE

RE: GATEWAY TO MOURNES PROJECT

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events providing an update on the development of the Outline Business Case for the Mournes Gateway Project as part of the Belfast Region City Deal Programme.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the update regarding the Mournes Gateway Project as part of the Belfast Region City Deal Programme.

ERT/203/2019: ALBERT BASIN BOAT TOURS

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding an updated request from Silvery Light Sailing to operate a three month trail series of day sailings on Albert Basin and Newry Canal commencing Spring 2020.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the updated request from Silvery Light Sailing regarding boat tours at Albert Basin.

ERT/204/2019: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK & FINISH GROUP

Read: Report dated 09 December 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, regarding ongoing actions of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: It was agreed to note the update regarding ongoing action of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board.

ERT/205/2019: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

Read: Planning Committee Performance figures for month of November 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note Planning Committee Performance figures for November 2019.

**ERT/206/2019: 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/207/2019: 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 5.40pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 January 2020.

Signed: Councillor D Curran

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee