

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 14 October 2019 at 5.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews
Councillor A McMurray
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 H Reilly
Councillor G Stokes

(Non Committee Members)

Councillor W Walker
Councillor C Owens
Councillor K McKeivitt

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/134/2019: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Councillor Mulgrew, on behalf of the Committee, extended best wishes to Marie Ward in her new role as Chief Executive and paid tribute to the work Marie and Officers had carried out within the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Department.

She welcomed Conor Mallon the new Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.

Councillor Mulgrew, on behalf of the Committee and Sinn Fein, also extended a warm welcome to Councillor Catherine Owens who will be replacing Councillor Harry Harvey. She acknowledged the great contribution Harry made to Council during his time as Councillor.

Councillor Mulgrew welcomed Councillor Andy McMurray back to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

An apology was received from Councillor M Ruane.

ERT/135/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

**ERT/136/2019: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

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

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/137/2019: URBAN REGENERATION FORWARD WORK PLAN

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director

Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding an update on an Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan partnership with Department for Communities. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: The Council work closely with contractors to ensure works are completed to required standards.
Inclusion of smaller towns in schemes which will enhance businesses and promote tourism.

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

- (a) Council approve the updated 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Work Plan Oct 2019' to allow continued lobbying of DFC in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations.
- (b) Council work with the Department for Communities to agree Regeneration intervention measures are required in each of the 5 settlements (Saintfield, Killyleagh, Castlewellan, Bessbrook and Rostrevor) with a population of between 2,500 and 5,000 in the district over the next 5 years.
- (c) Council Officials to liaise with the relevant Departments regarding funding to regenerate Newcastle Harbour and surfacing of Harbour Road Kilkeel.

ERT/138/2019: CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration seeking approval to proceed to contractor in respect of the Carlingford Lough Greenway. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed:

- (a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.
- (b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.

**ERT/139/2019: DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT
(FORMER PSNI STATION)**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon
Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, regarding the
Downpatrick Regeneration Project at the former PSNI Station.
(Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor
Hanlon it was agreed as follows:**

- (a) Council Officers proceed to work with Department for
Communities in conjunction with Strategic Investment
Board to draft a Development brief and issue to the market
through public advertisement**

- (b) Convene a stakeholder engagement group made up of
Downpatrick DEA Councillors, Business representatives for
the Town Centre and relevant Public Agencies to input
guide the process to include a Breakfast Launch before
Christmas.**

ERT/140/2019: SMALL BUSINESSS SALES & EXPORTING PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director
Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Small
Business Sales and Exporting Programme.
(Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon seconded by
Councillor Clarke it was agreed to procure and implement a
Small Business Sales and Exporting Programme that will
support at least 20 SME businesses to increase sales to
markets outside of NI (particularly GB and South of Ireland),
and raise awareness of the Newry, Mourne and Down area
as an attractive location for business development and
investment.**

ERT/141/2019: DAERA RURAL SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS SCHEME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding an update on the DAERA Rural Small Business Grants scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- (a) To sign and accept a contract for funding for implementation of the programme**
- (b) To agree implementation in the DAERA rural grants scheme for businesses, as per the timescales above**

ERT/142/2019: NI BUSINESS START PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the NI Business Start Programme – the current programme and the collaborative funding application for the new programme. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- (a) Participate in a new Business Start Up Collaborative programme with other NI Councils and collaboratively submit a funding application for ERDF Jobs and Growth**
- (b) LCCC will continue as Lead Council of the New Programme if the funding application is successful for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2023**
- (c) To enter into a new Collaborative agreement which sets out the governance arrangement for the new programme, subject to review by Council's legal representatives**
- (d) Agree the proposed outcomes and associated financials for the New Programme, accepting that these are subject to change as a result of funding application, assessment and Letter of Offer (any amendments will be reported through Council)**

ERT/143/2019: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – QUEENS UNIVERSITY

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a Service Level Agreement with Queens University Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF). **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to establish a Service Level Agreement with the Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF) to provide an integrated landscape study for what is believed to be part of the ancient roadway (Slighe Miodhluachr) which runs from the northern road, Tara Co Meath, to Armagh with sections through the NMD District

ERT/144/2019: MIPIM PROPERTY CONFERENCE: 2020

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the MIPIM Property Conference to be held from 10-12 March 2020 in Cannes France. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed the Council as a partner in the Belfast Region City Deal, make a contribution in the sum of £15,000 towards the delivery of investment opportunity at the MIPIM Conference to be held from 10-12 March 2020 in Cannes France, plus make available a sum of £6,000 in respect of travel and accommodation for the Council delegation who will attend the event which will include Chairman of Council, Chief Executive and 1 No. Director.

It was also agreed Council Officials contact the owners of Mourne Park Estate Kilkeel regarding the possible inclusion of this site in the portfolio for presentation at MIPIM.

ERT/145/2019: FFNI 5G COMMUNICATIONS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding FFNI 5G Communications. **(Copy circulated)**

(5.45pm : Councillor K McKeivitt joined the Meeting)

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

- (a) Council Officers to review the health impacts of 5G and seek further guidance from the Public Health England, DCMS, OFCOM and other relevant authorities to carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out within the District.
- (b) To authorise FFNI c/o NMDDC, to submit a bid(s) for appropriate funding for 5G on behalf of participating Councils subject to appropriate environmental and health impact assessments.
- (c) To commit up to £10k NMDDC funding to the co-ordination of a 5G community and funding applications.
- (d) To allow NMD, as host of FFNI, to spend the total of such aggregated funding in the pursuit of increasing 5G rollout throughout our communities.

ERT/146/2019: **FFNI GIGABIT VOUCHER PROMOTION**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding FFNI 5G Communications. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed as follows:

- (a) The Council to contribute up to £25,000 towards the cost of designing and operating a pilot voucher promotion scheme to secure up to £4m of DCMS vouchers for Northern Ireland subject to Consortium members agreeing.
- (b) To work with officers to identify two appropriate communities in our region to be a part of the pilot.
- (c) To approve NMDDC to appoint a suitable consultant to assist with implementation and delivery of the pilot.

ERT/147/2019: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CONSULTATION: 2019 REVIEW OF BUSINESS RATES

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the Department of Finance Consultation on 2019 Review of Business Rates.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: Councillors to pass through any information to Council Officials regarding the above Consultation.

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

- (a) Council Officers engage with local business representatives, including the local Chamber of Commerce, Newry Bid to establish the concerns they have with the rates review and include these in the Council's formal response to the consultation**
- (b) Officers in Corporate Services Directorate consider the implications of the rates review for the Council and advise ERT Officers of any concerns that should be included in the response to the consultation**
- (c) Further to the completion of recommendations (a) and (b) above, Council Officers develop a composite formal response to the consultation before the deadline of 11th November 2019.**

ERT/148/2019: EAST BORDER REGION
CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME
LEUVEN BELGIUM: 5-8 NOVEMBER 2019

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the East Border Region Capacity Building Programme study visit through the Irish College in Leuven Belgium. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to appoint the Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism to attend the East Border Region Capacity Building Programme from 5-8 November 2019 in Leuven Belgium at an estimated cost of £650.

BUILDING CONTROL AND REGULATIONS

ERT/149/2019: REVIEW OF DESIGNATED SITES - STREET TRADING

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulation, regarding the Review of Designated Sites for Street Trading. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed to rescind Street Trading designations at the following locations:

- (a) Quay Street, Strangford**
- (b) The Square, Hilltown**
- (c) Windmill Gardens, Ballynahinch**
- (d) Flying Horse, Downpatrick**
- (e) Glebetown Drive, Downpatrick**
- (f) De Courcey Way, Dundrum**
- (g) Comber Road Estate, Killyleagh**
- (h) Osborne Drive, Shrigley**
- (i) Greencastle Street Kilkeel**

Councillor Hanna proposed and Councillor Reilly seconded to rescind the Street Trading pitch at Knockchree Avenue Kilkeel on the basis of inadequate parking in the location, the adverse impact fast food trading has on the nearby hotel in terms of smell and noise and other fast food premises are located close by.

