

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 08 February 2021 at 6.00pm remotely via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor A McMurray

In attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte
Councillor R Howell
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J Tinnelly

Non Members: Councillor T Andrews
Councillor O Hanlon

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 of Building Control & Regulation
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer
Ms C McAteer Democratic Services Officer

ERT/023/2021: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies.

ERT/024/20201: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Andrews declared an interest in Minute No. ERT/006/2021 on the Action Sheet, regarding Carlingford Lough Greenway, as he was a member of the East Border Region and he would remove himself from the Meeting should any discussion arise on this issue.

Councillor R Burgess declared an interest in Minute No. ERT/006/2021, on the Action Sheet, regarding Carlingford Lough Greenway, as he was a member of the East Border Region and would remove himself from the Meeting should any discussion arise on this issue.

**ERT/025/2021: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

The following issue was raised:

ERT/004/2021- Notice of Motion re: Housing System

Noted: A team is to be established to oversee the delivery of a Housing Symposium event. An event plan will be developed which will include wide marketing proposals and the selection of appropriate speakers. It is anticipated the event will be held late summer/early autumn in order to allow a degree of recovery from the pandemic and if possible, the preference is that the event is to be held in a physical format rather than remotely.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2021.**

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/026/2021: FFNI – OPERATIONAL COSTS

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Council funding for the FFNI Operational Team.
(Copy circulated)

Several members expressed concern at the fact many homes and businesses were still without broadband connectivity and stressed the importance of broadband roll out to everyone, in particular rural areas, as the need for connectivity was vital during the pandemic crisis to allow business and learning to continue.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed Council fund a contribution in the sum of £19,853 towards the (Full Fibre Northern Ireland) FFNI Operations Team to ensure delivery of the programme and sites by the programme end date of 31 December 2021.

It was also agreed Mr J McGilly Assistant Director EER:

- **Contact internet providers to request they provide a map to indicate the areas where high speed broadband has been extended to.**
- **Seek an update on the current position regarding 5G.**

ERT/027/2021: WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the Warrenpoint Front shore Public Realm Scheme.
(Copy circulated)

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

1. **Councillors who were not in attendance at the Warrenpoint Front shore Public Realm Scheme Task &**

Finish Group Meeting on 15 January 2021, are provided with an update.

2. To note presentation, and welcome DFI proceeding to a further public engagement process on the study and it's findings.
3. Ensure Council and the consultants looking after the design of the Public Realm Scheme, remain in close contact with DFI to see how they plan to progress beyond the study.
4. Important that an overall approach to the traffic issues in Warrenpoint is looked at to include car parking, park and share, cycling and public transport access.
5. Council utilise the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with County Down RCN to obtain their assistance with the upcoming Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Perception and Consultation process.

ERT/028/2021: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding National Lottery Heritage funding for Warrenpoint Municipal Park.
(Copy circulated)

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

1. To accept the extension from 30 June 2021 to 31 December 2021 by National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver the approved purposes of the funding.
2. To approve part funding of the "Friends of " first year of insurance costs at 43% NMDDC, 57% National Lottery Heritage Fund (budget available within the project)

ERT/029/2021: HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE CONFERENCE/EXHIBITION
- TUESDAY 09 MARCH 2021

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding sponsorship for the Hospitality Exchange Conference/Exhibition.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to grant a one off sponsorship fee to the Hospitality Exchange Business Outlook event that will take place in March 2021.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Savage seconded by Councillor Burgess 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/030/2021: ERT PROCUREMENT PLAN

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, regarding the ERT Procurement Plan. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/031/2021: MARKETING FRAMEWORK: COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration regarding the establishment of a Community and Engagement Services framework. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/032/2021: NEWRY BID - REVOTE

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism, regarding the Council

position on the Newry BID revote due to take place on 25 March 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/033/2021: NEWRY CHAMBER EVENTS - SPONSORSHIP

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration & Tourism, regarding sponsorship for events by Newry Chamber of Commerce & Trade. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/034/2021: RENT RELIEF – TOURISM FACILITIES

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding rent relief associated with tourism facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/035/2021: UPDATE RE: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding an update on Service Level Agreements. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/036/2021: TOURISM TRADING PITCHES

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding a tender process for the appointment of a Vendor Trading Pitches at key tourism facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

ERT/030/2021: ERT Procurement Plan

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve:

**The ERT Procurement Action Plan, as per Appendix I
The Single Tender Actions as outlined in Appendix II**

ERT/031/2021: Marketing Framework – Community and Engagement Services

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed Council proceed through procurement for the establishment of a Framework arrangement for the provision of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism focused on communication and engagement services.

ERT/032/2021: Newry BID – Revote

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed based on the detail presented in the Business Plan, Council approve a vote in favour of the Newry BID renewal for period 2021-2025.

Noted: Mr Mallon Director of ERT to discuss with Councillor Stokes a communication to Newry BID, on behalf of the ERT Committee.

ERT/033/2021: Newry Chamber Events Sponsorship

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed Council issue a Service Level Agreement to Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade for sponsorship of 2 events:

- North/South Conference – Post Brexit
- NI Small Business Conference

ERT/034/2021: Rent Relief Tourism Facilities

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed to offer rent relief for the period 23 March 2020 – 16 June 2020 for tenants at Café in Delamont Country Park and Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.

ERT/035/2021: Update re: Service Level Agreements

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

- Kilkeel Development Association SLA payments to be made in the 2020/21 Financial Year as outlined in Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events.

- **No further SLA payments to be made in the 2020/21 Financial Year to Downpatrick Railway Company.**

ERT/036/2021: Tourism Trading Pitches

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Howell seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed to approve the Business Case and recommendations set out in Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events , for a tender process to appoint Trading Pitches vendors at key tourism facilities to meet customer demand.

FOR NOTING

ERT/037/2021: UPDATE RE: ATLANTIC CULTURESPACE

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding AONB and Geopark Atlantic CultureScape Project. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: To note the update provided regarding the AONB and Geopark Atlantic CultureScape Project as per Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.

ERT/038/2021: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding Castlewella Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: To note:

- **The Planning Application Notice.**
- **The action report from the Task and Finish Board Meeting held on 15 January 2021.**

**ERT/039/2021: CONFUCIOUS INSTITUTE ULSTER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the Confucious Institute at Ulster University. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **To note a Memorandum of Understanding with the Confucious Institute at Ulster University at a cost of £5,000 for a 12 month period.**

ERT/040/2021: ERT HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER

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

AGREED: **To note the Historic Action Tracker Report for Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.**

ERT/041/2021: LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP & TOWNCENTRE TASKFORCE

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding the establishment of a local Labour Market Partnership through the Employability and Skills Working Group. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: **To note Council officials will work with the Department for Communities on the establishment of a local Labour Market Partnership through the existing Employability and Skills working group and will commence the implementation of required actions to establish the LMP strategic plans and actions for the area.**

To note Council officials will proceed to establish a Town Centre Taskforce to inform the future regeneration potential of the District's key urban and rural town centres.

Noted: Councillor Curran and Councillor Andrews welcomed that work was underway to establish the taskforce.

ERT/042/2021: PLANNING PERFORMANCE

Read: Report regarding Planning Performance Figures for January 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for January 2021.

ERT/043/2021: RESTOCKING COARSE FISHERIES

Read: Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Tourism Culture & Events regarding funding for the restocking of coarse fishing in the Quoile and other rivers in the District. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: To note Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Enterprise Tourism Culture & Events regarding funding for the restocking of coarse fishing in the Quoile and other rivers in the District.

AGREED: In response to concerns regarding the restocking of the Quoile River, it was noted the Council would make further contact with DEARA on this issue.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19.45 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 01 March 2021.

Signed: Councillor A McMurray

Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon

Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee