

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting
held on Monday 11 June 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District
Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahan
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor G Stokes

Officials

in Attendance:

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director, Enterprise, Employment &
Regeneration
Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director, Tourism Culture & Events
Ms R Mackin, Asst. Director Corporate Planning & Policy
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance: Councillor H Reilly

ERT/098/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Curran and Councillor Tinnelly.

ERT/099/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

ERT/100/2018: TO AGREE A START TIME FOR ERT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2018 – APRIL 2019

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve the proposed dates for the ERT Committee Meetings for June 2018 - May 2019 as circulated.

ERT/101/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 14 MAY 2018

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

ERT/102/2018: PRESENTATION RE CITY DEAL

Mr Hannaway addressed the Members saying the main purpose of the presentation was to bring them up to date on the Belfast Region City Deal. He then delivered his presentation after which the following issues were raised:
(Presentation attached)

- City Deal was a completely new initiative in Northern Ireland.
- It was important that key strategic projects were put forward for maximum impact.
- The Southern Relief Road was one of several proposed capital projects for consideration under the 'Economic Infrastructure' key theme and would be

eligible for additional funding from Treasury.

- The development of the Southern Relief Road would address the 'Investment in Connectivity' theme in that it would make the South Down area more accessible and would also mitigate against the effects of Brexit.
- Projects considered unsuitable for City Deal would continue to be worked on by Officers.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/103/2018: BELFASY REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive regarding the Belfast Region City Deal – Update on emerging proposition. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Clarke the following was agreed:

- 1. To Note report update on the Draft Emerging Proposition for the Belfast Region City Deal**
- 2. In order to develop economic impact, cost analysis and business case proposals against prioritised proposition proposals, to approve a financial contribution allocation of £50,000, which is available within 2018/19 revenue budget.**
- 3. Critical to City Deal Governance is a Members Engagement Forum. Given the changes in committees and political appointment, it is necessary to review member representation. It is proposed that our 8 members will be based on the following political breakdown based on Party Forum Representation:**
 - **2 Sinn Fein (Chair of ERT + preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **2 SDLP (Chair of Council + preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **1 UUP (Preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **1 DUP (Preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **1 Independent (Preferably a member of ERT Committee)**
 - **Cllr Reilly**

ERT/104/2018: ARTISAN MARKETS

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Pilot Artisan Markets – Downpatrick and Newcastle. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer asked if a scoping exercise could be carried out with producers to assess the viability of extending the monthly artisan market to include Warrenpoint. Mr McGilly replied that this could be investigated and brought back to a future meeting.

Councillor Hanna said the success of the markets was very encouraging, however he said it would be interesting to gauge if local businesses had experienced increased business on the days the markets had taken place.

In response to a query from Councillor Quinn regarding local producers becoming involved, Mr McGilly replied that every effort would be made to promote this, however, it was at a very early stage and as it progressed and gained momentum, he would expect the number of local producers to increase.

Councillor Mulgrew said the good weather had undoubtedly contributed to the large turnout but the overall success of the markets would have to be assessed over a twelve month period.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Harvey the following was agreed:

That the decision to enter into Service Level Agreements with Downpatrick Community Collective and Unit T to deliver the respective monthly Artisan markets in Downpatrick and Newcastle is confirmed.

Conduct a scoping exercise with artisan producers to assess if it would be feasible to consider extending the monthly artisan market to include Warrenpoint.

ERT/105/2018: ERDF FUTURE APPLICATIONS

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Business Development Funding applications to ERDF Investment for Growth and Jobs. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to:

- 1. Submit funding applications to INI ERDF Investment for Growth and Jobs for future business development programmes, by current deadline of June 2018**
- 2. To allocate 20% match funding against eligible programme costs. (Estimate match funding requirement is £130,000 over 3 financial years (approx £45,000 per year). Estimate total grant drawdown is £520,000 over same period.)**

ERT/106/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Castlewellan Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to:

- 1. Approve and adopt contents of the attached Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 18.05.18.**
- 2. Proceed with HLF and DAERA applications based on the recommendations of consultant's reports.**
- 3. Review costs and look into other potential sources of funding.**
- 4. Review final application and consider a phased approach if other sources of funding are not available**

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS

ERT/107/2018: TOURISM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Tourism Business Engagement Programme. **(Copy circulated).**

Mr Patterson showed Members a video highlighting a Sales and Marketing Skills Course that had been delivered to various businesses within the tourism sector and

which contained very positive testimonials from the attendees.

Councillor Carr asked if it would be possible to find out who was participating in the various programmes, Mr Patterson replied that he would circulate these details to Members.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to deliver a facilitated cluster engagement and mentoring programme between September – April 2019**

Details of participants who attended the facilitated programmes to be circulated to Members.

ERT/108/2018 UNESCO GEOPARKS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor Clarke as to the reaction so far from stakeholders, Mr Patterson replied that the feedback was mainly positive.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed that the Chairperson of Council and one Council Official attend the 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2018 in Adamello – Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Trentino, Italy from 11-14 September 2018.**

ERT/109/2018: BALLYNAHINCH TOURISM EVENTS PAPER

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Ballynahinch Tourism Events. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Quinn asked that post event, a breakdown of all costs be made available to Members.

Agreed: **1. On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Burgess it was agreed to consider and approve the decision to develop an Autumn Harvest Tourism Festival in Ballynahinch, and that an Events Production Company is appointed to work with local**

tourism and hospitality stakeholders to develop and deliver the new event in September 2018.

- 2. Post event, a breakdown of all costs associated with the running of the festival be made available to Members.**

ENTERPRISE EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION - FOR NOTING

ERT/110/2018: IRISH STREET PUBLIC REALM

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Employment, Enterprise and Regeneration regarding Irish Street, Downpatrick, Public Realm Scheme. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note that the Irish Street Public Realm Scheme will commence in Autumn 2018 and that Council will, upon receipt of the letter of offer from DFC, procure the granite.**

ERT/111/2018: REVITALISATION WARRENPOINT AND NEWRY CATHEDRAL CORRIDOR

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Employment, Enterprise and Regeneration regarding Revitalisation Projects – Cathedral Corridor and Warrenpoint. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to note that the revitalisation schemes in Newry Cathedral Corridor and Warrenpoint will be commencing in July 2018.**

ERT/112/2018: UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE STRATEGY

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy 2018-2022. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew the following was agreed: Presentation of schedule of internal and external stakeholder meetings relating to the development of a**

**Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy, 2018 – 2022 and
Action Plan 2018 – 2020.**

ERT/113/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

Read: Action Tracker Update . **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed the Action Tracker Update Sheet be noted.

TOURISM CULTURE AND EVENTS – FOR NOTING

ERT/114/2018 TOURISM EVENTS FUNDING

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Financial Assistance Programme: Tourism Events Fund and Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed the Tourism Events Funding Report be noted.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Mulgrew 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/115/2018 AGREEMENT FOR WORKS AT SLIEVE GULLION

Read: Report dated 11 June 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Agreement for works and surrender of lands at Slieve Gullion. **(Copy circulated)**

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

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

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to enter into a tripartite agreement for works at Slieve Gullion to facilitate a water pumping station, the agreement is between NMDDC, NI Water and DAERA

To accept a Deed of Surrender, to transfer back to DAERA lands at Slieve Gullion where the water pumping station is located to facilitate a lease between DAERA and NI Water

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 2 July 2018.

**Signed: _____
Councillor M Ruane
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

**Signed: _____
Ms M Ward
Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**