

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2021

**Minutes of Special Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held
on Thursday 21 October 2021 at 4.45pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson: Councillor C Casey

In attendance: **(Councillors)**
Councillor A Finnegan Councillor V Harte
Councillor A Lewis Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor B Ó Muirí Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor J Trainor Councillor W Walker

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing
Mr J Campbell, Head of Environmental Health (Residential)
Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager
Mr C McLaughlin, Legal Advisor
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr B McCann, Applicant

AHC/212/2021: **APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors McEvoy, McKevitt & Walker.

In the absence of the Chairperson Councillor McKevitt, Vice Chairperson Councillor Casey assumed the Chair.

AHC/213/2021: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by
Councillor O'Hare it was agreed to exclude the public and
press from the meeting during discussion on the next
matter which related to exempt information by virtue of
para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government
(Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the
financial or business affairs of a particular person**

(including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

SPR/214/2021: REFRESHER TRAINING

Mr K Bloomfield presented a short presentation to members to familiarise them with the process and It was agreed to take both applications together.

SPR/215/2021: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 44 POUND ROAD, NEWRY, DOWN, BT35 8DT

Read: Report dated 22 October 2021 from Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding application for the grant of a licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 44 Pound Road, Newry, Down, BT35 8DT. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainer, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant the application for an initial period of one year, with the condition that in a year's time the matter be investigated again with the potential to grant the licence for five years at that stage.**

SPR/216/2021: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE TO OPERATE A HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 42 POUND ROAD, NEWRY, DOWN, BT35 8DT

Read: Report dated 22 October 2021 from Mr K Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager, regarding application for the grant of a licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 42 Pound Road, Newry, Down, BT35 8DT. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainer, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant the application for an initial period of one year, with the condition that in a year's time the matter be investigated again with the potential to grant the licence for five years at that stage.**

In response to a query raised by Councillor Tinnelly, Mr McLaughlin confirmed that once the one year period expired an application would then be due for renewal and the licence continued until the renewal application was determined so the property would not have to immediately be vacated.

Following further legal advice, it was agreed to remove the condition for the property to be investigated again within the year as officers could carry out inspections regardless. This was agreed on the proposal by Councillor Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Trainor.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed that Elected Members approve to grant the application for an initial period of one year for both 42 & 44 Pound Street, Newry, BT35 8DT.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 17.33pm.

Signed: Councillor C Casey
Chairperson

Signed: Michael Lipsett
Director Active and Healthy Communities