Councillor Reilly seconded the proposal.

Councillor Clarke proposed to accept the recommendation as per Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director, to retain the existing conditions for trading at Knockchree Avenue Kilkeel.

Councillor Larkin seconded the above proposal.

The above proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 7
Against: 4
Abstentions: 2

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to retain the existing conditions for the Trading pitch at Knockchree Avenue Kilkeel.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to retain the trading pitch at The Square Warrenpoint, but enforce trading conditions , ie, removal of vehicle after trading, prevention of trading beyond the designated pitch and enforcement of trading hours currently 11pm. Officers to monitor this trading pitch for a 6 week period and be granted authority to refer to a hearing if deemed necessary to do so.

AGREED: It was agreed Officers discuss issues raised regarding the number of trading pitches in Kilkeel and report back to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee, where appropriate.

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

ERT/150/2019: TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MARKETING FUND

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Events, regarding the Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed Council open the Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund through the Financial Assistance Programme to support local tourism businesses to promote their offering and the wider-district in Spring and Summer 2020

ERT/151/2019: CLUSTER AND TOURISM BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Events, regarding the Cluster and Tourism Business Engagement Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed to appoint a suitable provider through the Tourism NI Framework to deliver an ongoing programme of support to tourism businesses who have been engaged in developing visitor experiences.

(6.30pm: Councillor T Andrews left the meeting)

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Stokes 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).

ERT/152/2019: WARRENPOINT BATHS

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Culture regarding the Lease Agreement for Warrenpoint Baths. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

ER153/2019: Lease Agreement: Warrenpoint Baths

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to progress a full repairing and insuring Lease, at market value, in respect of Warrenpoint Baths with the existing tenant, with the tenant being responsible for maintaining and insuring the site, and any future works on the site in agreement with Council.

FOR NOTING

ERT/154/2019: DEVELOPMENT: NEWCASTLE BEACH

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Arts & Culture, regarding Newcastle Beach development. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Report regarding development at Newcastle Beach.

ERT/155/2019: DEVELOPMENT: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the Heritage Lottery Fund development project at Warrenpoint Municipal Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the completion of the 1 year Defects Correction period for the Capital works at Warrenpoint Municipal Park and the continuing roll out of the Programme of events**

ERT/156/2019: DEVELOPMENT: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the Heritage Lottery Fund development at Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the ongoing actions of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board.**

ERT/157/2019: SEA FLAG 2

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a project update on SEA FLAG 2. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the update report on SEA FLAG 2 project.**

ERT/158/2019: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding an update on the delivery of the Rural Development Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the update report on the delivery of the Rural Development Programme.**

**ERT/159/2019: DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES
ACCESS AND INCLUSION CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 14 October 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding the Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Capital Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note details provided regarding the Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Capital Programme.

**ERT/160/2019: BUILDING CONTROL
- 6 MONTH UPDATE REPORT
MARCH – AUGUST 2019**

Read: Report on Building Control 6 monthly update from March – August 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Building Control 6 month update report dated March – August 2019.

**ERT/161/2019: LICENSING
- 6 MONTH UPDATE REPORT
MARCH – AUGUST 2019**

Read: Report on Licensing 6 monthly update from March – August 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: To note the Licensing 6 month update report dated March – August 2019.

ERT/162/2019: PLANNING PERFORMANCE

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

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

**ERT/163/2019: REPORT:
LOUTH/NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN JOINT COMMITTEE
- 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: Report of Louth / Newry Mourne & Down Joint Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note the Report of Louth / Newry Mourne & Down Joint Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019**

**ERT/164/2019: DEPARTMENT FOR DIGITAL CULTURE MEDIA & SPORT
RE: FFNI**

Read: Correspondence dated 11 September 2019 from the Department for Digital Culture Media & Sport regarding Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI). **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **To note correspondence dated 11 September 2019 from the Department for Digital Culture Media & Sport regarding Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI).**

ERT/165/2019: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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

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

**ERT/167/2019: 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.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.35pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 November 2019.

Signed: Councillor R Mulgrew

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee