

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held
on Monday 10 September 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council
Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor Ruane

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon
Councillor B Quinn

Officials

in Attendance: Ms M Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director, Enterprise, Employment &
Regeneration
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

ERT/136/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Burgess, Stokes, Tinnelly and Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director Tourism, Culture & Events.

ERT/137/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ERT/138/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION
AND TOURISM MEETING OF MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2018**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration
& Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 August 2018. (Copy
circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew 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 13 August 2018.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION ITEMS

ERT/139/2018: AONBs UPDATE – RING OF GULLION, STRANGFORD LOUGH & LECALÉ

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration regarding the AONBs Update on Ring of Gullion, Strangford Lough & Lecale. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne asked what the review entailed and said he had concerns relating to the wording contained in the report where it referred to 'All 3 AONBs within the boundaries of NMDDC are undergoing significant change in terms of funding, staffing and major projects coming to an end' He said whilst he accepted there would be changes to funding, he didn't want to see any changes in terms of staffing and major projects and that staff, particularly the staff of the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership did an excellent job and Slieve Gullion was a major tourism success story for the Council.

Ms Ward stated that it would not be appropriate to discuss staffing matters as the Committee was in open session, however she said there was no intention to make any significant changes to these areas. With regard to the review, Ms Ward said it was to be undertaken at the request of Ards and North Down Council with emphasis on Strangford Lough and Lecale, the main purpose of the review was to assess how best to manage and protect the AONBs in the district.

Councillor Byrne asked that the wording in the report relating to changes in staffing and major projects be amended. Ms Ward agreed that this would be done.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed that:

- **Carry out an independent review of the management of the Ring of Gullion and Strangford Lough & Lecale AONBs, and the relationship between NMDDC and ANDBC in managing Strangford Lough & Lecale AONB.**
- **Review the management of the relationship between NMDDC and Mourne Heritage Trust in managing the Mourne AONB.**
- **Assess the relationship of the aspiring Geopark and the AONBs. Through the AONBs much of the Geopark**

- requirements are being delivered.
- **Remove any references to changes to staffing and major projects contained in the AONBs Update Report dated 10 September 2018.**

ERT/140/2018: NEWRY CHAMBER VISIT TO CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN_ EVENT 3/4 DECEMBER 2018

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding the Newry Chamber visit to Construction and Design Event to be held on 3/4 December 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Carr asked if it would be beneficial for the Council to send a delegate to the event, Mr McGilly replied that although it had not been considered in discussions with Newry Chamber thus far, it could be raised at a future meeting with the Chamber.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Quinn it was agreed that:

- **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree funding of £5,000 to Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade towards the London Construction and Design event 3rd and 4th December 2018. This is subject to there being a suitable application process to ensure wide participation of companies from the local area.**
- **Explore the potential benefit of sending a Council delegate to the Construction and Design Event on the 3/4 December 2018 with Newry Chamber.**

TOURISM, CULTURE AND EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/141/2018: CAPITAL WORKS AT DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Capital Works at Down County Museum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew, seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to go to procurement for a supplier to install two replacement switchboards.

ERT/142/2018: GREENWAY TRANSPORT

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Greenway transport. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Quinn said there was a need for a toilet block at Victoria Lock and asked if this had ever been considered.

Councillor McAteer referred to a previous Full Council Meeting at which Translink was present, he said the need for providing 'round the lough' public convenience services had been discussed at that meeting and he asked that the provision of these services be included in future meetings with Translink.

Ms Ward said she would ensure that this was included in future discussions with Translink.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed that:

- **Council Officers engage DfI/Translink Officials to progress the possibility of installing a bus stop at the Victoria Lock site, and in increasing the number of buses passing the site each day.**
- **The provision of 'round the lough' public convenience services be included for discussion at future meetings with Translink.**

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND REGENERATION – FOR NOTING

ERT/143/2018: NEWRY PHASE III PUBLIC REALM

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Newry Hill Street Phase III Public Realm Scheme – Task and Finish Steering Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The Newry Phase III Public Realm report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.

ERT/144/2018: SEAFLAG 2

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding SEAFLAG 2. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The SEAFLAG 2 report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.

ERT/145/2018: LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK (LLFN) FUNDING BID

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Local Full Fibre Network (LLFN) Funding Bid. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Byrne referred to the LFFN funding and asked for more detail.

Ms Ward replied that a formal bid had recently been submitted by Council and DCMS had advised that the bid was successful and had progressed to the next stage. Ms Ward continued, saying Council was aiming for a £30m bid and she anticipated a special workshop for Councillors would be arranged in the next few weeks to update them on the details.

Agreed: The Local Full Fibre Network (LLFN) Funding Bid report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.

ERT/146/2018: STRANGFORD LOUGH AND LECALÉ PARTNERSHIP UPDATE_ - LIVE HERE AND LOVE HERE GRANT AWARD

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update – Live Here and Love Here Grant Award. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update – Live Here and Love Here Grant Award Report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.

ERT/147/2018: HALLOWEEN & CHRISTMAS SLAS

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Halloween & Christmas SLAs. **(Copy circulated)**

Ms Ward advised that the dates for the Christmas illuminations events were incorrect on the report circulated and should read: The Council Christmas illumination events in Downpatrick and Newry will take place on Thursday 22 November (Newry) and Friday 23 November (Downpatrick)

Agreed: The Halloween & Christmas SLAs report dated 10 September was 'noted'.

Amendment to the dates of the Christmas illumination events – Thursday 22 November 2018 (Newry) and Friday 23 November (Downpatrick) - 'noted'.

ERT/148/2018: LOUTH/NMD JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Read: Report of Joint Committee of Elected Members between Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Report dated 18 April 2018 in the Council Chamber, Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The Louth/NMD Joint Committee Report was 'noted'.

ERT/149/2018: HOTEL DEVELOPMENTS IN DOWNPATRICK

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding hotel developments in Downpatrick. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The Hotel Developments in Downpatrick report dated 10 September 2018 was 'noted'.

ERT/150/2018: SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Read: Report on Scheme of Delegation. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: The Scheme of Delegation was 'noted'.

ERT/151/2018: ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET

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

Agreed: The Action Tracker Sheet was 'noted'.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mulgrew seconded by Councillor Hanna 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/152/2018: LEASE OF WALLED GARDEN AT SLIEVE GULLION

Read: Report dated 10 September 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Lease of Walled Garden and Workshop, Slieve Gullion Forest Park. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Byrne 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 Byrne seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to enter into a Lease for a four-year minimum period, subject to annual review, on the basis of agreeing the terms of the lease and appropriate valuation.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on 1 October 2018.

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

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