

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2024

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 21 October 2024 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room,
Downshire Civic Centre**

Chairperson: Councillor C Galbraith

In attendance in Chamber: Councillor L Devlin Councillor D Finn
Councillor A Finnegan Councillor R Howell
Councillor D Lee-Surginor Councillor A Lewis
Councillor O Magennis Councillor A Mathers
Councillor L McEvoy Councillor D Murphy
Councillor H Young

**Non-Committee Members
in Chamber:** Councillor T Andrews

**Committee Members
in attendance (via Teams):** Councillor K Murphy

Officials in Chamber: Mr A Patterson, Director, Active and Healthy Communities
Mrs A Robb, Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)

AHC/085/2024: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Mr H Korkou, Assistant Director, Healthy Living (Acting).

AHC/086/2024: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/087/2024: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER
2024**

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024. **(Copy circulated).**

AHC/068/2024: Attendance Matters, Department of Education
Councillor Lee-Surginor enquired if there had been an update from the Department of Education regarding expansion of the RAISE programme beyond Newry.

Mr Patterson advised no update had been received however he would revert to Councillor Lee-Surginor directly on the matter.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor McEvoy to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024.

AHC/088/2024: DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Mournes DEA: Donard Car Park

On behalf of her colleague Councillor Truesdale, Councillor Young made reference to a meeting that was to take place to discuss mitigations regarding Donard Car Park. She referred to a car meet and PSNI's response to it and providing social media warnings of their attendance, it had passed without incident. Councillor Young thanked the PSNI and urged Council to act swiftly on the issue.

Councillor Devlin spoke of how the noise levels were causing havoc for residents and how the problem required a multi-agency approach.

Mr Patterson confirmed anti-social behaviour in Donard Park was something officers were looking into with regards to mitigations within the vicinity and through the PCSP Forum would continue to work with PSNI to deal with those issues.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Howell, to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for:

- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 5 September 2024**
- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 10 September 2024**
- **Slieve DEA Gullion Forum Private Meeting held on 10 September 2024**
- **Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 17 September 2024**
- **Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 24 September 2024**

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

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Howell, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 7 and 8, which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 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) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Magennis, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

AHC/089/2024: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding a Service Level Agreement. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Young, to approve a Service Level Agreement between Council and the organisations detailed within the officer's report, subject to grant funding being awarded.

AHC/090/2024: FITNESS EQUIPMENT SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the appointment of a specialist supplier via Direct Award contract for fitness equipment servicing and maintenance. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Councillor Magennis, to approve the re-appointment of a specialist supplier via Direct Award Contract for equipment maintenance, parts, servicing and associated call out fees as detailed within the officer's report.

AHC/091/2024: LEISURE FACILITIES – PLUMBING AND HEATING SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding the appointment of a supplier to undertake essential servicing and maintenance of plumbing and heating systems in Council's leisure facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to approve the appointment of a contractor via Direct Award Contract for Plumbing and Heating servicing and maintenance requirements as detailed within the officer's report.

AHC/092/2024: DEPARTMENTAL PROCUREMENT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding a procurement review. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy, to approve the appointment of specialist procurement support services via a framework to meet the procurement requirements as set out in the officer's report.

AHC/093/2024: **UPDATE ON PEACE PLUS FUNDING**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the East Border Region Application to 2.4 Peace Plus, Smart Towns and Villages (Mini-Digi Hub Project). **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Devlin, to note the contents of the officer's report.

AHC/094/2024: **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on the Community Development Strategy. **(Copy circulated)**

Mrs Robb provided an overview of the report for Members.
Mr Patterson confirmed Members would be consulted upon as part of development of the Strategy and it was envisaged that process would start within the year.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor to note the contents of the officer's report.

AHC/095/2024: **LETTER TO MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND OFFICIAL RESPONSE**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mr A Patterson, Director of Active and Healthy Communities regarding responses received from the Department for Communities following correspondence issued by Council in relation to the Community Planning Strategic Stakeholder Forum.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to note the officer's report and correspondence.

It was agreed correspondence would be shared with Members of the Strategic Stakeholder Forum.

AHC/096/2024: PCSP/NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2024 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Development regarding an update on PCSP and Neighbourhood Renewal.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor to note the report and the following:**

- **Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP held on 30 July 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 24 September 2024.**
- **Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 26 June 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on 11 September 2024.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.44pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 November 2024.

Signed: Councillor Galbraith
Chairperson

Signed: Andrew Patterson
Director Active and Healthy Communities