

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 09 November 2020 at 6.00pm remotely via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor A McMurray

In attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor D Curran

Councillor W Clarke

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 A Finnegan

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor H McKee

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/157/2020: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies.

ERT/158/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrews declared a pecuniary interest in Item No. 6 regarding Rural Development Programme Administration Contracts extensions.

Councillor Savage declared an interest in Item No. 10 regarding Licence Agreements with JC Decaux for advertisement hoarding boards.

**ERT/159/2020: ACTION SHEET
MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION &
TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 October 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

ERT/147/2020- Temporary Car Parking Albert Basin Newry

Councillor Stokes said he had been informed by a member of the public that the new US President Elect Joe Biden's great great grandfather had emigrated to the US from Newry Port. He asked that subject to Council officials confirming this information was correct, that the Council consider extending an invitation to Mr Biden to visit Newry should he plan to visit the island of Ireland in the future.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed Council officials establish if information regarding the new US President Elect, Mr Joe Bidens's great great grandfather's emigration to the US from Newry Port is correct, that the Council consider extending an invitation to Mr Biden to visit Newry should he plan to visit the island of Ireland during his presidency.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 October 2020.

BUSINESS PLANS/GOVERNANCE

**ERT/160/2020: ERT BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW
OCTOBER 2020 – MARCH 2021**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the ERT Business Plan Review October 2020 – March 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed to approve the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Business Plan Review October 2020 – March 2021.

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/161/2020: WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding funding received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore built heritage in Warrenpoint Municipal Park.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed as follows regarding Warrenpoint Municipal Park:

- (a) To note the action reports from the Steering Group meetings held on 12 August 2020 and 8 October 2020.**
- (b) To review and approve the charges as outlined in the Event Management Plan (Action Report 8 October 2020**

(6.15pm - Councillor T Andrews left the meeting)

**ERT/162/2020: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT EXTENSIONS**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the Service Level Agreement and variation to the existing contract with regard to the Rural Development Programme.

(6.20pm - Councillor T Andrews rejoined the meeting)

**ERT/163/2020: EDRF / INVEST NI FUNDING
RE: SALES & TRADE BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding ERDF / Invest NI funding for a Sales and Trade Business Support Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- (a) To accept a Letter of Offer from ERDF / Invest NI for a new Sales and Trade Programme, between NMDDC and LCCC.**
- (b) Officers will now work with LCCC to procure the delivery element of the programme. 2. To approve an annual Council contribution is £15,240 Year 1, and £30,240 for year 2, as detailed within the resource section 3. NMDDC will work with Council legal section to develop and sign with LCCC a data sharing and partnership agreement to set out governance and management of the programme.**

**ERT/164/2020: NIBSUP : LETTER OF OFFER
RE: GO FOR IT PROGRAMME**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding a

letter of offer from NIBSUP regarding the new Go For It Programme. **(Copy circulated)**

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

- (a) To note that the Letter of Offer from ERDF / Invest NI has now been received for a new Go for It NI Programme, commencing April 2021.**
- (b) To Approve that Officers will now work with the lead Council to progress procurement for the appointment of delivery agents.**
- (c) To approve an annual Council contribution of £75,000 as detailed within the resource section**

TOURISM CULTURE & EVENTS

**ERT/165/2020: LICENCE AGREEMENT
RE: ICONIC PLAY STRUCTURE
TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events regarding a Licence Agreement between Council and DAERA for the Iconic Play Structure at Tollymore Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to sign a Licence Agreement between DAERA and NMDDC for the Iconic Play Structure at Tollymore Forest Park. The Licence to be valid until July 2025.

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 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/166/2020: LICENCE AGREEMENTS
RE: ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS CANAL BANK NEWRY
NMDDC AND JC DECAUX**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control, regarding the renewal of Licence Agreements with J C Decaux in respect of two advertising hoardings on Council land at Canal Bank Newry.
(Copy circulated)

ERT/167/2020: PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment Regeneration regarding the Public Realm Enhancement Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Savage it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

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

**ERT/166/2020: Licence Agreements: Advertisement Boards
Canal Bank Newry
NMDDC and JC Decaux**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to renew both Licence Agreements with JC Decaux for a single and a double advertising hoarding at Canal Bank 1 car park, Dublin Bridge, Newry for a term of 5 years.

ERT/167/2020: Public Realm Enhancement Scheme

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

- (a) Council Officers to continue to work closely with the Councils Framework Contractor / Grounds Maintenance to have works delivered and completed by 31st March 2021.
- (b) Council now approve the completed Business Case for the Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.

FOR NOTING

**ERT/168/2020: RING OF GULLION
WATER IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration regarding funding received from NIEA Water Improvement Fund to deliver a project to improve water quality to focus on water bodies in the Ring of Gullion AONB. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: To note the Council have successfully received funding in the sum of £15,000 from NI Environment Agency through their Water Improvement Fund. This grant is 75% funded, with match funding from volunteer time from a Master Student's work experience.

ERT/169/2020: UPDATE RE: PLANNING IT

Read: Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding an update on a replacement IT system for Planning. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: To note the update contained in Report dated 09 November 2020 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding a replacement IT system for Planning.

**ERT/170/2020: HISTORIC ACTION TRACKER
ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM**

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/171/2020: **PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES – OCTOBER 2020**

Read: Report regarding Planning Performance Figures for October 2020. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures for October 2020.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 07 December 2020.

Signed: Councillor A McMurray
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: Mr C Mallon
Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee