

**At the Council Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the AHC Minutes from 23<sup>d</sup> April 2014 were amended as follows:**

**C/074/2018**

**MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2018**

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2018 (copy circulated)

**AHC/075/2018 – Apologies & Chairperson’s Remarks**

Councillor Walker, on a point of accuracy, advised he had also congratulated Ryan Flynn who had taken up post as Council’s Sports Officer.

He had also congratulated those from the District who participated in the Commonwealth Games and asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Trevor Carson from Killyleagh who had received his first international cap with Northern Ireland, becoming the fourth person from Killyleagh to do so.

**AGREED:** It was agreed to amend the minutes to reflect the points above.

**AHC/079/2018 – Newry Play Parks – Consolidation Report**

Councillor Taylor, on a point of accuracy, stated he believed the agreed paragraph should read to ‘note’ the findings of the consultation process rather than to ‘approve’.

The Chief Executive advised his understanding was that it had been agreed to carry on the consultation and the approval was in relation to the findings in terms of the three stages of consultation, and not the recommendations

Councillors Walker and Taylor raised their concerns regarding this interpretation stating by approving the findings, this was approving the recommendations.

Councillor Reilly proposed that the consolidation report was rejected as it was not specific on named play parks; it was specific to the Newry Ward and too general in its theme and analysis, with no specific dates for its implementation. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Reilly asked for a recorded vote on the proposal.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote (attached), the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 8**  
**AGAINST: 26**  
**ABSTENTIONS: 2**

**The proposal was LOST.**

**AHC/083/2018 – Newry Sports Centre**

Councillor Byrne stated the recommendation to refuse any applications to rent or lease part of the Sports Centre was no way for the Council to do business, and more information was required on what the specific costs would actually be. He proposed that the recommendation be rejected. This was seconded by Councillor Savage.

Councillor Ruane proposed an amendment to defer any decision being taken on the matter until additional information was forthcoming. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

The Chairperson put the amendment to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR: 23**

**AGAINST:** 11  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

**The amendment was CARRIED.**

**AGREED:** *It was agreed to defer the recommendation from AHC Committee on AHC/083/2018 – Newry Sports Centre, until further information was forthcoming.*

**AHC/081/2018 – Financial Assistance**

*Mr Lipsett advised it had been agreed to look at the potential of giving all successful applicants 50% of the funding they had applied for, regardless of whether the scheme was oversubscribed or not. The Committee had asked for a report on implications and cost of funding all groups 50% and the table was attached showing a total additional cost of £27,429 which was not in the budget, however there was potential to cover this from other budgets across the Council.*

*Councillor Kimmins thanked officers for carrying out the work requested so quickly and proposed the recommendation as the additional funding required was significantly lower than the Committee had first been advised. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.*

*Councillor Sharvin advised there was some confusion among community groups as some had received letters regarding the tourism call advising they had not been successful, therefore had thought they were getting nothing at all from Council. A message should be communicated to all groups that they had not all been unsuccessful.*

*Councillor Enright stated he had concerns that the budget for Irish Language schemes had been cut in half as there was an oversubscription in Sports. He said sports had 70 years of promoting themselves, however this was the first occasion where the Irish Language had received funding to promote it and it was wrong to cut the budget in half.*

*Councillor Byrne stated he had asked at the last Council meeting that any of those schemes that could crossover into the tourism budgets should be advised to apply for that scheme and queried whether this had been carried out.*

*Mrs Ward advised there were different criteria for the two sets of funding and a second call had been sent out for tourism events fund. She stated she would check whether groups had been directly advised.*

*Councillor Murnin asked whether there could be signposting added to the website so that organisations can find the funding calls.*

*Mr Hannaway agreed this matter would be addressed by Council officers.*

*The Chairperson advised it had been proposed by Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Walker to agree the recommendations that all successful applicants be funded at 50% and she then proceeded to put the matter to a vote, the results of which were as follows:*

**FOR:** 27  
**AGAINST:** 6  
**ABSTENTIONS:** 1

**The proposal was CARRIED.**

**AGREED:** *It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by*

*Councillor Walker that all successful applicants be funded at 50% of their initial funding application. It was also agreed that the issue of the funding calls appearing on the website would be addressed by Council officers.*

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**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2018

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 April 2018 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Walker

**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**  
Councillor Brown Councillor Doran  
Councillor Enright Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Howell Councillor Kimmins  
Councillor Loughran Councillor McMurray  
Councillor Ó Muirí Councillor Quinn  
Councillor Taylor Councillor Trainor

**Officials in attendance:** Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities  
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing  
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr A Herron, Playboard NI

**AHC/075/2018 APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews and Harte and Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement.

The Chairperson congratulated Laura McGrath who replaced Ryan Flynn as the Macmillan Move More Co-ordinator. He also congratulated Ryan who

**AHC/076/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Howell declared an interest in AHC/081/2018 – Financial Assistance Update as she was involved with a group who had applied for funding.

Councillor Quinn declared an interest in AHC/085/2018 – Mourne Home to Hospital.

**AHC/077/2018      ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH  
2018**

**Read:**            Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 March 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed to note the action sheet.**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/078/2018:      DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 23 April 2018 regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

**Agreed:**            **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to note the DEA Fora Update report and agree the following action sheet from the DEA Forum Private Meeting:**

- **Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2018**
- **Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 2 February 2018**
- **Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 23 March 2018**

**It was agreed to take item 7 on the agenda at this stage**

**LEISURE AND SPORTS**

**AHC/079/2018:      NEWRY PLAY PARKS – CONSOLIDATION REPORT**

**Read:**            Report from Mr C Haughey, dated 23 April 2018 regarding Newry Play Parks – Consolidation Report (copy circulated).

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Alan Herron to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation to the Committee.

Mr Herron provided some background stating the Council’s Play Strategy aimed to maximise funding to provide high value play areas that offer greater variety and improved play experiences and recommended the consolidation of fixed play within an area with one high play value site developed subject to community consultation. (copy of presentation appended)

The Chairperson thanked Mr Herron for his presentation and invited questions from

Members:

Councillor Kimmins asked whether it was possible to explore other sites in the area as mentioned by consultees.

Mr Herron advised the potential of another 200 houses in the area could meet the needs for additional play facilities and may be something for Council to consider.

Councillor Kimmins proposed that all options were investigated for the provision of play facilities in order to ensure what was finally agreed met the needs of the whole community. This was seconded by Councillor Doran.

Councillor Trainor stated he felt the wider community's needs had not been met and with the new housing development there would be more demand for play facilities.

Mr Herron stated with a private developer in the area, there would be an expectation that they should contribute in order to meet the play and leisure needs of the community.

Councillor Trainor proposed an amendment to the proposal stating if the play facilities were consolidated into a new area, the other two sites in question could be sold off to help fund the new one while operating the park with the best play score in the interim.

Councillor Kimmins stated she felt it was too early in the process to make suggestions on what to do with the other parks therefore would not accept the amendment.

Councillors Walker and Taylor stated they could not support any proposal or recommendations within the report, as the concerns regarding the naming of the playpark remain, therefore would be abstaining from any vote.

The proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>AGAINST:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>2</b>

**The proposal was CARRIED**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve the findings of the consultation process and to investigate all options for siting play facilities to ensure what was agreed met the needs of the whole community.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/080/2018: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT/MINUTES**

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement; Ms A Rennick,

Engagement & Development Manager and Mr S McKeivitt,  
Neighbourhood Renewal Officer, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Newry  
Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report/Minutes (copy circulated).

**Noted:**                    **The Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal  
Partnership were agreed on the proposal of Councillor  
Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Doran.**

**Councillor Trainor left the chamber at this stage – 6.26pm**

**Having previously declared an interest in the next item, Councillor Howell left the  
meeting at this stage – 6.27pm**

**AHC/081/2018:        FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Read:**                Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 23 April 2018  
regarding Financial Assistance (copy circulated).

Councillor Kimmins queried whether additional funding could be found to enable all  
groups that have passed to get at least 50% funding.

Mr Lipsett advised to do so would cost an additional £58,237.20 and he would not have  
the budget to meet this additional cost. He suggested he could investigate the potential  
of getting budget from elsewhere across the Council and would then provide an update  
at the Council meeting in May.

Councillor Kimmins proposed that officers investigate ways of getting additional budget  
from across the Council to provide all groups with 50% of funding. This was seconded  
by Councillor Ó Muirí.

Mr Lipsett asked for clarification as to whether Members wished to award 50% to all  
funding themes or just those that were over-subscribed.

Councillor Brown suggested officers use a more measured approach to judge  
applications against a scoring matrix as to how the funding was allocated which may  
mean some groups getting higher or lower percentage of the award.

Members discussed the issue and stated that approach would make it more difficult for  
officers to award and 50% across the board for all groups would be more fair and  
equitable.

The proposal was put to a vote, the results of which were as follows:

**FOR:                    10**  
**AGAINST:            0**  
**ABSTENTIONS:    1**

**The proposal was CARRIED.**

**Agreed:**                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins,  
seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí to allow officers to**

**investigate methods of sourcing additional budget from across the Council in order to provide all groups across the board with 50% of funding and an update to be provided at the May Council meeting.**

**Councillor Howell re-entered the meeting at this stage – 6.40pm.**

## **LEISURE AND SPORTS**

### **AHC/082/2018: CASTLEWELLAN FC PAVILION – LEASE AMENDMENT**

**Read:** Report from Mr D Morgan, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 23 April 2018 regarding Castlewellan FC Pavilion – Lease Amendment (copy circulated)

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Howell to:

- **Approve the building and placement of a new changing facility on the land leased by Castlewellan FC on the Bann Road in order for them to develop and build new changing rooms on the Dublin Road side of the facility;**
- **The written approval then added to the current lease as an appendix document.**

### **AHC/083/2018: NEWRY SPORTS CENTRE**

**Read:** Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Newry Sports Centre (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Brown, to accept the officer's recommendation that requests to rent or lease part of the former Newry Sports Centre should be refused.

### **AHC/084/2018: COMMUNITY TRAILS SLA WITH ORNI**

**Read:** Report from Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Community Trails SLA with ORNI (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, to approve the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2018-19 financial year at the total cost of £72,600.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**Councillor Quinn left the meeting at this stage having previously declared an**

interest in the next item – 6.49pm.

**AHC/085/2018:        MOURNE HOME TO HOSPITAL**

Read:            Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Mourne Home to Hospital (copy circulated)

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to support Mourne Home to Hospital scheme for year 2018-19.**

Councillor Quinn re-entered the meeting at this stage – 6.54pm.

**AHC/086/2018:        REQUEST FROM KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND BEAUTIFUL FOR ECO SCHOOLS POST SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION FOR PERIOD 2018-19**

Read:            Report from Mr P McShane, Environmental Co-ordinator, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Request from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for Eco Schools Post Support Contribution for period 2018-19 (copy circulated).

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Doran, to approve the contribution of £1500 for the period 2018-19 for the Eco Schools Post Support Contribution.**

**AHC/087/2018:        ENFORCEMENT OF PROPOSED BAN ON MICRO-BEADS IN COSMETICS**

Read:            Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Enforcement of Proposed Ban on Micro-beads in Cosmetics (copy circulated).

**Agreed:            It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Brown, to authorise Environmental Health Officers to enforce the ban on micro-beads when the legislation becomes operable.**

**AHC/088/2018:        SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Read:            Report from Ms A Rennick, Investing for Health Officer, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Suicide Prevention (copy circulated).

Members spoke unanimously in support of the officer's recommendation with Councillor Brown asking that LifeChangeChangesLives organisation based in Downpatrick also be invited to the meeting in May and that a 6pm start time be considered.



**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Kimmins to send names of Councillors from each Party as soon as possible for the proposed meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.  
It was also agreed that LifeChangeChangesLives be invited and a 6pm start time be considered.

**AHC/089/2018: FUNDING REQUEST FOR SUSTAINABLE NI**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Funding Request for Sustainable NI (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Howell, to approve funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2018-19.

**FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**AHC/090/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE**

**Read:** Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Social Investment Fund Update. (copy circulated).

**Noted:** The Social Investment Fund Update was noted.

**FOR NOTING – HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**AHC/091/2018: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STANDING FORUM**

**Read:** Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum (copy circulated).

**Noted:** The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum report was noted.

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

**AHC/092/2018 WOMEN'S AID ARMAGHDOWN**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of

**Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (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.**

**Read:** Report from Ms A Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager, dated 23 April 2018, regarding Women’s Aid Armaghdown (copy circulated).

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

**Agreed:** **When in closed session, the following was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Kimmins:**

- **Council act as the sponsor for the Women’s Aid Armaghdown purchase of 5 Downshire Place, Newry.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.04pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Tuesday 8 May 2017.

**Signed:** Councillor W Walker  
Chairperson

**Signed:** Mr M Lipsett  
Director of Active and Healthy Communities