

Minutes of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 August 2019 were ratified at the Council Meeting held on Monday 2 September 2019, subject to the following amendments below:

ERT/078/2019: TRANSFER OF TOURISM AND HERITAGE ASSETS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Doran it was agreed that Council proceed to grant a request for the use of cinema seats at Kilkeel Town Hall to the Newcastle Community Cinema.

ERT/099/2019: PUBLIC REALM SCHEME/REVITALISATION PROJECT IRISH STREET DOWNPATRICK

Agreed: To note Public Realm works are complete, in principle, at Irish Street Downpatrick, and traders to be updated accordingly in conjunction with Transport NI.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 August 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 G Hanna
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes

Officials in Attendance: Ms M Ward Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events
Mr M Robinson 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/094/2019: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received for:

Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor P Brown

Councillor Curran Deputy Chairperson ERT, extended condolences on behalf of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee, to Councillor Roisin Mulgrew and her family on the death of her husband Maurice.

Members and Officials then stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

ERT/095/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

**ERT/096/2019: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 10 JUNE 2019**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 June 2019. **(Copy circulated)**

The following issues were raised arising from the above Action Sheet:

ERT/078/2019 – Transfer of Tourism & Heritage Assets

Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Larkin seconded that as meeting had now taken place regarding the future of Kilkeel Town Hall, that the Council now proceed and grant a request for the use of cinema seats at Kilkeel Town Hall.

Councillor Reilly proposed and Councillor Hanna seconded that the Council do not proceed to grant a request for the use of cinema seats at Kilkeel Town Hall as people within the Kilkeel community have indicated a desire to make use of the Town Hall facility in Kilkeel.

A vote was taken by way of a show of hands on the first proposal and voting was as follows:

For: 3
Against: 3
Abstentions: 3

The Chairperson had the casting vote and voted against the proposal and it was therefore agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Hanna that the Council do not proceed to grant a request for the use of cinema seats at Kilkeel Town Hall as people within the Kilkeel community have indicated a desire to make use of the Town Hall facility in Kilkeel.

AGREED: It was therefore agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Hanna that the Council do not proceed to grant a request for the use of cinema seats at Kilkeel Town Hall as people within the Kilkeel community have indicated a desire to make use of the Town Hall facility in Kilkeel.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 June 2019.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/097/2019: BALLYNAHINCH BYPASS ART FEATURE

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the placement of a public art structure on the proposed A24 Ballynahinch Bypass.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed that as a contribution to the Ballynahinch By-pass the Council proceed as follows:

- (a) Provide agreement in principle that the Council will provide an Art Feature for installation on a site to be agreed on the Ballynahinch By-Pass**
- (b) Procure an artist to undertake the necessary consultation on potential design proposals**
- (c) Development of the art feature to concept design stage**
- (d) Subject to the confirmation that the funding has been secured for the By-pass and the road will be constructed, to undertake the fabrication of the Art Feature (subject to the necessary funding being secured in 2020/21 rate estimates)**

ERT/098/2019: NI ECONOMY HOUSE OF COMMONS EVENT

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director

Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding a NI Economy themed reception in London in September 2019 with an aim to promote Northern Ireland as a good place to shop, socialise, do business and invest. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Stokes proposed and Councillor McAteer seconded, that the Council appoint the Chairperson of Council plus 2 No. Officers to attend the NI Economy event at The House of Commons in September 2019, and use this opportunity to express the serious concerns regarding the potential impact of Brexit, or a no deal Brexit, will have on our economy going forward, at a cost of £1,000 plus travel, per delegate.

Councillor Reilly proposed and Councillor Hanna seconded, to accept the Recommendation as per Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration, that the Council participate in the NI Economy, House of Commons Event on Wednesday 11th September 2019, which is being organised by Retail NI, Manufacturing NI and Hospitality Ulster at a cost of £1,000, plus travel per delegate.

A vote was taken on the first proposal, by way of a show of hands, and voting was as follows:

For: 7
Against: 3
Abstentions: 0

It was therefore agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer that the Council appoint the Chairperson of Council plus 2 No. Council Officers to attend the NI Economy event at The House of Commons in September 2019, and use this opportunity to express the serious concerns regarding the potential impact of Brexit, or a no deal Brexit, will have on our economy going forward, at a cost of £1,000 plus travel, per delegate.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Council appoint the Chairperson of Council plus 2 No. Council Officers to attend the NI Economy event at The House of Commons in September 2019, and use this opportunity to express the serious concerns regarding the potential impact of Brexit, or a no deal Brexit, will have on our economy going forward, at a cost of £1,000 plus travel, per delegate.

**ERT/099/2019: PUBLIC REALM SCHEME/REVITALISATION PROJECT
IRISH STREET DOWNPATRICK**

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Public Realm Scheme and Revitalisation Project for Irish Street Downpatrick.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To note that the Irish Street public realm scheme is now Complete.
- (b) Council to work with a Steering Committee, representative of members and traders, to develop an action plan, outlining proposed revitalisation projects. Action Plan to be submitted to DFC in August, as an application for Revitalisation funding of approx. £100,000. Council to provide from existing budgets, £10,000 (10%) match funding contribution to the Irish Street Revitalisation project.

ERT/100/2019: NI APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding NI Apprenticeship Week from 3 – 7 February 2020.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed as follows:

- (a) To accept the Terms of Reference for the NI Apprenticeship Week and to actively participate in the development and roll out of the first NI Apprenticeship week to take place between 3rd and 7th February 2020.
- (b) NMD District Council will work with stakeholders to plan a series of activities in the NMD and wider southern region. Any activity led by Council, will be funded via existing budgets.
- (c) Officers ensure that a wide range of stakeholders are identified in advance of NI Apprenticeship Week.

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS

**ERT/101/2019: AUTUMN/WINTER EVENTS
- SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding the delivery of tourism events due to take place in Autumn and Winter which have been agreed by Council in March 2019 as part of the annual Tourism Events Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed as follows:

- (a) **SLAs for £5,000 each to be issued to Ballynahinch Community collective; Crossmaglen Community Association; Downpatrick Community Collective; Kilkeel Chamber with Kilkeel Development Association; Safer Warrenpoint Community for delivery of Halloween events.**
- (b) **SLAs for £5,000 each to be issued to Ballynahinch Community collective; Crossmaglen Community Association; Newcastle: Chamber of Commerce; Kilkeel Chamber with Kilkeel Development Association; WBR Chamber of Commerce for delivery of Christmas events.**
- (c) **Hallowtides Halloween parade in Newcastle to be delivered with a Service Level Agreement issued to Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.**
- (d) **Downpatrick Culture Night events to be delivered in partnership with Down Community Collective via a Service Level Agreement for £6,000.**
- (e) **Officials to examine a possible increase in the budget for the delivery of tourism events as part of the Rates 2020/21 process.**

ERT/102/2019: ARTS CULTURE & HERITAGE STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding details of the Council's new Arts Cultural & Heritage Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to approve the Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy and open a 12 week consultation in September 2019 to allow citizens and stakeholders an opportunity to feedback their views.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews, 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/103/2019: TENDER
- COUNCIL DOG KENNELING SERVICES

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control and Regulation, regarding Dog Kennelling Services for the Council. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/104/2019: TYRELLA AND MINERSTOWN ASSI
- CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT WORKS

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Tyrella and Minerstown ASSI Conservation Management Works. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

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

ERT/103/2019- Tender: Dog Kennelling Services

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed as follows:

- (a) That Council authorise the commencement of the tendering process with the view to putting in place a new Dog Kennelling Contract for stray and unwanted dogs for effective from 1st December 2019 until 30th November 2022. The cost of the contract is likely to be in the region of £30,000 per annum.**
- (b) In addition to seek authorisation to go out to tender to extend the provision of a holding centre within 20 miles of one of the main Council offices after the Kennelling contract has been**

awarded. The cost of the Holding Centre contract is likely to be in the region of £15,000 per annum.

**ERT/104/2019- Tyrella and Minerstown ASSI
- Conservation Management Works**

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

- (a) The Council agrees that the NIEA may carry out capital works to ensure the protection and management of the ASSI. Under the authority Article 34(3)(b) of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 the Department will bear all reasonable costs of the works. The Council accepts responsibility for the future maintenance, repair and associated liability for the completed works. The Council will sign an agreement to this effect.
- (b) The appointment of a suitable farmer for grazing purposes will be undertaken by public advertisement in the local press.
- (c) The Council arrange for information boards to be cleaned at Tyrella Beach and clean up be carried out at Quoile Basin.

FOR NOTING

ERT/105/2019: PLANNING PERFORMANCE

Read: Planning Committee Performance Report.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: To note Planning Performance figures for June 2019.

**ERT/106/2019: LIVE HERE LOVE HERE
- GRANT AWARD FOR SLLP**

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Live Here Love Here funding for SLLP Coastal Guardian Volunteers – Coast Care, Protect Our Seashore Project.
(Copy circulated)

Noted: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note that SLLP have been awarded a grant of £5,000 from Live Here Love Here small grant scheme, to raise awareness of, and conserve key coastal vascular plant

species with particular focus on the NI Priority species list. SLLP will now implement the project under the terms and conditions as laid out in the letter of offer.

**ERT/107/2019: CO-OPERATION PROJECT
- PROMOTING LACE**

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a collaboration on promoting Lace as a cultural heritage and skill. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note update as per Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, outlining the award of €5,000 from Co-operation with Northern Ireland Funding Scheme 2019 Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to take forward a Co-operation Project promoting Lace as cultural heritage and skill.**

ERT/108/2019: MADE IN MOURNE INTERNATIONAL VISIT

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration providing an update on the Made in Mourne International Visit. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note update from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, as per Report dated 12 August 2019, regarding the Made in Mourne International Visit.**

ERT/109/2019: BUSINESS BASE GROWTH

Read: Report dated 12 August 2019 from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration providing an update on growth and retention of existing businesses within the District. **(Copy circulated)**

Noted: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note update from Mr M Robinson Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration, as per Report dated 12 August 2019, regarding Business Base Growth.**

ERT/110/2019: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation.

**ERT/111/2019: ACTION TRACKER
ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM**

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to note the Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.50pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 September 2019.

Signed: Councillor D Curran

(Deputy) Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Ms M Ward

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee