

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2016

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 21 November 2016 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,  
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor M Carr

**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor Burns Councillor Byrne  
Councillor Doran Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Kimmins Councillor Loughran  
Councillor McMurray Councillor Ó'Muirí  
Councillor Taylor Councillor Trainor  
Councillor Walker

**Non-Committee Members:** Councillor Brown Councillor Enright

**Officials in attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy  
Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy  
Communities (Health and Wellbeing)  
Mr R Moore, Assistant Director of Active and Healthy  
Communities (Leisure and Sport)  
Ms J Hillen, Assistant Director of Community  
Engagement  
Mr P Power, Sports Officer  
Mr J Birt, Specialist Support Officer, Building Control  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**AHC/145/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Fitzpatrick.

The Chairperson stated the Northern Ireland and Ulster Juvenile Cross-Country Championships had taken place recently with over 1000 young people taking part and an email thanking staff had been received.

The Chairperson advised Flahavin's Cross-Country race took place in October with over 300 children attending in Dunleath Park, Downpatrick.

The Chairperson extended his congratulations to Downpatrick Football Club on reaching the final of the Border Cup and wished them all the best.

The Chairperson reminded Members a Play Strategy Workshop would be held on Friday morning in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre at 10am.

**AHC/146/2016:     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Burns declared an interest in Item 5 on the agenda – Extension of Facility Management Agreement with Castlewellan Community Partnership as his brother was a member of the Board.

Councillors Doran, Harvey, Loughran and Taylor declared an interest in Item 8 on the agenda – PCPS Request for Additional Member Meeting Expenses as they were all members of the PCSP.

**AHC/147/2016:     ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2016**

Read:           Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 October 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed:           **It was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising from the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 October 2016.**

**AHC/148/2016     SCHEME OF DELEGATION REPORT**

Read:           Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 21 November 2016 regarding Scheme of Delegation Report (copy circulated)

Agreed:           **It was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation Report.**

**Councillor Burns left the chamber at this stage, having previously declared an interest in the next item – 6.07pm**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/149/2016     EXTENSION OF FACILITY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CASTLEWELLAN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Read: Report from Mr P Green, Head of Compliance, dated 21 November 2016 regarding Extension of Facility Management Agreement with Castlewellan Community Partnership (Copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Harvey to accept the officer's recommendation to:

- The extension of Facilities Management Agreement with Castlewellan Community Partnership until April 2016 (with monthly renewal thereafter until the premises are vacated for redevelopment);
- The development of a long-term lease agreement with the Partnership for the future management of the Centre (following valuation, if required and subsequent agreement with Partnership Members and Council).

Councillor Burns returned to the chamber at this stage – 6.10pm

**AHC/150/2016      COMMUNITY ACCESS TO DAN RICE HALL, DRUMANESS**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities & Events, dated 21 November 2016 regarding Community Access to Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness (Copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burns to accept the officer's recommendation to:

- Proceed with LPS valuation for a proposed 5-year lease agreement for the use of the reading room by Down Community (3 days per week) and full access to the area of unused land to the rear of the community centre for development as a community allotment.
- Development of appropriate legal documentation (subject to agreement by both parties).

**AHC/151/2016      APPROVAL FOR MINOR IMPROVEMENTS AT BARCROFT AND ANNALONG COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities & Events, dated 21 November 2016 regarding Approval for Minor Improvements at Barcroft and Annalong Community Centres (Copy circulated).

Councillor Kimmins queried if officers could investigate the possibility of removing the green fencing at Barcroft to be replaced with smaller wooden fencing.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Doran to accept the officer's recommendation to:

- Install CCTV to the exterior of the Barcroft Community Centre (subject to successful funding bid)
- Update kitchen units, radiators and install a new dishwasher in Annalong Community Centre (subject to successful funding bid)

It was also agreed that officers would investigate the possibility of replacing the green fencing at Barcroft with smaller wooden fencing.

Councillors Doran, Harvey, Loughran and Taylor left the chamber at this stage, having previously declared an interest in the next item – 6.15pm

**AHC/152/2016**      **PCSP REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBER MEETING EXPENSES**

**Read:** Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 21 November 2016 regarding PCSP Request for Additional Member Meeting Expenses (Copy circulated).

Councillor Walker proposed to accept the officer's recommendation stating the Bonfire Liaison Committee was very effective in managing bonfires and this work should continue. This was seconded by Councillor Trainor.

The Chairperson stated he had reservations on changing the rules of this committee and would like to know whether other PCSP Committees had required to do similar.

Councillor Walker amended his proposal to include writing a letter to Department of Justice asking them to fund the additional meetings in the long term.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Trainor to accept the officer's recommendation to ringfence additional resource to cover expenses associated with 2 additional PCSP meetings per annum.

It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the Department of Justice asking that they fund the additional meetings in the long term.

**AHC/153/2016**      **DEA FORA UPDATE**

Read: Report from Ms S Rice, DEA Co-ordinator (Crotlieve), dated 21 November 2016 regarding DEA Fora Update (Copy circulated).

Councillor Burns highlighted an amendment was required to the Slieve Croob Action Sheet from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 meeting. He stated under the item Any Other Business it should read HLF Application for development of Castlewellan Forest Park.

**Agreed:** It was agreed to note the report and amend the action sheet from Slieve Croob DEA of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 as follows:  
**Any Other Business: Priscilla to contact Sally Montgomery regarding public consultation on the HLF Application for development of Castlewellan Forest Park at next public meeting.**

**AHC/154/2016      DOWNPATRICK      NEIGHBOURHOOD      RENEWAL:  
COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT APPLICATION**

Read: Report from Mr D Patterson, Downpatrick DEA/NR Coordinator, dated 21 November 2016 regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal: Community Equipment Application (Copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to accept the officer's recommendation to submit an application to Department for Communities for needed community equipment for community organisations in the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

**AHC/155/2016      DfC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO CLOSE  
BALLYNAHINCH AND NEWCASTLE SOCIAL SECURITY  
OFFICES AND JOB CENTRES**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 21 November 2016 regarding DfC Consultation on Proposals to close Ballynahinch and Newcastle Social Security Offices and Job Centres (Copy circulated).

Councillor Walker praised the officers for the preparation of the response to the consultation and proposed that Council accept the officer's response on behalf of the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Burns.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burns to approve the draft Consultation response on behalf of Council.

## LEISURE AND SPORTS

### **AHC/156/2016      FITNESS SUITE OPERATIONS FOR INDOOR LEISURE CENTRES**

Read:            Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 21 November 2016 regarding the Fitness Suite Operations for Indoor Leisure Centres (Copy circulated).

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Trainor to agree to the Fitness Suite Operations for Indoor Leisure Centres.**

### **AHC/157/2016      COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON SAND**

Read:            Report from Mr P Power, Sports Offices, dated 21 November 2016 regarding the Council Representation on SAND (Copy circulated).

Mr Moore stated that NICVA had advised that SAND would be unable to secure charitable status if the Executive Committee was weighted/balanced in favour of the Council. He presented two options; option 1 - that SAND continue with existing governance structure however this would limit the opportunities of funding and remove charitable status of SAND or option 2 – reduce the number of Councillors from 8 to 5 in line with NICVA recommendations.

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Byrne that option 2 be accepted with a reduction in the number of Councillors from 8 to 5 in line with NICVA recommendations.**

**It was also agreed that the matter be referred to the Party Reps Committee for discussion on the allocation of recommended reduced numbers.**

### **AHC/158/2016      PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME FOR SAND**

Read:            Report from Mr P Power, Sports Offices, dated 21 November 2016 regarding the proposed change of name for SAND (Copy circulated).

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker that Parties consider the matter and bring back potential names to a future committee meeting.**

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### **AHC/159/2016      EBR – NEARLY ZERO ENERGY BUILDING PROJECT – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Read: Report from Mr J Birt, Special Support Officer, Building Control, dated 21 November 2016 regarding EBR – Nearly Zero Energy Building Project – Partnership Agreement (Copy circulated).

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Walker that Council become a formal Partner in the NZEB's project and Council wish to be considered for additional funding to create a NZE demonstration building within the District.**

## FOR NOTING

### **AHC/160/2016      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER FOR EDUCATION REGARDING DELEGATION FROM COUNCIL TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Read: Correspondence received from Minister for Education, dated 4 November 2016, regarding delegation from Council to discuss Community Use of School Facilities (Copy circulated).

Councillor Walker stated his disappointment that, once again, Ministers were treating the Council with contempt. He proposed that Council officers meet with officers of the Education Authority and demand to meet with the Minister, regardless of how long it would take for a meeting to be arranged.

Councillor Burns seconded the proposal, with an addendum that Councillor Curran bring the issue to the Partnership Panel highlighting the obligation to work together through Community Planning Legislation. The addendum was agreed by Councillor Walker.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Burns that Council officers meet with officers of the Education Authority and demand a meeting with the Minister regardless of how long it would take a meeting to be arranged.**

**It was also agreed that Councillor Curran bring the issue to the Partnership Panel highlighting the obligation to work together through Community Planning.**

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

### **AHC/161/2016      DRUMALANE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAPITAL BUILD**

Read:            Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Events and Facilities, dated 21 November 2016 regarding Drumalane Community Centre Capital Build (Copy circulated).

Ms Hillen advised due to recent developments in relation to the project, approval was only required to proceed to tender.

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to proceed to procurement through tender for Drumalane Community Centre build.**

### **AHC/162/2016      NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AGM IN DUBLIN**

The Chairperson stated he had been co-chair in Ireland of Nuclear Free Local Authorities and intended to stand down at the AGM and nominate Councillor Trainor to take up the chairmanship.

Councillors Brown, Carr and Trainor had expressed an interest in attending the Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM in Dublin.

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Andy McMurray to the Committee and wished him well going forward.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.49pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 5 December 2016.

Signed:            Councillor M Carr  
Chairperson

Signed:            Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities