

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2021

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**Minutes of Special Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held  
on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 3.15pm via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor G O'Hare

**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor T Andrews                      Councillor A Finnegan  
Councillor M Gibbons                      Councillor C Mason  
Councillor J Trainor                      Councillor W Walker

**Officials in attendance:** Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing  
Mr J Campbell, Senior Environmental Health Officer  
(Residential)  
Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager  
Mrs N Largey, Legal Advisor  
Ms L O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer  
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr R Duffy, PSNI  
Mr D Heaney, Applicant  
Mr J Hughes, Applicants Representative  
Mrs A McSherry, Objector

**AHC/065/2021:                      **APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS****

Apologies were received from Councillors Casey and McEvoy.

In the absence of the Chairperson Councillor McEvoy, Vice Chairperson Councillor O'Hare assumed the Chair.

**AHC/066/2021:                      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****

There were no declarations of interest.

It was agreed to take both applications together.

Mr K Bloomfield presented the report on both properties to the Committee confirming objections were the same for both properties.

Mr R Duffy from PSNI updated members on both properties confirming there had been very low incidents of anti-social behaviour at both addresses over the past 5 years, giving a detailed breakdown of each incident reported.

The Chairperson then invited the objector and the applicant to present to the Committee.

Following the objector and applicant presenting to the Committee the following points were raised:

- What plans were in place to deal with any anti-social behaviour reported by neighbours and does the tenancy agreement have provision to deal with such incidents?
- How many of the occupants have been residents there for 5 years or more?
- How many of the incidents reported have been repeat offences and how are these dealt with?
- How and where are the bins stored?
- What is the number of occupants being requested to reside in each of the properties?
- Had Council received any complaints from the local community in relation to environmental issues at either property?

The following responses was received:

- There was a no smoking, no anti-social behaviour and no drugs clause included in all tenancy agreements which was reviewed every 6 months.
- The bins are stored in two backyards, this has been inspected by Belfast HMO with no issues.
- 45% of the tenants have been there 3 years or more.
  - 19 Kilmorey Street is leased out to a company which employs the residents and they deal with any issues that arise directly and are very strict with their policy.
  - 31 Kilmorey Street is controlled directly Clanrye Properties, outlined in the tenancy agreement is a verbal warning, a written warning and finally a second written warning leading to eviction to deal with any issues or concerns raised, which had not been enforced so far with any of the tenants, a written reference is normally obtained from the tenants employer and previous landlord.
- 31 Kilmorey Street the application was for 7 occupants and 19 Kilmorey Street the application was for 10 occupants.
- There was two noise complaints received in 2017 for 19 Kilmorey Street, no further action was taken and the matter was closed. There had been no environmental intervention action for 31 Kilmorey Street.

In response to a query raised by Mrs McSherry, Mr Heaney confirmed that the bins in no 19 Kilmorey Street were stored at the property addresses yard. Mrs McSherry advised that the said yard was a right of way for 3 houses and what not exclusive to no 19. Mr Heaney advised he would look into the matter but he was not aware that was the case.

Councillor Gibbons asked the applicant Mr Heaney had they plans and a strategy in place to deal with any anti-social behaviour and complaints swiftly should it arise in the future.

Mr Heaney confirmed they would deal with as per the tenancy agreement already in place. They have an office where any problems can be reported and John Hughes from Clanrye Properties inspects the properties regularly and has a good relationship with many of the neighbouring residents who can speak to him directly with any issues.

**AHC/067/2021:        APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 31 KILMOREY STREET, NEWRY, DOWN, BT34 2DF**

Read:                      Report dated 18 March 2021 from Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding application for the renewal of a licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 31 Kilmorey Street, Newry, Down, BT34 2DF. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                      **It was agreed by on the proposal of Councillor O’Hare, seconded by Councillor Trainor to grant the application as the officer’s recommendations contained within the report.**

**AHC/068/2021:        APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 19 KILMOREY STREET, NEWRY, DOWN, BT34 2DF**

Read:                      Report dated 18 March 2021 from Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding application for the renewal of a licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 19 Kilmorey Street, Newry, Down, BT34 2DF. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:                      **It was agreed by on the proposal of Councillor O’Hare, seconded by Councillor Trainor to grant the application as per the officer’s recommendations contained within the report.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 15.37pm.

Signed:                      Councillor G O’Hare  
Chairperson

Signed:                      Michael Lipsett  
Director Active and Healthy Communities