

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 13 January 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 D Curran
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor A McMurray
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/001/2020: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Councillor Mulgrew, Chairperson, said it was the first meeting of the Committee in 2020 and she extended her thanks to Vice Chairperson of the Committee, Councillor D Curran for his support during her absence in 2019.

Apologies were received from the following Councillors:

Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor W Clarke

Councillor H Reilly
Councillor R Burgess

ERT/002/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in Item No: 12 regarding NIBSUP (Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme).

With reference to Item 4 regarding All Ireland Smart Cities Forum Membership, it was noted that Councillor Andrews was a member of the East Border Region and he did not need to declare an interest in this item of business.

**ERT/003/2020: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 December 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 December 2019.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/004/2020: ALL IRELAND SMART CITIES FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding All Ireland Smart Cities Forum Membership. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- (a) Newry, Mourne and Down District Council continues to avail of the expertise from the All-Ireland Smart Cities Forum and renew membership for 2020 at a cost of €3,333 per annum.**

- (b) An officer from ERT and a representative from East Border Region attend the meetings and feed back into digital projects including BRCD, FFNI and ERT digital projects.

ERT/005/2020: SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR DRAGONS IN THE HILLS PROJECT

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding successful application for Dragons in the Hills Project. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McMurray seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed:

- (a) To sign and accept the Joint Letter of Offer from National Heritage Lottery to Amphibian and Reptile Groups of UK (ARG UK), Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Herpetological Society of Ireland (HIS) (subject to satisfaction of all Letter of Offer terms and conditions).
- (b) To establish a MOU with the lead partner, establishing roles and responsibilities for project management and delivery.
- (c) To host the part time staff member, fully funded by the programme, employed by Amphibian and Reptile Groups of UK, but located in the AONB office to facilitate programme delivery.

BUILDING CONTROL & REGULATIONS

ERT/006/2020: INCREASE IN NON-STATUTORY FEES SCHEDULE

Read: Report dated 13 January 202 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding the increase in Non-Statutory Fees Schedule. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to grant approval to increase the non-statutory Building Control fee schedule in

line with inflation from the previous schedule agreed in 2015. The implementation date would be 1 April 2020 and to carry out a further review in 2023.

It was noted all Building Control sections with the 11 Councils implement the same fee schedule.

ERT/007/2020: TENDER FOR MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF STREET NAMEPLATES

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding tender for manufacture and supply of street nameplates. **(Copy circulated)**.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed the Council authorise the commencement of the tendering process with a view to putting in place a new contract for the provisions of new street nameplates effective from 1st March 2020 until 28th February 2023.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/008/2020: REPAIR TO LOCKS – LOCK 9 NEWRY CANAL

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding repair to Locks – Lock 9 Newry Canal. **(Copy circulated)**

Discussion took place regarding the long term future of Newry Canal and concerns that the development of the Southern Relief Road and proposed bridge could restrict future development of the Canal.

It was acknowledged that the long term future development of Newry Canal needed to be examined but that for the present, efforts were being focused on the restoration and protection of the locks with the view these structures being able to be utilised in the future.

It was noted that very few of the locks were operational and would require significant works.

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

- (a) To contribute £41,189 to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to undertake repairs to Lock No. 9 on Newry Canal which was jointly owned by both Councils.
- (b) To appoint relevant expertise to undertake assessment and seek necessary approvals of work essential to maintain the structure of Lock No. 6 which is in Council ownership, at an estimated cost of £8,500.

Noted: The total budget for these works is proposed in 2020/21 capital budgets.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor 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/009/2020: **INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT AND NEWCASTLE PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding International Mountain Bike Event and Newcastle Pipe Band Championship. **(Copy circulated).**

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

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

ERT/009/2020: International Mountain Bike Event and Newcastle Pipe Band Championships

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed that Officers write to the promoters of the proposed Mournes International MTB Event and Newcastle Pipe Band Championship to confirm Council would support each event in principle; and funding would be allocated subject to budget being available following the assessment of applications in the 2020/2021 financial assistance call for Tourism Events; and that each event promoter submit updated business cases for the respective events.

FOR NOTING

ERT/010/2020: INCREASE IN PROPERTY CERTIFICATE FEES

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding proposed increase in property certificate fees from £60 to £70 with effect from 1 April 2020, with a further review to be carried out in April 2023. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **It was agreed to note the update regarding the proposed increase in property certificate fees.**

**ERT/011/2020: LOUTH NMD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
25 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Read: Report of Louth and Newry, Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2019. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: **It was agreed to note the above report.**

**ERT/012/2020: UPDATE
(NIBSUP) BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES**

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, providing an update on progress under the 4 main business support programmes. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the update provided on performance under the following business development programmes:-

- NI Business Start-Up Programme
- NMD Business Growth Programme
- NMD Procurement and Supply Chain Programme
- Digital Development Programme

ERT/013/2020: **UPDATE ON BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL**

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, providing an update on the progress of the Belfast City Deal (BRCD). **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the update provided on the Belfast Region City Deal, including update on completion of Outline Business Cases, government and financial arrangements for the next phase of delivery.

ERT/014/2020: **WARRENPOINT BATHS**

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, providing an update on Warrenpoint Baths. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the content of the report dated 13 January 2020 regarding Warrenpoint Baths and that the EOI would be re-issued through public advertisement.

ERT/015/2020: **CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK**

Read: Report dated 13 January 2020 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, providing an update on Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated).**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the ongoing actions of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board held on 29 November 2019.

ERT/016/2020: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

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

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

**ERT/017/2020: 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/018/2020: 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 5.30pm

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3 February 2020.

Signed: Councillor R Mulgrew

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee