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Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 12 January 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McEldowney, McNamee, T Quinn, G Shiels, J Shiels, Wilson

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

D001/17 Apologies

Councillors McAleer and C O'Neill.

D002/17 Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in item D007/17 – Dark Sky Heritage Park in Northern Ireland – RAS200 Funding - as a member of Broughderg Community Association. Councillor Clarke also declared an interest in item D008/17 – Sperrins Conference Proposal - as Chair of Sperrins Recreation Forum.

D003/17 Chair's Business

The Chair advised Members of the recent death of Christine McGowan's husband. Christine works as Arts and Cultural Development Officer in Ranfurly House and the Chair extended the condolences of the Development Committee to her and her family at this sad time.

D004/17 Confirmation of Development Minutes held on Wednesday 7 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 (D262/16 to D279/16 and D283/16 to D284/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

Matters for Decision

D005/17 Economic Development Report

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report which provided an update on key activities as detailed below –

- **Department for Communities (DfC) Revitalise Scheme 2016/17- Cookstown & Dungannon Town Centres**
- **Magherafelt Public Realm Scheme**
- **Shop Improvement Scheme**

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in this item.

- **Maghera Development Framework**
- **Mid Ulster Town Centre Positioning Study**
- **Ann Street Development Site, Dungannon**

Councillor Cuddy expressed the need for issues relating to the site to be progressed in an appropriate manner.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy agreed with the comments made by Councillor Cuddy.

- **Blackwater Regional Partnership Update**

Councillor Cuddy felt there did not appear to be a lot going on in relation to the Partnership.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that, going forward, the Partnership would need to adopt a more flexible approach and that Partnership councils would also continue to work closely together.

Councillor Burton referred to the previous link Blackwater Regional Partnership had with Caledon Regeneration and felt that those links should continue. Councillor Burton advised that she is unfamiliar of the work of Blackwater Regional Partnership.

- **Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) Update**
- **NI Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP)**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note progress in relation to -
- Department for Communities (DfC) Revitalise Scheme 2016/17- Cookstown & Dungannon Town Centres;
 - Magherafelt Public Realm Scheme;
 - Shop Improvement Scheme;
 - Maghera Development Framework;
 - Mid Ulster Town Centre Positioning Study;
 - Ann Street Development Site, Dungannon;
 - Blackwater Regional Partnership;
 - NI Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP); and
 - That approval be given for the release of the second (and final) 50% payment of £5,000 to ICBAN.

D006/17 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which provided detail on the following –

- **Community grant award recommendations**
- **Peace IV Local Action Plan Letter of Offer**

The Head of Community Development advised that Council had applied for £3.6 million of funding and that a letter of offer was due to be received for £2.8 million based on verbal discussions with SEUPB. It was advised that a number of projects could be resubmitted.

It was proposed to approve the acceptance of the reduced level of Peace IV Local Action Plan Letter of Offer and commence delivery of the agreed projects and in consultation with the Peace Partnership resubmit a further application for the remainder of the funding of approximately £550,000.

The Plan agreed to date is as previous with the exception of the Leadership Programme, Decade of Commemorations Programme, Language Programme, Vulnerable People Programme and Shared Space Project Aughnacloy.

The programmes to be reviewed and a further submission made for this allocation, and further consideration is to be given to Aughnacloy regarding continuing to make the case for the much needed changing facility or to look at the alternative Council pitches and how they could complement the new 4G through moving the changing facility and developing the site. Further discussion will take place through the Peace Partnership re options going forward for resubmission.

- **Allocation of DfC funding to Advice Service**
- **Community Development**
- **Community Planning Mid Ulster**

Councillor Elattar asked if there was any update in relation to request made by Bellaghy Regeneration Group at a previous meeting.

The Head of Community Development advised that negotiations were ongoing with Bellaghy Regeneration Group in relation to use of room(s) in Seamus Heaney HomePlace.

Councillor Wilson stated he was in support of Council assisting the group but felt that this should not be at the disadvantage of anyone else.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council –
- To approve Community Local Festivals grant award recommendations as listed in appendix to report.
 - To approve the acceptance of the Peace IV Local Action Plan Letter of Offer and commence delivery of the agreed Plan.
 - To agree to allocate the additional DfC funding of £12,224 to CAMU as per the letter of offer and required conditions.
 - To note the Community Development update and PCSP minutes attached in appendix to report.
 - To note the Community Planning update.

D007/17 Dark Sky Heritage Park in Northern Ireland – RAS200 Funding

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report which sought approval to match fund an application to RAS200 (Royal Astronomical Society) to develop a programme of events and outreach programme for the Dark Sky Heritage Park in Davagh Forest and surrounding heritage sites. The Head of Tourism also sought permission to proceed with stage 2 of the project application.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- That match funding for an application to RAS200 (Royal Astronomical Society) for the Dark Sky Heritage Park in Davagh Forest and surrounding heritage sites. Match funding will amount to £50,000 over a five year period (£10,000 per year).
 - To proceed with stage 2 of project application.

In response to Councillor Clarke's question the Head of Tourism advised that a report regarding a Heritage Lottery Fund application would be available in February.

D008/17 Sperrins Conference Proposal: Managing and Developing Outdoor Recreation in Protected Landscapes

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report which sought support for a request from Sport NI and the Sperrins Outdoor Recreation Forum for financial and administrative support in relation to hosting a conference within the Sperrins region on "Managing and Developing Outdoor Recreation in Protected Landscapes."

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the request for financial and administrative support to deliver a conference within the Sperrins on managing and developing outdoor recreation in protected landscapes. Council will contribute a maximum of £1500 ex vat towards conference costs, this cost to be spread evenly between Tourism, Leisure and Parks at a cost of £500 each. This support will be subject to remaining financial and administrative requirements for delivery being resourced through the other identified partners.

D009/17 Culture and Arts Progress Report

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made in Culture and Arts Services and to highlight events that have occurred during the months of November and December and to identify events and activities that will be occurring in the future. Members were also informed of the recent success of Bardic Theatre, Donaghmore at the Martin McDonagh International Drama Festival in Russia.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy commended staff in relation to the wide range of events organised by Council in the lead up to Christmas. The Chair also congratulated Bardic Theatre on their recent achievements.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- To note upcoming activities being undertaken in Culture and Arts Services; and
- That a letter of congratulations be issued to Bardic Theatre, Donaghmore following their recent success at the Martin McDonagh International Drama Festival in Russia.

D010/17 Arts and Culture Strategy Consultations

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which sought approval for consultation exercise being delivered to enable Council, key partners, stakeholders, participants and the wider arts and cultural community within the Mid Ulster region to have input into the development of Mid Ulster District Council's five year Arts and Cultural Strategy.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the meeting for stat/reg/vol organisations had been rearranged to 27 January 2017.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree community consultations, dates and locations as detailed within report with the exception of meeting for stat/reg/vol organisations being rearranged to 27 January 2017.

D011/17 Sports Strategic Development and Capital Grants

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report which sought approval for grant allocations to the following –

- Strategic Sports Development Grant
- Sports Representative Grant

Councillor Burton referred to the Strategic Sports Grant and asked if one group had received all of the money available.

The Head of Leisure advised that the applicant for the Strategic Sports Grant had applied for a grant amount of £14,479 and it was proposed that they be awarded £12,500. It was advised that this grant would be used to employ a Sports Development Officer. Other organisations had previously received this grant which had been reopened as agreed by Council.

Councillor Burton referred to hockey development in Mid Ulster and asked if an application could have been made to the Strategic Sports Grant to support such development.

The Head of Leisure advised that an application could have been made but none was received, he went on to advise of another grant which is currently open which could assist with hockey development.

Councillor Burton stated that any support Council could give to hockey development would be beneficial.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve sports grant allocations as detailed in appendix to report.

D012/17 Sports Facility Strategy Consultations

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report which sought approval for timetable in relation to community consultations on Mid Ulster District Council's Sports Facility Strategy.

Councillor Wilson commented that there was not enough time for Members to consider the draft plan if they were to only receive it tomorrow and then attend a meeting on Monday.

The Head of Leisure accepted Councillor Wilson's comments and advised that if Members were unable to attend meeting on Monday that they could forward any comments up until Tuesday 24 January 2017.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree timetable for community consultations as detailed within report.

D013/17 Northern Ireland Forest Schools Awards

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought approval to register and engage with Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association (NIFSA) to develop a schools programme in Mid Ulster District Council area.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question it was confirmed that the cost of the programme would come from within the Parks budget.

Councillor Burton asked if a partnership between Parkanaur and schools in Castlecaulfield could be facilitated under this programme.

The Head of Parks advised that an invitation would be issued to schools in the district to register their interest in the programme.

In relation to Councillor Cuddy's comment with regard to provision of signage to recognise recent achievements of Castlecaulfield in horticultural competitions it was advised that signage was being progressed.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Mid Ulster District Council register with Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association and initiate a programme to engage local schools and youth groups to embrace local parks and greenspace where feasible across the district. Cost of programme to be £6000.

Matters for Information

D014/17 Parks and Countryside Strategy Consultations

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update and schedule of consultations in relation to Mid Ulster District Council's Parks and Play and Countryside and Water Recreation Strategies.

D015/17 Parks Service Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities associated to Parks Service and to highlight events or consultations that will be occurring in the future.

D016/17 Leisure Services Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and to highlight events that will be occurring in the future.

D017/17 Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014/2020

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

D018/17 Tourism Development Group

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on the establishment of the new Tourism Development Group in Mid Ulster region.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That item D019/17 be taken as confidential business.

D020/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 7.47 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Report to:	Development Meeting
Subject:	Ballygawley Area Development Association (BADA)
Date:	Thursday 16 th February 2017
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Hill, Head of Parks

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Approval to accept the donation of allotment utility shed from Ballygawley Area Development Association for the use of plot holders and visitors to the Council managed Nature Garden and Community Allotment site.

2	Background
2.1	The directors of Ballygawley Area Development Association (BADA) have proposed to fund the provision of a steel 3m x 3m utility shed on the site of the allotments and to donate the shed to the council. The cost of the shed is £2100. The proposal is as a result of the popularity of the facility with local plot holders and visiting groups and the continued support of the development association in relation to the community allotment project.

3	Key Issues
3.1	Council would arrange to accommodate minor works in the form setting a base for the shed and an access path. Council would also take on the responsibility for providing public liability insurance and future maintenance of the shed.

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u> Estimated accommodation works £900.
4.2	<u>Human</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u> N/A

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

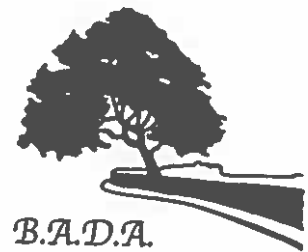
6	Recommendations
6.1	Approval is sought to accept the proposal and assist with the provision of the utility shed and aim to have all works completed prior to Easter.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Letter of Offer from Ballygawley Area Development Association Appendix 3

Ballygawley Area Development Association Ltd.

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Ballygawley,
Co. Tyrone
BT70 2HB

Head of Parks
Mid Ulster District Council
Cookstown Office
Burn road
Cookstown
BT80 8DT



Attention: Mr Nigel Hill

19th January 2017

Dear Sir,

RE: 3m² Galvanised Metal Shed At Ballygawley Playing Fields Nature Walk & Garden Allotments

The Directors of Ballygawley Area Development Association LTD (BADA LTD) have agreed to purchase and donate a galvanised metal garden shed (costing £2100) to Mid Ulster District Council, for use by the allotment tenants at Ballygawley Playing Fields Nature Walk & Garden Allotments, on the proviso that the Council provide a concrete base as previously discussed with Yvonne Zellman & Paul Bailey at a site meeting on 11th October 2016.


Abtech Steel Buildings who are providing and erecting the shed require a level 3100mm square concrete base, 100mm deep, strength 30 Newtons with a good quality damp proof membrane to ensure that damp does not rise through the concrete.

The Directors would appreciate if you could give the go ahead to have the concrete base laid whereupon BADA LTD will proceed to have Abtech Steel Buildings erect the shed. Thereafter the Council will be responsible for the maintenance and insurance of the shed.

Some members of the Allotment Group are willing to help the Council and The Conservation Volunteers with laying the base if required.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Faithfully,


Jim Tallon
Chairperson to BADA LTD



Maureen McKeever
Secretary to BADA LTD

If contact is required please phone Maureen McKeever @ 07784588316.

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Subject	Community Development Report Community Grant Approvals Peace IV Local Action Plan Mid Ulster Advice Service Community Development Update Community Planning Update
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval for community grant award recommendations
1.2	To agree a further submission of programmes for Peace IV Local Action Plan
1.3	To see approval to extend Mid Ulster Advice Provision
1.4	To update on Community Development
1.5	To update on Community Planning Mid Ulster

2	Background
2.1	Community Grants The Grant Aid Programme for the 2016/17 financial year facilitates applications being made on a rolling basis for Community Festivals and Good Relations.
2.2	Peace IV Council submitted a Peace IV local action plan submission for Mid Ulster District.
2.3	Mid Ulster Advice Provision Council currently manages a contract of joint funding for advice provision across Mid Ulster with CAMU.
2.4	Community Development Update An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Advice, Village Planning, Community Centres PCSP DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Good Relations
2.5	Community Planning Council is leading on the development of a Community Plan for Mid Ulster District.

3	Update
3.1	<p>Community Grants - Rolling Grant Aid Programmes</p> <p>Community Local Festivals – 7 Community Local Festivals applications with a total of £4,357.00 award recommendations.</p> <p>Good Relations - 4 Good Relations applications with a total of £2,956.00 award recommendations.</p> <p>See attached paper Appendix 1.</p> <p>To seek Committee approval for Community Local Festivals and Good Relations grant award recommendations.</p>
3.2	<p>Peace IV</p> <p>Following the Peace Partnership meeting the following was recommended for approval by Committee and Council –</p> <p>The Partnership proposed that out of the 4 programmes that had not been successful in receiving funding; to further develop and resubmit the Vulnerable People Programme, Irish Language and Ulster Scots Programme, and Decade of Anniversaries Programme and not to resubmit the Leadership Programme but look at other alternatives for reallocation of this funding within current Council programmes.</p> <p>They also proposed that another option should be considered for shared space in Aughnacloy rather than resubmit the original project that was not successful. It is proposed by officers to focus development of the Council pitches (given the new 3G provision at the College and transfer of sports to this site).</p> <p>The Partnership proposed a change of project for Moneymore, to be resubmitted to SEUPB for consideration, the development of the Council Recreational site.</p>
3.3	<p>Peace IV Shared Space Project</p> <p>The application has been submitted for the Shared Space project in Pomeroy and a decision on stage 1 is due by 22nd March 2017.</p>
3.3	<p>Mid Ulster Advice Provision</p> <p>An independent one year review has been completed on the Mid Ulster Advice Service by William Consulting as part of Council's 3 year contract and it proposed to continue the existing service into year 2. A further review will be undertaken at this time. This reviews occurs alongside quarterly monitoring by officers.</p>
3.4	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u></p> <p>Grant verification is being undertaken across all grant areas.</p> <p>Council has appointed an online grant management system provider which will provide an online application process for 2017, this will be complemented by hard copy where required. There will be significant marketing and promotion of this across all groups.</p> <p>Community Support to groups is ongoing.</p>

Community centres continue to operate and provide for local groups in their areas.

Village plans are near completion with approx. 8 to be finalised. Officers will continue to work with groups in delivery of their plans and Council rural development projects are being progressed with Economic Development.

PCSP

Please see attached a copy of the PCSP minutes for information at Appendix 2.

Mid Ulster PCSP three thematic groups to deliver on reductions in the main problem areas of Antisocial Behaviour, Night-time Economy and Vulnerable Persons are ongoing.

Summary activity includes:

Youth diversionary programmes in relation to anti-social behaviour including summer programmes and Twilight Soccer

Campaigns on anti-social behaviour awareness raising, domestic violence, Anti-social driving, road safety awareness raising and the Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstructions

PSNI's Alcohol Awareness Programme for youth involved in underage drinking installation of defibrillators and associated training

Supply of safety equipment to vulnerable people including a scheme for high risk victims of Domestic Abuse

School programmes on Domestic Violence, internet safety and RADAR Centre visits for 25 primary schools across Mid Ulster

Cyber Crime Business Breakfasts to raise awareness of internet scams

Support for 49 Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout the district, including a crime prevention and networking information event

A rural crime information event, Livestock Market information screens and the text alert scheme

Community safety information talks

Mid Ulster CCTV

An initial procurement exercise was undertaken to seek to get maximisation of CCTV provision for an allocated budget of £28,000 for the 3 main towns with 3 further villages to follow. The first quotation exercise has been withdrawn due to the need to provide further specification clarification. A competition will be re-issued week commencing 30 January for a CCTV service across the three principal towns of Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt for a period of three years with further provision for roll out to Maghera, Draperstown and Fivemiletown.

DSD Neighbourhood Renewal

Confirmation has been received that the current programmes will be monitored and will continued to 2017 – 2018. An update plan with monitoring reviews is currently being completed with DFC.

As part of the capital development of projects in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area, funding opportunities are being explored for the Council led projects of Ballysaggart (Railway Park Extension), and Gortgonis and Coalisland Canal.

3.5	<p><u>Good Relations</u> Good Relations programmes are all in progress and reviews are currently taking place under the OBA model that has been introduced by the Executive to inform the next plan.</p> <p>Grants continue to be delivered and monitored with funding and support to 76 groups, alongside continued support to Groups completing the Decade of Anniversaries activities. An update lecture series is being developed and will be shared with members.</p> <p>Hill of the O'Neill will be the venue for Mid Ulster Council's Mini Mela, featuring cultures from around the world include dance and food and will include local schools and public.</p> <p>Ongoing support is taking place across the District with programmes and groups including: schools engagement, clergy and Church linkages, support to the BME and Polish Community Association, engagement with Scout groups and youth activities and community and women's leadership groups.</p> <p>Council continue to liaise with Home Office on the potential arrival of some Syrian Refugee Families to Mid Ulster</p>
	<p><u>Community Planning</u> The public consultation on the draft community plan closed 13th February. Comments are being collated for presentation to the Board meeting for consideration. The next stage of the community planning process is currently being developed.</p>

4	Resource Implications
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> Community Local Festivals grants £4,357.00</p> <p>Good Relations grants £2,956.00</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u> None.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> None.</p>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	None

6	Recommendations
6.1	To approve the Community Local Festivals Grant award and Good Relations Grant award recommendations.
6.2	To approve the Peace Partnership proposals for resubmission of programmes and schemes as part of the Local Action Plan.

6.3	To seek approval to extend Mid Ulster Advice Provision for a further year 2017-18.
6.4	To note the Community Development update and PCSP minutes.
6.5	To note the Community Planning update.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	List of grant funding recommendations.
7.2	Copy of the most recent PCSP minutes

Appendix 1

Community Local Festival – February 2017

No	Organisation Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Bands	Amt Award
1	Clogher Valley Rugby Football Club	CVRFC 5K Mud Run	£1,000.00	4	£700.00
2	Derrytresk Community Projects	St Patrick's Festival	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
3	Spires Cycling Club	Family Day Festival in Davagh Forest	£1,000.00	5	£600.00
4	St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil	Bowling Tournament	£910.00	4	£637.00
5	The Clans of Ulster	Imbolc Celebration & The Great Brantry Bake Off	£1,000.00	4	£700.00
6	The Friends of The Belle of Mid Ulster Assoc	The Belle of Mid Ulster	£1,000.00	6	£500.00
7	Upperlands RBL	Cultural Celebration	£700.00	5	£420.00
				<u>Total</u>	<u>£4,357.00</u>

Summary - Good Relations Grants - February Committee 2017

No	Organisation	Project Detail	Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
1	Donaghmore Historical Society	Lecture Series	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
2	Milltown Area Super Adults	Launch of Anniversary Book	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
3	St Patricks GAC Loup	The Life & Times of Louis Smith	£760.00	5	£456.00
4	First Steps Women's Centre	Living in Mid Ulster	£1,000.00	2	£900.00
				<u>Total</u>	<u>£2,956.00</u>

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held in Council Chamber, Dungannon on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at
6.00pm**

Present: Councillor Burton (Chair)

Councillors Gildernew, Mallaghan, McPeake, Quinn, Reid

Fiona Crawford, Marian Dorman, Liam Duggan, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Ciaran McElhone, Hannah Su O'Callaghan, Emma Sheerin, Martina Watson

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Michael Hogg (EA), Inspector Keith Jamieson (PSNI), Sergeant Ken McDermott (PSNI), Ruth McKelvey (PBNI), Nuala Quinn (SHSCT), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI), Mark Watson (NIFRS)

Apologies: Councillor Bateson, Glasgow, Shiels, Kate Lambe (H&SCT)

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PCSP Manager), Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer)

Meeting started at 6.05pm.

PCSP31/16 WELCOME

The Chair, Councillor Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PCSP32/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of any declaration of interest.

**PCSP33/16 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING
HELD ON 15 JUNE 2016**

The Minutes of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2016 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Councillor Ken Reid
Seconded by; Fiona Crawford

PCSP34/16 MATTERS ARISING

**PCSP29/16 – Page 5 - Any Other Business – Residents in Fairhill,
Cookstown**

PCSP Manager updated Members regarding bollards at Holy Trinity School in Cookstown. A number of issues needed further consideration – engine noise and the land does not belong to the

school. PCSP Manager and Transport NI would be having a site meeting.

Councillor Quinn advised this was an ongoing problem for 8-9 years and needed to be resolved as soon as possible.

PCSP27/16 – Page 2 – THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES - ASB – Forum Update

Councillor Quinn referred to page 2 of the minutes and indicated the sentence '*Michael Dallat advised Members that a mutually beneficial meeting had taken place on Monday 13 June, 2016 with NIHE, PSNI and PCSP*' should state 'PCSP officers'.

PCSP35/16 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

The PCSP Manager provided an update to Members on the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Group and the following comments were made:

- 'Who Do I Call' information leaflets on ASB were available at the meeting for Members to take with them.
- The Chair enquired if the 'Where is Your Child Tonight' campaign provided value for money. The PSNI Manager advised a proposal to re-run the campaign would be brought to the next ASB Sub Group meeting.
- The Chair requested that the Emergency Services Collision Reconstruction be brought to rural areas.
- Fiona Crawford referred to recent suicides and asked if the PCSP could make leaflets available to signpost support services. Nuala Quinn, the Protect Life Co-ordinator, advised that the situation is being constantly monitored. If it is deemed necessary a Community Response Plan can be put in place. This is a multi-agency response, whereby issues are dealt with in a discrete and quiet way. The Health Trust and Council are key partners. Nuala advised caution as this issue has the potential to have a major impact on a lot of people. Good work is already on-going discretely in schools and support is being provided. The focus is not on suicide but on emotional resilience and wellbeing. Michael Hogg advised that the Youth Service focus was on building resilience, making good choices and sources of help and support. Youth workers were available to provide support and signpost to specialist services.
- The Chair referred to recent reports of rural thefts and sheds being burnt in the Clogher Valley area. Inspector Jamieson advised that these were ongoing investigations so he could not discuss them at the meeting. He indicated livestock thefts were reducing and the

PSNI were working closely with Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the Ulster Farmers Union.

- The Chair referred to CCTV in Fivemiletown advising the Chamber of Commerce had enquired if it was in operation and being monitored. She had made attempts to find out but no one seemed to know. The PCSP Manager agreed to find out what the current situation was.

NTE – Night-Time Economy Group Update

The PCSP Manager provided an update to Members on the work of the Night-Time Economy Group and the following comments were made;

- Inspector Walsh indicated on Monday nights in Cookstown there could be 1500 people attending Time Bar and Venue. Some were arriving pre-loaded with alcohol. The PSNI had been working with bus companies, licenced premises and the PCSP. The operation had now ceased. PSNI do not have the power to remove alcohol from buses or prevent consumption on buses unless the people are juveniles. There are some powers for parades and some football matches. The legislation to deal with this issue was not progressed. There is a pilot scheme for buses to park at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena outside town.

Martina Watson queried if PSNI could remove alcohol if the bus companies gave the police permission. Inspector Walsh advised that in the absence of legislation, PSNI still could not remove the alcohol.

Councillor Reid indicated that this 'grey area' needed to be resolved at Stormont as there was a law in place in the South of Ireland.

The PCSP Manager agreed to raise Members' concerns with the Dept of Justice.

- Inspector Jamieson updated on the '*Second Chance, Last Chance*' community resolution Scheme which was a one day course delivered by Breakthru in Dungannon. PSNI would make referrals for low level anti-social behaviour and people could attend this course at a cost of £75 instead of receiving an £85 fine for disorderly behaviour, for example.
- The PCSP Manager advised that the Crash Car simulator would be soon be operational.

VP - Vulnerable Persons Group Update

Declaration of Interest – Martina Watson, Mid Ulster Women's Aid

The PCSP Manager provided an update to Members on the work of the Vulnerable Persons Group and the following comments were made:

- Martina Watson requested that the PCSP consult with Women's Aid on the 'Domestic Violence' campaign to make it as effective as possible. This was agreed.
- Liam Duggan enquired if the PCSP app could tie in with the internet safety programme. The PCSP Manager advised that the app would be a resource to find information quickly. Michael Hogg advised of an app to report crime, which was a step-by-step guide, and could be linked into the PCSP app.

Councillor Quinn advised that hate crime was under reported and for every five incidents reported 15 – 20 incidents were not. People suffered in silence and unfortunately sectarianism and racism was alive and well.

- Ursula Marshall requested Hate Crime statistics broken down into the relevant categories, including crimes with a disability motivation. The PCSP Manager advised he would get these for Members.
- The PCSP Officer advised that the PSNI had provided some information on the 'Next Door' app. This is a secure app for use by residents and neighbours to share information, not just about suspicious activity but anything relevant to their own estate or neighbourhood. It could be complementary to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and has become popular due to extensive use of Smart phones.
- Hannah Su O'Callaghan reminded of the importance to be conscious of those people who did not use Smart phones, particularly the elderly.
- The PCSP Manager advised that Hi Vis kits were available for PCSP Members to distribute.

PCSP36/16 EQUALITY SCHEME AND DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

The PCSP Manager advised that the draft PCSP Equality Scheme and Disability Action plan had been out for consultation and he was seeking approval for submission to the Equality Commission.

Members made the following comments;

- Ursula Marshall requested that Mid Ulster Disability Forum be included in the consultation for the Disability Action Plan.

Councillor McPeake advised that the Council had separated Good Relations from the Equality obligations as there was a higher threshold for these. He suggested that the PCSP's scheme should tie in with the Council's in this respect.

The PCSP Manager requested that Members forward details of any issues and these would be addressed before the Scheme was submitted to the Equality Commission.

PCSP37/16 COMPLAINT TO PCSP

The PCSP Manager referred to a complaint from a member of the public regarding the night time economy in Cookstown. Correspondence with the member of the public had been ongoing for a year. The PCSP Manager and PSNI had met with the complainant before he submitted the formal complaint.

Inspector Walsh advised that the night time economy was the life blood of Cookstown. The complainant had requested the PSNI and Council to carry out actions which were illegal and in breach of licensing laws. This had been explained to him. PSNI had canvassed other residents who had no issues as they understood the area had a vibrant night time economy and were accepting of it.

The PCSP Manager advised that he would re-iterate to the complainant what was being done to ensure people could come to Cookstown, enjoy themselves and get home safely.

Councillor McPeake enquired if there were enough opportunities for the public to engage with the PCSP and that it was important to create these opportunities.

The PCSP Manager advised that a meeting on anti-social behaviour would be held in Cookstown.

PCSP38/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Gildernew referred to vans being broken into at Tamnamore Park and Ride. Chief Superintendent Baird advised that behind the scenes work was being done to address these break-ins.

Councillor McPeake enquired if there was a protocol in dealing with the re-housing of offenders as a drug offender had been rehoused in South Derry and residents were very concerned.

Inspector Archibald advised that PSNI were aware of this individual and were dealing with it. Ruth McKelvey advised that she would update Councillor McPeake after the meeting but that protocols were in place depending on the level of offending and risk. PSNI, NIHE and Probation Board were involved in multi-agency discussions as appropriate. Ruth advised that she would provide Members with information on the protocols.

Liam Duggan enquired about a parade in Castledawson where cars had blocked footpaths in order to get a prime location to view the parade passing. Inspector Archibald advised that there had been no complaints about parking but that PSNI would move cars when necessary.

PCSP39/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 December 2016.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Hannah Su O'Callaghan who left at 7.10pm.

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Subject: Grants Review 2015/16 and Grants Policy 2016/17

Reporting Officer: Head of Community Development, Head of Arts and Culture,
Head of Leisure Services

Contact Officers: Philip Clarke, Eunan Murray

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval for the Grants Policy 2017/18 and grant budgets.
2	Background
2.1	<p>Council in the financial year 2016 – 2017 delivered grant aid across a range of community grant themes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Event Grant Local Community Festival Grant Strategic Arts & Culture Grant Arts & Culture Small Grant Strategic Community Development Grant Community Development Small Grant Community Venues Grant Good Relations Grant Strategic Sports Grant Sports Development Small Grant Sports Representative Grants (team and individual) Sports Capital Grant Festive Lights Grant Peace IV (2017 only) <p>A total of 600 grants were issued to groups, with approximately £700,000 allocated across the above grant areas.</p>
3	Update
3.1	<p>A learning review was undertaken of the grants delivery for 2016- 2017, and the following recommendations are suggested for 2017/18:</p> <p>Amend the sports development small grant criteria; to allow for a range of development activity alongside the current coaching and ‘come try it’ activities.</p>

	<p>Amend the sports representative grant criteria; to allow teams and people to represent within Northern Ireland (current criteria is have to travel outside NI), and retain criteria that the individual or team must have qualified in a recognised competition by the governing body of this sport, and must be representing the District / County.</p> <p>Please see attached the final grants and criteria and funding awards proposed. To retain the grant applications and letter of offer as per 2016/17 (minor amendment to sports development and sports representative as above)</p>
3.2	The Peace IV grants will be delivered in line with SEUPB guidance regarding application, guidance, letter of offer and monitoring. These are anticipated to open in April.
3.3	As part of Council's service improvement plan a commitment to transfer the grants to an online process was also delivered. All grants will now be on line.

4	Resource Implications
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>As per agreed plan budgets.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u></p> <p>None.</p>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	None

6	Recommendations
6.1	To agree the Grants policy for implementation
6.2	To note the timeline for grant delivery

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix 1 Proposed Grants Policy 2016/17

Appendix 1 Grants Policy 2017 - 2018

1.1 Grant Categories

The following grant categories are proposed for 2017/18 which provided direction for groups with regard to grants that have similar aims but at varying levels from local to strategic.

Category 1	Category 2 *	Category 3	Category 4
<u>Strategic Arts and Culture Grant</u> £85,000 Maximum £20,000 Lead: Tony McCance One Call February 2017	<u>Sports Strategic Development Grant</u> £50,000 Maximum £20,000 Lead: Liam Glavin One Call February 2017	<u>Strategic Events</u> £75,000 Maximum £8000 Lead: Claire Linney One Call February 2017	<u>Strategic Community Development Grant</u> £75,000 Maximum £8000 Lead: Philip Clarke One call February 2017
<u>Arts & Culture Small Grant</u> £35,000 Maximum £600 Lead: Tony McCance One Call February 2017	<u>Sports Development Small Grant *</u> £15,000 Maximum £600 Lead: Liam Glavin One Call February 2017	<u>Local Community Festivals</u> £65,000 Maximum £1000 Lead: Claire Linney Rolling programme	<u>Community Venues</u> £85,000 Maximum £3000 Lead: Philip Clarke One Call February 2017
	<u>Sports Representative Grant</u> (Individuals & Teams) £10,000 Maximum £250 & £500 Lead: Liam Glavin Rolling Programme * Applicants can apply to both Sport Development and Representative Grants	<u>Good Relations</u> £40,000 Maximum £1000 Lead: Claire Linney Rolling programme	<u>Community Development Small Grant</u> £45,000 Maximum £600 Lead: Philip Clarke One Call February 2017

Groups can only apply for funding from one grant category as detailed above.

The above grants are all under application, with rolling programmes for; Good Relations, Local Community Festivals and sports representative grants. The following grants will have a requirement on the application guidance that they must speak with the identified officer before they submit their application to ensure groups are supported with criteria; Strategic grants x 4, Community Venues, Good Relations, Sports Capital Development Grant and Peace.

<u>Sports Capital Development</u> <u>Grant</u> £115,000 Maximum grant £5000 To be matched 50% Lead: Liam Glavin One Call April 2017	<u>Festive Lights Grant</u> To be Confirmed	<u>Peace Grants</u> 3 themes Children and Young People £200,000 Maximum £25,000 Building Positive Relations £460,000 Maximum £25,000 local/£50,000 district wide Shared Spaces £280,000 Maximum £25,000 Criteria, Application, LOO as per SEUPB One call April 2017 Lead Claire Linney
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All grants will have a lead officer who will oversee the grant administration through relevant teams, however to note all grants will be processed under the same guidelines and procedure with overall coordination from the Community Development Section.

1.2 Grants Process

1. Application and criteria set through Committee and Council.
2. Public advertisement for all grants.
3. Applications will be online via the new grant IT system or if required can be requested in hard copy at Gortallowry House reception.
4. There will be points of contact for queries on each grant area.
5. Applications will be submitted on line or returned to one central office which will then oversee the allocation to relevant teams for administration.
6. Eligibility will be confirmed upon receipt of applications, with 2 days notice for ensuring all documentation is in place, telephone and email notification to Groups recorded.
7. Grants that meet eligibility will proceed to assessment to be carried out by officer teams, all declarations of interest are monitored.
8. Grants will be presented to Committee for consideration and approval, all declarations of interest are monitored.
9. Grants will be presented to Council for ratification.
10. Letters of Offer (standard template) will be issued to all groups.
11. Claims will be received as previous and verification undertaken.
12. Report to Council on investment of grant funding and groups supported.
13. Publicity of Council must be received for grant support.

1.3 Grant Eligibility Conditions

1. Groups can only apply to a Council grant, a not for profit constituted community or voluntary organisation with an annual AGM, individuals can apply to the sports representative grant only.
2. Funding cannot be allocated for a project or venue where an existing SLA exists with Council for a core service/project, building or facility.
3. Groups will only be able to apply for a grant from each of the 4 categories, this is to maximise the funding allocation to as many groups as possible.
4. The same project cannot be split across different grant categories.
5. Statutory and 'for profit' organisations, activities and recipients (including activities that receive statutory core provision are not eligible for grant)
6. Regional groups/organisations are not eligible to apply.
7. Applications that are not completed accurately and in full will not be considered.
8. Religious or political activity cannot be funded under any grant.
9. All applicants must present a project that will take place within the Mid Ulster District Council area (exception Sports Representative Grant as detailed within this section).
10. All applicants must present a project that will be delivered between 1st April and 31st March each year.
11. Evidence of good management practices/policies, including annual AGM, Group bank account, financial management practice, insurances, etc. will be required.
12. Successful applicants will draw down grants retrospectively based on vouched expenditure, with procurement adhered to (Peace IV to be confirmed pending SEUPB guidance)

The following items are not eligible for funding:

Hospitality greater than 20% of the total project cost.	Bad debt, loans, bank charges, deficits or arrears in payments of any organisation	Flags or bunting Alcohol.	Groups or activities that discriminate against one section of the community
Activities, equipment or events that duplicate what already exist or that are covered by other funding	Salaries	Retrospective funding applications	Residential courses or training greater than 20% of funding sought
Celebrity appearances	Late applications	Gifts or donations	Reclaimable VAT or other costs

1.4 Grant Criteria

a. Arts and Culture

To support local communities deliver a range of community arts projects for their local area.

1. Arts and Cultural content/scale and participation
2. Local Arts and Cultural Infrastructure - engagement of local artists and practitioners
3. Increase and widen participation, addressing social inclusion and diversity
4. Level of Innovation

b. Sports Development

To support recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) to develop and promote their sports and recreation provision within their club and seek to increase participation through a range of activity from children & young people summer schemes, come try it events etc.

1. Identification of need
2. Level of activity
3. Level of benefit and targeting of social inclusion, number of beneficiaries
4. Contributes to promoting fitness and wellbeing and sports development

c. Sports Representative and Team Competitive Grant

To support Individuals who have been selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national or international level, with eligible costs (accommodation, travel, food), to a maximum of a £250 grant may be available.

To assist recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) who are travelling to compete in a recognised (by Governing body) representative (of District/County) sporting competition. A grant for eligible costs (travel, accommodation, food), to a maximum of £500 may be available.

The team must have qualified in a recognised competition by the governing body of this sport, and must be representing the District / County.

In exceptional circumstances where a Club has more than one team qualifying to represent the District/County additional requests for support will be considered.

d. Strategic Events

To support a number of strategic events that are providing for the whole of Mid Ulster District and are of a significant nature to bring people to the area and to promote the area at a regional level.

1. Social, Regeneration and Economic Return
2. Event Development
3. Promotion of Mid Ulster
4. Event Management Experience
5. Level of promotion of good relations and Inclusion
6. Value for Money

Note events with a target audience under 1000 people or events that are not receiving regional tourism attendance and coverage would be a local community festival event.

e. Community Local Festival Grant

To support local communities deliver a local festival in their area bringing people from across the area together.

1. Level of Community Benefit and Participation (number of days, activities)
2. Number of beneficiaries (local and neighbouring areas)
3. Promotion of Good Relations and Social Inclusion
4. Festival Development

f. Good Relations Grant

To support local communities deliver on good relations in line with the Government Together Building United Communities Strategy.

1. Contribution to the Good Relations TBUC themes : Children and Young People
Our Shared Community, Safe Community, Cultural Expression
2. Contribution to Core Good Relations, addressing sectarianism, racism and prejudice.
3. Level of Community Benefit and Participation
4. Targeting of Social Inclusion and deprivation

g. Strategic Community Development Support

To strategic community organisations who support local groups/areas in their development.

Strategic delivery should be across Mid Ulster, and groups delivering the same service to the same area should submit a partner application to avoid duplication.

1. Level of Community Support Activity
2. Level of benefit – number of beneficiaries
3. Targeting of deprivation and social need
4. Quality and level of provision
5. Level of geographic coverage
6. Value for Money

h. Community Venues

To support local communities to make available their premises and community centres for the use of the wider community. Venues applying to the grant must be for use as minimum 80% community development activities.

1. Community beneficiaries (number of community beneficiaries and groups)
2. Level of community usage per week
3. Level of community activity
4. Shared space usage
5. Value for Money

The venue must be open greater than 10 hours per week and the grant can be used for community development activities and projects at 20% of the funding allocation.

i. Community Development Small Grant

To support local communities deliver community development activities for their local areas.

1. Project Activity – list all detail of community development activity
2. Project Need
3. Project benefit (including number beneficiaries, project outputs and targeting social need)
4. Level of Volunteering

The project must be a community development activity, where the wider community of the area are coming together as one larger gathering to participate together in the proposed funded projects.

j. Sports Capital Grant

To support local sports clubs/groups develop their sporting facilities and provision through capital and equipment funding support. Eligibility:

1. The fund is for not for profit constituted sports groups with the primary objective of providing sports for the Mid Ulster District.
2. All statutory consents and public procurement is in place.
3. Actual project cost quotations are provided with the application.
4. A maximum contribution of £5,000 is available per project, with a minimum match contribution of 50% (e.g. if seeking £5000 it must be a minimum £10,000 project).
5. For sports capital items or a one off piece of equipment of a value greater than £1000.
6. Groups can only apply to this grant once every 2 years.

The Sports Capital Grant is to provide a significant benefit to the local community:

Sports Development– supporting the development and enhancement of sports and sports groups across Mid Ulster.

Sports Wellbeing /Provision– increasing the number of beneficiaries of sport, and contributing to the physical fitness and wellbeing of people across the District.

Social Need/Social Inclusion – targeting those most vulnerable.

Sustainability – supporting the long term sustainability of sporting facilities and groups.

Council Corporate Plan – contributing to the Council's Corporate Objectives.

k. Strategic Arts & Culture Grant

To support strategic arts and culture organisations that play a key role across the Mid Ulster District Council area in the development and delivery of arts and culture activity through the delivery of their own programme of arts and cultural activity and utilising their own dedicated arts and culture performance spaces. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual arts and culture programme within the organisations own performance space/theatre.
2. Provide accessible arts and culture development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
3. Provide 100% dedicated arts & culture activity & be delivered by a dedicated arts & culture group.
4. Provide at least bi weekly arts and culture activities.

l. Sports Strategic Development Grant

To support Governing Bodies that play a key strategic role across the MUDC area in developing their affiliated Clubs. It aims to provide Grant Aid to those Governing Bodies that provide direct support to Clubs across the area in increasing participation rates and improving playing standards through the employment of a Sports Coach. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual sports development programme of a main sport.
2. Be delivered through a recognised NI Sports organisation; through or in partnership with a sporting governing body; with no duplication of coverage within the same area or targeting of the same groups.
3. Provide accessible sports development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
4. Provide the programme through a partnership approach with local clubs and groups.
5. Provide a minimum of 50% dedicated sports officer to the area of coverage in Mid Ulster.
6. Provide match funding of a minimum 50% to the sports development programme targeted within the Mid Ulster District.
7. Provide for an active sport within Mid Ulster.
8. Liaise with Mid Ulster District Council Leisure Development Unit.

E

Subject	Update of the Carleton Trail
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Genevieve Bell

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To report and inform Council that a Consultant will be appointed to carry out an audit of the existing Carleton Trail, they will prepare a schedule of any necessary new/replacement signage including interpretation panels in an appropriate format and furthermore will design and install the signs.
1.2	The Consultant will also refresh and update the existing Carleton Trail brochure and produce 5000 printed copies and provide in digital format.

2	Background
2.1	The Carleton Trail is a waymarked walk that measures approximately 29.8 miles (48km) through lush green Tyrone landscape, rich in local history, architecture, ancient monuments, quiet streams and spectacular views of the beautiful Clogher Valley. It offers something for all types of walkers; from those aiming to complete the entire track, to walkers who like to wander along its shorter stages.
2.2	The trail is named in honour of the acclaimed poet and novelist William Carleton, who spent his childhood in the Clogher Valley. The Trail is a driving/walking & cycling tour along the scenic Carleton Trail, sign posted throughout the Clogher Valley, with many interesting heritage sites along the way.
2.3	There are three trails that are signposted and start and finish in Clogher not far from Carleton's Cottage. There are many interesting places to stop and all three routes are attractive to cyclists who prefer a gentle ride.
2.4	The upgrade of the Trail will complement the Tourism Strategy under the Hidden Heritage theme and encourage and provide opportunities for Visitors to visit the Clogher Valley area.

3	Key Issues
3.1	The Consultant will be expected to visit the areas identified at the initiation meeting with Council Officers.
3.2	It is anticipated that the audit and associated works will be completed by March end 2017.

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>£20,000 for consultancy fees to deliver the project.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u></p> <p>A staffing commitment will be required to attend meetings with the Consultants and oversee delivery of the audit and associated works. Tourism Caretaker to check the trail twice a year.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></p> <p>£20,000 requested to employ a Consultant to progress with the project.</p>
4.4	<p><u>Other</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

5	Other Considerations
	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	It is recommended that council agrees to the appointment of the Consultant to carry out the audit of the Carleton Trail and its associated works.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	N/A

F

Subject	Carole Nash Irish Motorbike & Scooter Show
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Sharon Arbuthnot

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	The Carole Nash Irish Motorbike & Scooter Show 2017

2	Background
2.1	MUDC Tourism/Events department proposes to showcase the region and its tourism product at The Carole Nash Irish Motorbike and Scooter Show.
2.2	On 3-5 March 2017 thousands of motorcycle fans will gather in the RDS Dublin and for three days all that matters is engine size, horsepower and putting the pedal to the metal, The Carole Nash Irish Motorbike & Scooter Show is back! With 120+ manufacturers and exhibitors and over 27,000 show visitors/motorcycle enthusiasts alongside world class entertainment – Ireland’s biggest motorcycle show is clearly the essential event for the entire Irish motorcycle industry.

3	Key Issues
3.1	The Show provides a platform for Cookstown 100 Event organisers to attend and promote their Road Race to a target audience. The Tourism/Events team in partnership plans to promote the accommodation in the area alongside the event and promote visitor attractions to encourage overnight stays in our district.

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Stand Hire, furniture, subsistence and mileage - £900</p> <p><u>Human</u></p> <p>Carole Nash Irish Motorbike & Scooter Show – 1/2 staff per day over 3 days</p>
4.2	<p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

4.3	<u>Other</u> N/A
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5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	Recommendation for the Tourism/Events staff to attend The Carole Nash Irish Motorbike and Scooter Show in partnership with Cookstown100 event organisers.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	N/A

G

Subject	Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (HoAULPS) – Governance Arrangements
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary McKeown

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Council of the Governance Arrangements for the delivery of the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme.

2	Background
2.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval of draft governance documents (Partnership Agreement & Structure, Steering & Delivery Groups Terms of References) and seek nominations from Members to sit on the Steering Group of the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme, for the duration of the Development Phase ending by 14 November 2018.
2.2	A Letter of Offer was issued by HLF totalling £115,000, including Council's contribution of £11,025, for the Development Phase, with a Stage Two application to be submitted before 14 November 2018. If the application is successful the Delivery Phase has the potential to draw down a total of £2,932,351 over the five year life span of the project.
2.3	The proposed Landscape Character Area, "the Carrickmore Plateau and Pomeroy Hills", lies between Omagh and Cookstown stretching from Garvaghey and Cappagh in the south to Glenhull and Davagh in the north.
2.4	The Steering Group will provide strategic oversight and guidance to the Delivery Working Groups by providing input into and review of various natural, built and cultural heritage projects that will be worked up as part of the stage two application via a Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP).
2.5	It is hoped the outcomes achieved by this Steering Group will help to contribute to the effective delivery and performance of the Councils' Tourism Strategy.

3	Key Issues
3.1	It is proposed that a Partnership Agreement and Governance Structure is put in place between Mid Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District to ensure good governance and satisfy the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund Letter of Offer. A draft Partnership Agreement and Governance Structure are attached.

3.2	Mid Ulster District Council, as signatory to the Letter of Offer, has agreed to act as treasurer and employing authority for the duration of the project. Which has been agreed by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
3.3	As part of the governance arrangements it is proposed to establish a Steering Group to provide strategic oversight of the development phase and to establish three Delivery Working Groups as follows; (i) a Built Heritage Delivery Working Group, ii) a Natural Heritage Delivery Working Group and, iii) a Cultural Heritage Delivery Working Group). Draft Terms of References for the Steering Group and Delivery Working Groups are also attached.
3.4	If the Partnership Agreement & Structure and the Terms of Reference documents are approved, five nominations are sought from Members to sit on the Steering Group.
3.5	The Delivery Working Groups will require advice, support and guidance from a range of council service areas including, Arts, Culture, Heritage, Biodiversity, Planning, Countryside Access, Biodiversity, Tourism, Economic, Rural and Community Development. It is therefore proposed that appropriate officers sit on the relevant Delivery Working Groups and that this is included within their overall work plan activity.

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Appropriate financial provision is available within the current budgets and has also been factored into the 2017/18 Estimates.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Council Officers from the service areas as mentioned in 2.5 will provide reasonable practical assistance and this will be factored into their overall work plan.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.4	<p><u>Other</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

5	Other Considerations
	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves The Partnership Agreement • Approves the Partnership Governance Structure • Approves the Terms of Reference for the Steering Group • Approves the Terms of Reference of the Delivery Working Groups • Confirms the five Members to sit on the Steering Group

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	<p>Appendix 1 – Partnership Agreement Appendix 2 – Governance Structure Appendix 3 – Steering Group Terms of Reference Appendix 4 – Deliver Working Groups Terms of Reference Appendix 5 – Map of main Project Area for information</p>

Key to Abbreviations:

HoAULPS Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme



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Mid Ulster
District Council



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

“The Heart of Ancient Ulster” Landscape Partnership Scheme (HoAULPS)
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

1. Background

- 1.1 This document sets out a Partnership Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC)
- 1.2 This Partnership will be established to ensure governance to the Development Phase of the HoAULPS with the objective of submitting a Stage 2 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) as part of its Landscape Partnership Scheme.
- 1.3 Both Mid Ulster and Fermanagh and Omagh District Councils are equal partners in this Partnership Agreement but Mid Ulster District Council will act as employer and signatories for the duration of this project.

2. Duration of Agreement

- 2.1 This partnership agreement will initially cover the period 1 March 2017 to 14 November 2018. Should the Development Phase bid be successful, the agreement may be reviewed and updated.

3. Governance and Membership

- 3.1 The HoAULPS Officers Group, consisting of Officers of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Officers from Mid Ulster District Council, with assistance from a HLF mentor, will work up the governance arrangements for the effective delivery of the Development Phase of the project, including a Terms of Reference for the Steering Group and Delivery Working Groups. These will be tabled at Council Committee for approval.
- 3.2 The Officers’ Group will recruit and oversee the daily work of Scheme employees.
- 3.3 Other organisations will be invited to attend Steering Group or Delivery Working Group meetings to provide technical or expert assistance as appropriate. Such organisations may include but are not limited to the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), Department for Communities (dfC), Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, Tourism NI (TNI), Conservation Volunteers NI (CVNI), Ulster Farmers Union (UFU), and local community/interest groups
- 3.4 A HLF case officer/mentor will be invited to all Steering Group meetings to provide advice and guidance

4. Operational and Financial Management



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- 4.1 For ease of administration, Mid Ulster Council will facilitate all financial requirements in line with its own financial policies and HLF financial guidelines.
- 4.2 Project staff will be recruited with Mid Ulster District Council acting as the employing authority for the duration of employment contract.

5. Review

- 5.1 At each Steering Group meeting progress on the Development Phase will be reviewed and any amendments will be agreed, noted and put into action by appropriate Scheme employees.

6. Signatories

6.1 Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Position: Director / Chair

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

6.2 Mid Ulster District Council

Position: Director / Chair

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



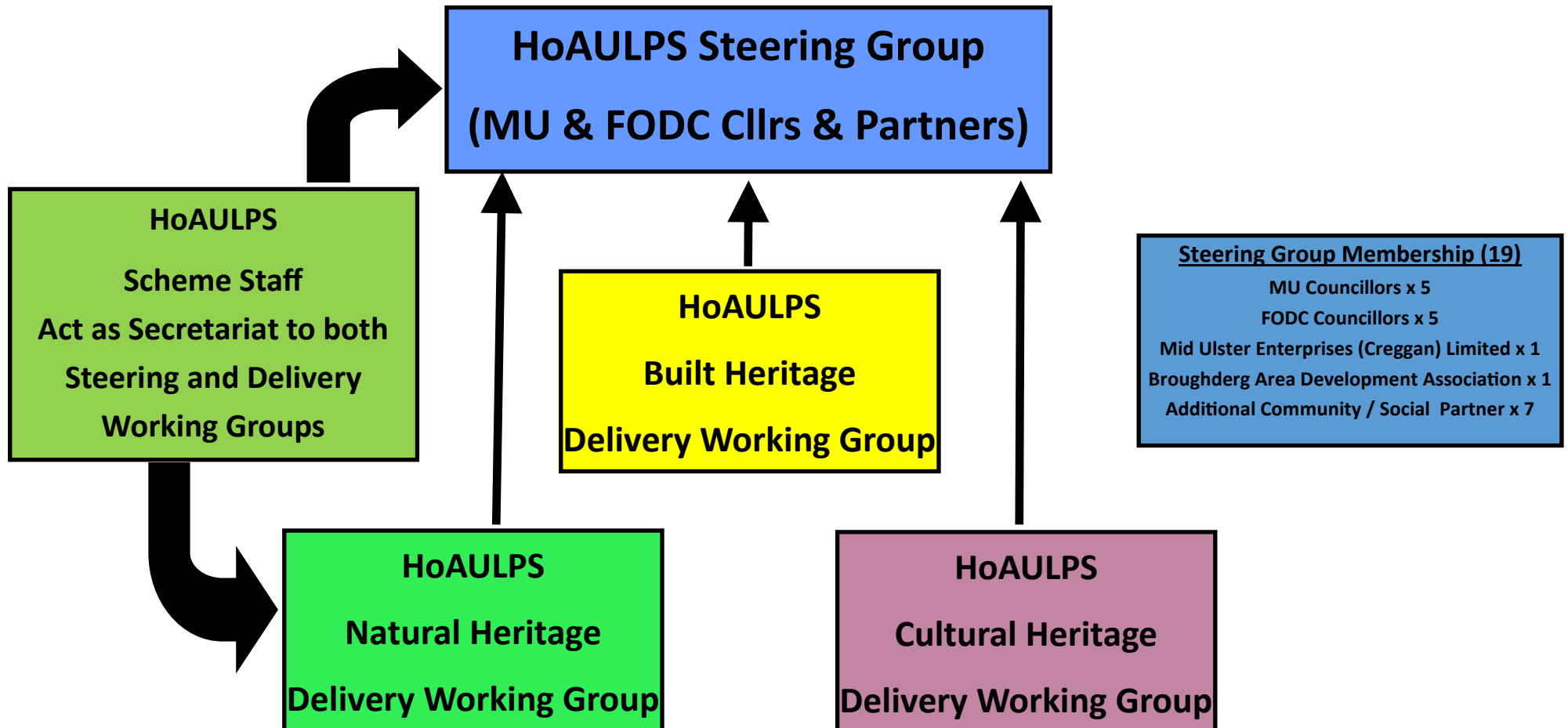
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Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (HoAULPS)
STEERING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to preserve, enhance and manage the natural, built and cultural heritage of the Broughderg, Carrickmore and Pomeroy and hinterland through a series of integrated heritage projects.

2.0 Mission

- 2.1 The mission of this Project is to involve local people and communities by developing skills, learning about heritage, volunteering time and making the area a better place to live, work and visit.

3.0 Purpose

- 3.1 The main purpose of the Steering Group is to oversee the Development Phase of the Project including the development of a Landscape Conservation Action Plan and submission of a Stage 2 application for the delivery phase by 14 November 2018.
- 3.2 The Steering Group will invite Members to sit on each of the three Delivery Working Groups; Built Heritage, Natural Heritage and Cultural Heritage and nominate a Chair for each Delivery Working Group.
- 3.3 The work of this Steering Group will focus on bringing together individuals from a variety of organisations, community enterprises and statutory agencies to provide strategic guidance and oversight in the Development Phase of the Heritage Landscape Scheme Project.
- 3.4 This Steering group will also contribute to the effective delivery and performance of both Councils' Economic and Tourism Development, Cultural and Heritage Strategies, Community and Corporate Plans.
- 3.5 The Steering Group will plan for the establishment of a legacy group from the outset of the delivery phase.

4.0 Membership

- 4.1 Membership of the Partnership will be comprised of nineteen members, made up of; Councillors (10) and Community / Social Partners (9) as follows:



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Local Authority Elected Representatives (10)

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Elected Representatives x 5
Mid Ulster District Council Elected Representatives x 5

Community / Social Partners (9)

Mid Ulster Enterprises (Creggan) Limited x 1
Broughderg Area Development Association x 1
Other Community/ Social Partner x 7

In Attendance / Observers

Partnership Scheme Staff
Council Officers
Statutory Agencies
HLF Case Officer / Mentor
Others as identified by the Steering Group

5.0 Appointments and Governance

- 5.1 Councillors will be nominated in the first instance, at the Regeneration and Community Committee of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council and subsequently at the Annual General Meeting of both Mid Ulster and Fermanagh and Omagh District Councils.
- 5.2 Community / Social Partners will be invited to nominate a representative to attend meetings.
- 5.3 The Chair of the Steering Group will be elected at the first meeting and will serve for the duration of Development Phase. For the Delivery Phase, a Chair will be elected annually at the first meeting of each calendar year.
- 5.4 Provision will be made for co-opting Members onto the Partnership that enhance the thematic / geographic spread of the project area. If Members are unable to attend they should send a representative to the meetings. If they, or their representative, fail to attend more than three consecutive meetings, the Steering Group reserves the right to remove them from future Steering Group.
- 5.5 Each Steering Group will meet every two months, with meeting dates agreed at least four months in advance.
- 5.6 Declaration of “Conflicts of Interest” must be recorded at the beginning of every meeting.



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- 5.7 There must be a Quorum of at least 25% of the Steering Group Membership in attendance in order to conduct the business of the meeting.
- 5.8 Scheme staff will provide the secretariat to include; draft minutes for approval, draft Agenda for approval by Chair, relevant reports, papers, verbal updates/briefings and appraisals.
- 5.9 Meetings will be held primarily in venues operated by either Mid Ulster or Fermanagh and Omagh District Councils unless an invitation to host a meeting is offered by alternative premises as an “in kind” contribution.
- 5.10 Steering Group Meetings shall last no longer than two hours.

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DELIVERY WORKING GROUPS TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to preserve, enhance and manage the natural, built and cultural heritage of the Broughderg, Carrickmore and Pomeroy and hinterland through a series of integrated heritage projects. The Scheme is called the “Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme”. A grant has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to develop detailed projects as part of the Development Phase” which includes the completion of a “Landscape Conservation Action Plan” (LCAP).
- 1.2 There will be three Delivery Working Groups established to namely; a Built Heritage Delivery Working Group, a Natural Heritage Delivery Working Group and a Cultural Heritage Delivery Working Group.

2.0 Mission

- 2.1 The mission of the three Delivery Working Groups are to involve local people and communities by developing skills, learning about heritage, volunteering time and making the area a better place to live, work and visit.

3.0 Purpose

- 3.1 The main purpose of the Delivery Working Groups are to contribute expertise and advice to identify, agree and develop projects that will lead to the completion of the Development Phase of the Project including the completion of a Landscape Conservation Action Plan.
- 3.2 Members of each Delivery Working Group will undertake a range of activity which will be collated by Scheme employees with updates reported to the Steering Working Group.
- 3.3 Members will give support and guidance, including technical assistance, to Scheme staff in their liaison with project promoters as projects are developed.
- 3.4 Delivery Group Members will maximise the use of existing resources and seek to attract additional funding as projects develop.

4.0 Membership



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- 4.1 Membership of the Delivery Groups will be comprised of a range of individuals not limited to the following:

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Elected Representatives
Mid Ulster District Council Elected Representatives
DAERA Forest Service
DfC Built Heritage Section
DAERA Natural Heritage Section
QUB School of Archaeology
Ulster Farmers Union
Landowners
Armagh Observatory / Planetarium
Mid Ulster Enterprise Limited
Broughderg Community Centre
Other Community Groups
NI Conservation Volunteers
Biodiversity Groups
Historical Societies
Naturalist Groups
Cultural Groups
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Officers
Mid Ulster District Council Officers
Scheme Employees

5.0 Appointments & Governance

- 5.1 Membership of each Delivery Working Group will be identified by the Steering Group and invited to sit on the Delivery Working Group for the duration of Development Phase.
- 5.2 A Chair will be nominated by the Steering Group for the duration of the Development Phase.
- 5.3 Provision will be made for co-opting Delivery Group Members at any time.
- 5.4 Scheme staff will provide the secretariat - preparing the agenda, distributing paperwork, taking minutes, etc.
- 5.5 Each Working Group will meet monthly for the first six months and then every two months, with meeting dates agreed at least three months in advance.



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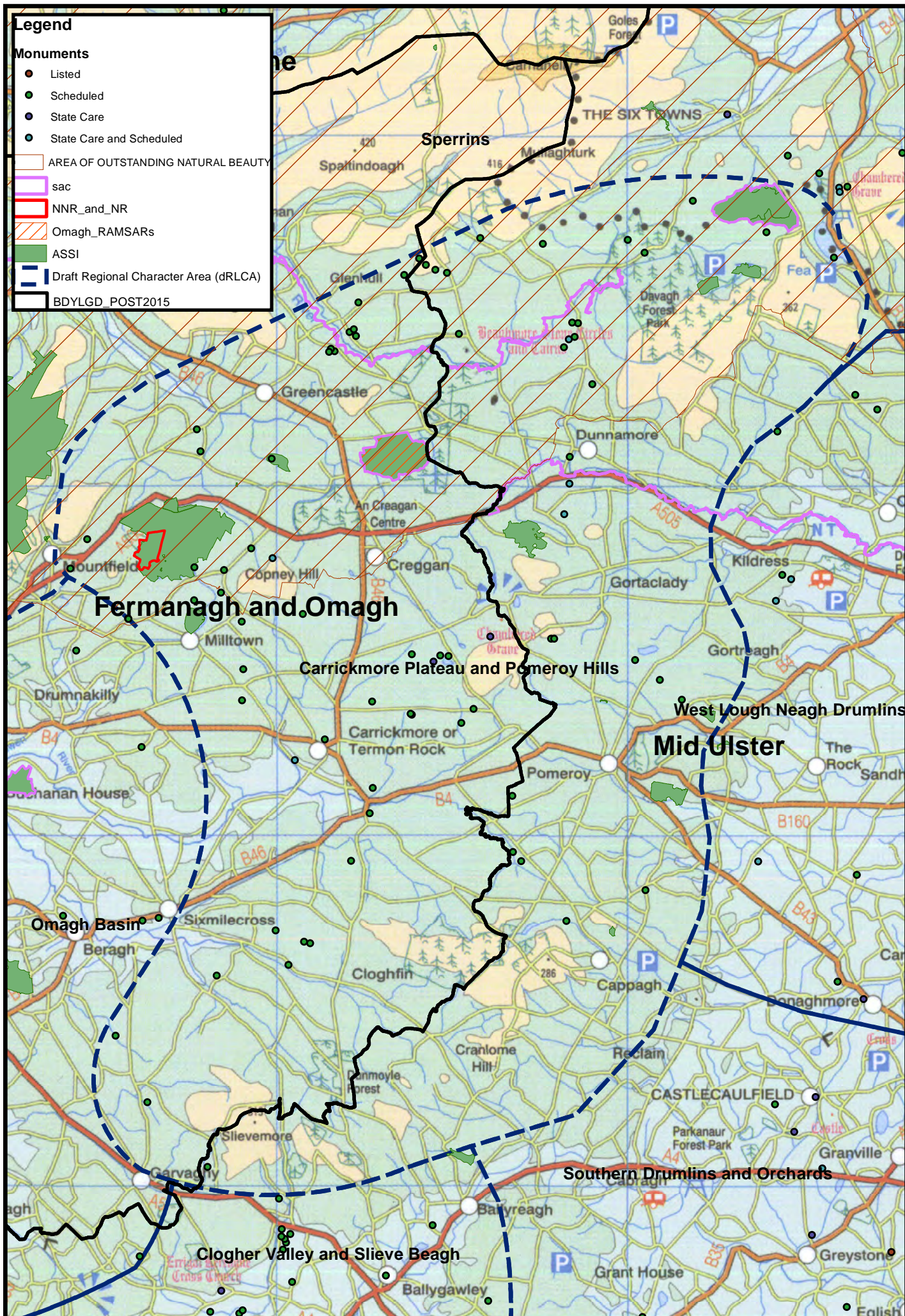


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- 5.6 Declaration of “Conflicts of Interest” must be recorded at the beginning of every meeting.
- 5.7 There must be a Quorum of at least 25% of Working Group Members in order to conduct the business of the meeting.
- 5.8 Meetings will be held primarily in venues operated by either Mid Ulster or Fermanagh and Omagh District Councils, with other venues selected as and when required.
- 5.9 Delivery Working Group Meetings shall last no longer than two hours.

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Subject	1) Shop Improvement Scheme 2) Maghera Wi-Fi 3) Magherafelt Town Centre Forum 4) Mid Ulster Town Centre Positioning Study 5) Dungannon Town Centre Brand 6) Cookstown Bridal Showcase Event 7) Association of Town Centre Management 8) Study on Derelict and Vacant Properties in Dungannon 9) Mid Ulster Skills Forum 10) Mid Ulster Business Events 11) New NI Business Start Programme – CRM System 12) New Business Support Programmes
Reporting Officer	Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed above.
2	Background
2.1	Shop Improvement Scheme In February 2016 Council approved 116 projects under the Shop Improvement Scheme. Letters of Offer were issued to 72 projects in March 2016 with the remaining 44 projects being issued with Letters of Offer in November 2016 when further funding became available.
2.2	Maghera Wi-Fi Maghera is the last of the 5 towns requiring Wi-Fi. Quotations were sought for the provision of a public Wi-Fi System in Maghera town centre including the design, delivery, implementation and on-going management for a period of 3 years from suitable qualified suppliers in September 2016.
2.3	Magherafelt Town Centre Forum It was agreed previously that Magherafelt Town Centre Forum was re-established and membership expanded.

2.4	<p>Town Centre Positioning Study</p> <p>Place Solutions were appointed in August 2016 to provide a comprehensive assessment of the 3 town centres and to produce a report which will provide clarity on the future positioning of the 3 towns, including the identification of their current (and future) purpose, the facilities and services they offer, their attractions and their unique selling points.</p>
2.5	<p>Dungannon Town Centre Brand</p> <p>Based on Town Centre Positioning Study findings the need for a new town centre marketing brand for Dungannon had been identified. Funding has been secured from DfC to support this initiative, with Creative Media being appointed to create new brand for Dungannon town centre</p>
2.6	<p>Cookstown Bridal Showcase Event</p> <p>Town Centre Action Plan 2016/2017 contained the delivery of Fashion Events across the Mid Ulster Council Area. Fashion events were delivered in the respective towns of Dungannon and Magherafelt. As there is a niche bridal market in Cookstown, Cookstown Bridal Showcase Event was developed.</p>
2.7	<p>Association of Town Centre Management</p> <p>The Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) is the largest membership organisation of its kind in Europe, dedicated to making sure town and city centres reach their full potential.</p>
2.8	<p>Study on derelict and vacant properties in Dungannon</p> <p>In order to tackle the issues of derelict and vacant units and lack of suitable retail accommodation in Dungannon town centre, it was agreed that a paper be prepared on dilapidated properties and ways to address same.</p>
2.9	<p>Mid Ulster Skills Forum</p> <p>As outlined in the Council's Economic Development Strategy Theme 2: Enabling Employability and Skills, the Council seeks to take a proactive role working in partnership with local employers and sectoral representative bodies to address the key labour market challenges in our area.</p>
2.10	<p>Mid Ulster Business Events</p> <p>Three 'Digital focussed' business breakfast workshops have been scheduled for February /March 2017 to provide practical advice to Mid Ulster businesses on how to exploit digital media to promote their business.</p>
2.11	<p>New NI Business Start Programme – CRM System</p> <p>In October 2016, Mid Ulster District Council's Development Committee agreed that Council would participate in the new 11 Council NI BSUP. One of the four components of this is the development of a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System which all Councils will have access to, to enable the management and monitoring of a high volume of local and regional programme data and facilitate efficient reporting of statistics to the Department for the Economy on Councils' statutory targets.</p>
2.12	<p>New Mid Ulster Business Support Programmes</p> <p>Permission is sought from Council to develop and procure delivery agents for development programmes to meet the needs of Mid Ulster's business and social enterprise sector, over the next two to three years, aligned to Council's new Economic Development Plan.</p>

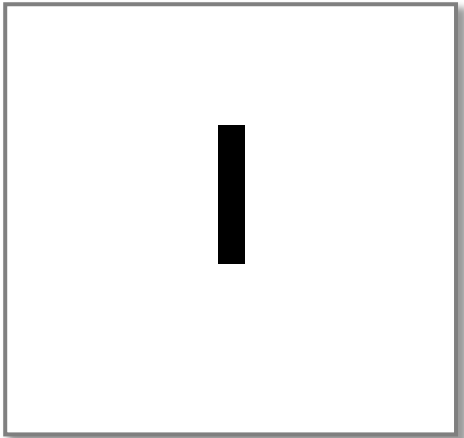
3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>Shop Improvement Scheme To date 50 projects have been completed and funding paid. 44 schemes are completed and claims are currently being processed. 10 projects are started and near completion. 12 projects have withdrawn from the scheme.</p>
3.2	<p>Maghera Wi-Fi Wi-Fi Spark were appointed to deliver Wi-Fi for Maghera town centre at a cost of £12,350.59 for installation and £2,811 running costs annually for the first 3 years. The installation was completed in January 2017 and the system is currently being tested to ensure it is working correctly prior to being launched.</p>
3.3	<p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Magherafelt Town Centre Forum held its first meeting on Monday 23 January with the new membership. The forum will meet on a quarterly basis. Minutes of the Town Centre Forum meeting will be circulated in due course.</p>
3.4	<p>Town Centre Positioning Study Place Solutions have carried out research including focus groups, workshops and questionnaires with key stakeholders in the three town centres and have prepared positioning statements for the three towns which have been agreed.</p>
3.5	<p>Dungannon Town Centre Brand Initial Meeting has been carried out with Creative Media, with consultation meetings with traders and elected members planned for early February 2017.</p>
3.6	<p>Cookstown Bridal Showcase Event Meetings were conducted with key stakeholders in the bridal sector of Cookstown Town Centre, resulting in the development and delivery of Cookstown Bridal Showcase Event in partnership with No8 Bridal on Saturday 11 February 2017, 11.30am-4.30pm, Burnavon Cookstown.</p>
3.7	<p>Association of Town Centre Management The Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) is the largest membership organisation of its kind in Europe, dedicated to making sure town and city centres reach their full potential. It is recommended that Mid Ulster District Council seek annual membership for a fee of £495+Vat</p>
3.8	<p>Study on derelict and vacant properties in Dungannon Following a procurement exercise, Place Solutions were appointed to take forward a paper to consider long term vacant and derelict properties in Dungannon town centre and potential measures/interventions for the units to be transformed to provide modern retail accommodation. A full survey of all vacant and derelict sites in Dungannon town centre has been completed and compiled in a master database and individual fact sheets. Contact has been made with a number of commercial agents and property owners to ascertain interest from market etc. Research has been undertaken from other parts of the UK on Best Practice projects for addressing dereliction. Also, alternative funding mechanisms to stimulate investment are being investigated as part of the project.</p>
3.9	<p>Mid Ulster Skills Forum The Council has approved the role, remit and membership of a Skills Forum to address employability and skills in the area. Richard O'Rawe (Stellar Leadership) has been engaged to facilitate the first meeting of the Forum which will take place on</p>

	<p>Wednesday 1st March 2017 in the Magherafelt Office. The meeting will provide an opportunity for local businesses, educational providers and sectoral bodies to explore and discuss the potential role and remit of a Skills Forum and how it could make a real and lasting difference in the Mid Ulster area.</p>
3.10	<p>Mid Ulster Business Events</p> <p>The first workshop '<i>Marketing your Business from your Mobile</i>' was held on Thursday 2nd February at 8am to 10:30am, in the Burnavon, Cookstown. Due to high interest from the businesses, a second workshop was co-ordinated taking place on the same day at 12noon and both were attended by over 100 businesses. There are two further workshops planned on Tuesday 7th March 2017 (The Terrace, Magherafelt) and Tuesday 28th March 2017 (Ranfurly House, Dungannon) both with 8a.m starts. More details will be available on the Council website and, due to limited places businesses must register to attend.</p>
3.11	<p>New NI Business Start Programme – CRM System</p> <p>As reported to the Development Committee in October 2016, as this element of the Programme was deemed ineligible for funding, it was agreed by all Councils that this solution would be delivered by Belfast City Council (BCC). The estimated cost to Mid Ulster over the next 4 years will be up to a maximum of £22,000. This includes all aspects of the system including, CRM development, maintenance, licences for all users, change requests and training for Council staff.</p>
3.12	<p>New Mid Ulster Business Support Programmes</p> <p>Approval is sought to progress and procure delivery agents for the following business development programmes, funding for these programmes has been included in Council's economic development programme for 2017 /18. Specific criteria, targets and bespoke support requirements have been established for each programme and once delivery agents are on board they will be required to publicly advertise and proactively promote the programmes to maximise these opportunities to support Mid Ulster's businesses and social enterprises. Outlined below are the Programmes proposed:</p> <p>(1) Social Enterprise Programme</p> <p>This Programme will provide a range of interventions including assistance to explore new ideas, establish a new enterprise and help existing enterprises grow and become more sustainable. The Contract will be awarded for 2 years, with the potential for extension for a third depending on delivery agent performance and available budget, and will include targets such as a minimum of 40 enterprises supported, the creation of 15 new jobs and funding leveraged of £150,000. This will require a budget of up to £78,000 (including expenses and excluding vat) over 3 years.</p> <p>(2) Engineering Innovation Programme</p> <p>This Programme seeks to drive innovation activity and increase productivity in the local engineering sector through the provision of intensive bespoke support to help a minimum of 18 engineering businesses develop new products, processes or services and implement business improvement techniques.</p> <p>Targets will include a minimum of 15 new jobs created, increase in turnover averaging 5% and all 18 businesses to have developed new products, processes or services.</p> <p>This will be delivered over an 18 month period and require a budget of up to £65,000 (including expenses and excluding vat).</p>

	<p>3) Online Programme This Programme will support a minimum of 30 Mid Ulster businesses to develop their online presence and integrate IT more fully into their systems. The Contract will include targets such as a minimum of 8 new jobs created and stimulate an average increase in turnover of 5% in participating businesses.</p> <p>This will be delivered over an 18 month period and require a budget of up to £48,000 (including expenses and excluding vat).</p> <p>4) Other Programme(s) Liaison is to take place with Invest NI regarding the development of potential additional programme(s) to be rolled out over the next 3-4 years, seeking up to 80% funding (60% from the ERDF Programme for Growth and Jobs and 20% from Invest NI) and requiring a 20% contribution from Council. While 80% is a significant funding contribution, in order to access this funding, Councils must commit to Programmes achieving the main objective of creating 1 job for £1,000 spend, (with applications having a minimum value of £250,000) which will be extremely challenging in the current environment. Members will be updated on the progress of this work.</p>
4	Resource Implications
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> Creative Media have been appointed for Marketing Brand Development for Dungannon Town Centre at a cost of £13,410 which is within budget funded by DfC. New Economic Development Programmes – all costs provided for within economic development budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Enterprise Programme up to £78,000, over 3 years - Engineering Innovation Programme up to £65,000 over 18 months - Online Programme up to £48,000 over 18 months <p>NIBSUP – up to a maximum of £22,000 (including expenses and excluding vat) available from the economic development budget over the next 4 years. Association of Town Centre Management annual membership £495 + Vat</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u> Officer time.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> The skills required for the Marketing Brand Development for Dungannon Town Centre do not exist within Council</p>
4.4	<p><u>Other</u> N/A</p>
5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A
6	Recommendations
6.1	<p>Shop Improvement Scheme Members to note progress</p>
6.2	<p>Maghera Wi-Fi Members to note progress</p>

6.3	Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Members to note progress
6.4	Positioning Paper Members to note progress
6.5	Dungannon Town Centre Brand Members to note progress – Creative Media appointed
6.6	Cookstown Bridal Showcase Event Members to note progress
6.7	Association of Town Centre Management It is recommended that Mid Ulster District Council seek annual membership for a fee of £495+vat.
6.8	Study on derelict and vacant properties in Dungannon Members to note progress
6.9	Mid Ulster Skills Forum Members to note progress
6.10	Mid Ulster Business Events Members to note progress
6.11	New NI Business Start Programme – CRM System Members to approve allocation of up to a maximum of £22,000 as Mid Ulster District Council's contribution towards Belfast City Council's development and management of a CRM system for the new NIBSUP over the next 4 years.
6.12	New Mid Ulster Business/ Social Enterprise Support Programmes Approval is sought to procure suitably qualified organisations to deliver each of the following business /social enterprise programmes as follows: i) Social Enterprise Programme Up to an estimated value of £78,000 over the next 3 years (including expenses and excluding vat). ii) Engineering Innovation Programme Up to an estimated value of £65,000 over 18 months (including expenses and excluding vat). iii) Online Programme Up to an estimated value of £48,000 over 18 months (including expenses and excluding vat).

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	None



Subject	Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Reporting Officer	Adrian McCreesh
Contact Officer	Fiona McKeown / Eamon Gallogly

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

2	Background
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership has been allocated £10.16m for the roll out of a local rural development strategy for Mid Ulster funded under the 2014-2020 NI Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>The Schemes within the local rural strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Business Investment Scheme • Rural Services Scheme • Village Renewal • Rural Broadband; and • LAG Co-operation <p>Further detail on these Schemes is available on the LAG website www.midulsterrdp.org</p>

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>Members are asked to note progress on the roll out of the strategy schemes as follows:</p> <p>Rural Business Investment Scheme (RBIS)</p> <p>Letters of offer have now been issued to 23 projects approved from the first call under the Rural Business Investment Scheme which focused on manufacturing and engineering sector businesses. 22 letters of offer have been accepted to the value of £465,756 in grant aid. One promoter did not accepted the letter of offer within the 28 day acceptance timeframe.</p> <p>A further intake of 15 applications was received on 18th January under the Rural Innovation and Rural Youth themes of RBIS and these will now be assessed.</p> <p>The LAG is now planning the next cycle of funding workshops which will focus once again on manufacturing and engineering sector businesses and it is envisaged a call for applications will open early Spring.</p>

Dates for the next series of funding workshops will be posted on the LAG website www.midulsterrdp.org

Job creation is a key objective of this scheme and the LAG has set a target of creating 100 new jobs within its Local Rural Strategy. The letters of offer issued to date target the creation of over 50 new jobs and with future calls for application this target will be added to. The LAG and admin unit staff will closely monitor job creation targets across all letters of offer issued under this Scheme.

Rural Basic Services Scheme

The LAG has now opened for applications under its Rural Services Scheme. 37 groups/organisations have been invited to apply by the closing date of 28th April 2017.

The Rural Services Scheme has a specific focus on exploring new and innovative ways of delivering services to those living in rural areas of Mid Ulster. The Scheme seeks to promote the concept of “Community Service Hubs” that house a number of key services. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate access to multiple services.

Two tiers of support are available under the Rural Services Scheme - £50,000 - £150,000 for enhancing existing building or facilities and from over £150,000 to £250,000 for new community service hubs where no current provision exists.

All projects applying for funding under the Rural Services scheme must show evidence of financial assistance from Council and correspondence has now been issued to all invitees to inform on the process for requesting Council match funding.

Co-operation

The LAG is exploring a number of potential co-operation projects at present. These include:

- **Lough Neagh** – a pre-development study will be carried out to explore specific actions to improve accessibility and joint marketing of the Lough as a tourism resource. At this stage the project involves the LAGs in Armagh/Banbridge/Craigavon and Antrim/Newtownabbey. Council officers are assisting the LAG in developing a terms of reference for the pre development study.
- **International Appalachian Trail (IAT)** – Derry and Strabane Local Action Group are leading on this project which is also at a pre development stage. A terms of reference will be issued shortly by Derry Strabane LAG which will explore the best means of promoting the IAT and make recommendation on infrastructural works which could enhance the trail. A relatively short section of the trail passes through Mid Ulster therefore the LAG will await the outcome of the pre development study before discussing how to move forward.

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> NA</p> <p><u>Human</u> NA</p> <p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> NA</p> <p><u>Other</u> <u>NA -</u></p>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	None

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are asked to note the progress outlined above.

7	List of Documents Attached
	N/a

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Subject: Leisure Services Progress Report

Reporting Officer: Liam Glavin, Head of Leisure

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members of the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlight events that will be occurring in the future.

2	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council recognises the important role that leisure plays in today's society and that the equitable availability of accessible, high quality sport and leisure provision can enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of the local community. The facilities and programmes provided in Mid Ulster are designed to maximise participation in sport and leisure activities from all sections of the community and provide pathways that enable every resident within the Mid Ulster area to maximise their health, sporting abilities, aspirations and potential.

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>Full details of key elements of Leisure Service provision in the last month is included in Appendix 1. A summary of key highlights is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadowbank S A – Ulster Junior Athletics Final • Dungannon L C – Primary Schools Gala • MUSA – Hurling Tyrone • Cookstown Leisure Centre – Pre-season Training <p>A range of events and activities was provided in Leisure Services across Mid Ulster. A summary is included in Appendix 1.</p>

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>
	N/A
4.2	<u>Human</u>
	N/A
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u>
	N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u>
	N/A
	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are asked to note activities being undertaken in Leisure Services and the events that will be occurring in the future.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix 1 - Key elements of Leisure Service provision in the last month.

Appendix 1 – Key Elements of Leisure Provision during last Month

Sports Development

Every Body Active 2020 Update October 2016

- This December saw the conclusion of the Schools Multi Sports Programme which was run in conjunction with local school Moneymore Primary School and delivered by Every Body Active 2020 Multi Sports Coach. The Programme took place every Monday morning at Moneymore Recreation Centre.
- The aim of this programme was to introduce the pupils to an activity programme and to improve their general fitness levels as well as introducing the kids to new sports. The programme included multi sports such as Soccer, Gaelic, Uni-Hoc, Dodgeball and Handball. The programme was a great success and the participants really embraced it and enjoyed themselves on a weekly basis.

Below are photos of some of the participants in action:



Disability Sports

- December saw the second successful year of Cookstown Insight Boccia Competition, in conjunction with Mid Ulster District Council and Everybody Active 2020 Disability Coach for People with Disabilities.
- Boccia is a Paralympic sport for athletes with physical disabilities that have an impact on their motor skills. Boccia is a target ball sport belonging to the same family as bowls and can be played by individuals, pairs, or teams of three. All events are mixed gender. The aim of the game is to throw leather balls (coloured red or blue) as close as they can to a white target ball, or jack.
- The competition was a mixed gender event with 8 teams of 3 participants taking part. The participants had physical and sensory disabilities, which included participants with MS, Blind/Visually Impaired, and Arthritis.



Tobermore Business Developments Ltd

- Everybody Active Multi Sports coach organised and delivered a Circuits programme for ladies in the Tobermore area through Tobermore Business Developments Ltd.
- Every Wednesday morning from 10.30-11.30am 8-10 ladies would come a long to work out and have fun.
- The aims of this programme were to give those who work shift work each week the opportunity to participate in physical activity, offer a class that suits mothers that have children in school and for anyone who has a keen interest in exercise. Each session included a mixture of cardiovascular and resistance based exercises that allowed everyone to get a good balance of physical activity.



Twilight Soccer

- Twilight Soccer program finished with a finals night which took place at Mid Ulster Sports Arena. Teams from Cookstown and Dungannon competed in the knock out competition. Funding for this program was provided from PCSP. Extern also provided literature for the participants on drugs and alcohol awareness and life skills programs.
- More than 110 teenagers attended the 6 week Friday night soccer program.



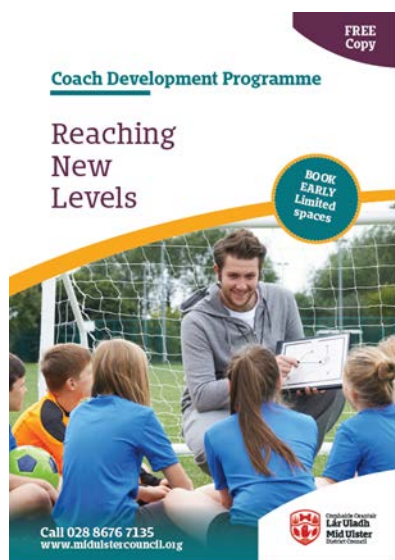


Governing Body Assistance Program

- Ulster Rugby was supported this month with hosting a two day IRFU Stage 2 Award coaching teenagers and adolescent players being held at Meadowbank Sports Arena. Due to this program of support the IRFU Stage 2 course was relocated from Belfast to the Mid Ulster area allowing local coaches to develop additional skills and knowledge.

Coach Development Program

- This year's Coach Development Program was launched and the brochures are now available throughout the District. Bookings are already being taken, our first course will take place in January 2017.



An excellent range of courses are on offer.

Couch to 5K

- The Couch to 5K program finished with the participants completing the challenging 5k run. On completion each was presented with a t-shirt celebrating the completion of the beginners running program.
- Over 150 people registered at the beginning of the program with almost 100 graduating and completing the 5km run.



Programs will recommence in January 2017.

Dungannon Leisure Centre

Classes and Courses

- The New Year fitness programme began in January and as always the varied programme has the return of our regular customers along with some new ones. The range of activities includes Circuit Training, ½ AND ½ Spin classes on Mondays, and spin on Tuesdays and Fridays Spin Classes.
- Other well attended classes include- H.I.I.T., S.W.E.A.T. (Strength, Work, Endurance, Agility Training, and S.W.E.A.T. with excellent numbers taking part each week. Yoga, Step Aerobics and Jive Class are all very popular classes also.

Activity Programme for MUDC staff

- A very successful 8 week activity programme is running here in Dungannon Leisure Centre. Following the level of interest shown by staff at the Health and Wellbeing Fair, classes have been organised each day as follows:
 - Monday – Yoga 12.45-1.15pm
 - Tuesday – Swimming Lessons
 - Wednesday – Spin Class
 - Thursday – S.W.E.A.T. 5-5.30pm
 - Friday – Drop in gym session with a Fitness Instructor 12-2pm

Fitness Studio Offers

- Following the popular membership offer last summer, we have decided once again to offer exclusive savings to all our **new members**. As our offers include the use of the Fitness Studio, pool, health suite and dry side exercise programme, we have seen a **23% increase** in the number of memberships sold this month.
- By opting to pay in full for a 6 or 12 month membership anytime in January 2017, new members can avail of one of our limited offers listed below (T&Cs apply):
 - **6 month membership**- we will waive the induction fee and give you one month free (7 months for price of 6)
 - **12 month single membership**- we will waive the induction fee and give an additional 2 months free
 - **Joint Membership**- we will waive the induction fees and give an additional 2 months free p/person- 14 months for the price of 12.
- **Current Members** can continue to make use of our extensive Fitness Studio equipment range and save money at the same time, by availing of one of our exclusive offers listed below anytime in January 2017 (T&Cs apply):
 - By paying in full for a 3, 6 or 12 month (Joint) membership anytime in January 2017
 - Sign up to 3 month gym membership and receive your fourth month half price
 - Sign up to 6 month gym membership and receive one month free membership
 - Sign up to a joint contract for 12 months and receive an additional two months month free

Student Membership Offer

- We are continuing to engage with the Student market and encourage greater uptake by offering a 2 month gym membership with a third month half price for

Community Lifesaving

Save a Baby's Life

- The increasingly popular Save a Baby's Life Training course is designed to introduce some basic emergency action skills including Infant CPR & choking, which will enable you to intervene when an infant's breathing may be compromised. Due to the success of previous courses in 2016 we have included a further 3 dates commencing Monday 16th January 2017.

AED Defibrillator training

- Through our Community Lifesaving Education Programme we aim to improve public awareness of the need for AED training. Our training will enable candidates to respond when they recognise a casualty is suffering from cardiac arrest & be in a position to use an AED which could be the difference between life & death. Three Public Courses are available this year which will teach candidates how to perform CPR and apply the AED in order to give the casualty the best chance of survival.

First Aid at Work

- The First Aid at Work Training course enables candidates to gain a comprehensive set of practical skills and underpinning knowledge, which enable them to become a confident first aider within the workplace as well as benefiting individuals in their family life. A 3-day course is planned for end of the month which we hope to facilitate.

Emergency First Aid Courses

- We are continuing to work with our colleagues in Sports Development and aim to facilitate 3 Emergency First Aid courses this Spring which will benefit representatives from our local sports clubs across the MUDC area

Swimming Lessons

- The Masters swimming classes which is offered Monday and Friday 6-7pm and Thursday 7-8am and continues to attract over 40 participants.
- Swimmer Development class, held on Saturday mornings 6.30-8.30am. This class is aimed at club swimmers who want to refine their swimming technique to enable them to improve on their performances.
- Our regular water activities continue including Monday Ladies Night at 8.45-9.45pm, and Aqua-Fit on Thursday night 7.30-8.30pm.

School of Aquatics

- The School Of Aquatics programme runs throughout January. A range of one to one lessons are taking place.
- Squad Training classes cater for up to 120 children every Tuesday. This popular class prepares swimmers looking to join the swimming club or swimming up to 100m across four different strokes. Due to demand Saturday afternoon Squad Training has been added and have proved very popular and if numbers keep increasing we aim to increase to the same scale as the Tuesday programme. The leisure centre swim coaches work tirelessly to provide the highest standards possible for all customers and are continuously looking at ways to improve themselves as coaches to improve all swimmers who come through Squads.
- Swimming lessons continue to sell out with 550 places sold for the first 5 week session of the year. The ever popular school of aquatics started Monday the 9th January with very minimum space left. The continued high volumes of bookings suggest the standard and quality of the centres lessons are indeed extremely high within Mid Ulster and further afield. With all staff committing to the programme and working to a very high standard we continue to seek ways of improvement of the programme and explore ways to expand for the forthcoming year.
- Adult swimming classes on Tuesday continue in January and are fully booked once again. Again with maximum numbers in the classes we aim to expand the adult lessons and try to offer a more flexible approach in offering another night of adult beginners, which will then feed the improver lessons
- Beginner and Improver classes provide adults with the chance to learn new skills from dedicated Swimming Teachers.
- Rookie Lifeguard course continues on Friday afternoons 4.30-6pm throughout December.
- Ladies Night continues on Mondays 8.45-9.45pm in the pool and is as popular as ever.
- Aqua-Fit on Tuesday night 7-8pm and Thursday night 7.30-8.30pm, continues to be a very popular class with young and old.

Clubs

- Following the Christmas break our clubs have returned and are as popular as ever, local clubs include- Ren Bu Ken Judo Club, Cobra Kai Karate Club, Ju -Jitsu Club, Tae Kwon Do Club, Dungannon Gymnastics Club, Dungannon Sub Aqua Club, Island Triathlon Club, Fit 4 You Club and others. The centre also hosts Dungannon Rifle Club in the Projectile hall three to four times a week. Dungannon Amateur Swimming Club continues to train four times a week in our pool. The 50+ club attracts large numbers on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our sports hall, fitness suite and pools and have increased its activity programme to include supervised fitness classes

Outdoor Leisure Facilities

- The football season is well under way with an average of 15 league matches being played each Saturday.

Fivemiletown Bike Trails

- The bike trails located within Blessingbourne estate were busy over Christmas/New Year period with keen mountain bikers enjoying the challenging trails.

Facebook

- Dungannon Leisure Centre has now set up an official Facebook page and it continues to increase in popularity with management controlling the page. All data and information is being shared on a daily basis and has proven very popular with customers. Many posts are now reaching over 1000 people and this is being reflected in greater footfall.

Men's Health Club

- The Men's Health v Staff football match took place recently. The Leisure Centre staff recorded their first win and narrowed the Men's Health series lead to one match. The score now stands at two matches to one in favour of Men's Health. Philip was the Men's Health captain on the day, but had to suffer the first defeat of the campaign. The next fixture will take place at Easter.



Men's' Health v Dungannon Leisure Centre staff

Cookstown Leisure Centre

- The first on-line enrolment for all courses and classes took place on December 15th at 8am, with the first 45mins being very busy. Overall the general feeling was it was a successful trial, and hope to continue with the facility.
- Cookstown Leisure Centre Drop- in Classes are offered to the general public and also as part of the total "Evolve Membership". These are continuing to perform well.

- Birthday Parties are performing well with over 56 parties booked over January.
- EBA2020, have started their New Year Programme currently offering:-
 1. Buggy fit, offering mothers the opportunity to participate in structure exercise activities. The centre has also included a complimentary swim to help develop numbers.



2. Ladies only activity morning.
 3. Dander ball.
- Centre activity classes had 901 people participating. The Centre brochures were released to the public on 24th January 2017, Marketing Dept. have been asked to provide a link on Facebook and Council web-page. The brochure now comes in two separate documents, a generic copy showing the standard information of the facility (never changes) and a second supplement giving seasonal information which can be update every 2-3months.
 - The annual Christmas party for children associated with the Mid-Ulster Victims group (MUVE) took place on December 27th, with over 100 children in attendance. The centre provide a range of activities from arts & crafts, bowling, play shack and swimming.

- Following their success in recent weeks local Gaelic Football Club, Rock, are continuing their training and availing of the expertise of our fitness instructors. They have booked our Main Pool on Monday nights for our instructor led Hydropower class and on Thursdays the Main Hall for another instructor led Boot camp class.
- The Leisure Centre ran a promotion over the week leading into the Christmas weekend, offering public swimming at a reduced rate:-



- Over the 6 day a total of 346 people availed of the offer, and was warmly welcomed by those who utilise the promotion.

Evolve Fitness

- Evolve FITNESS Stepper Challenge to run between 02 – 31 January 2017 - members to complete 2km climb beginner level or 4km advanced level over a 4 week period.
- Evolve FITNESS Row Lough Neagh Challenge to run between 01 – 31 March 2017 - members to row 30km beginner level or 60km advanced level during March.
- Winter Promo “2 Is Our Gift to U”, the gym is offering 14 months for the price on cash & DD’s.
- The “Physical Activity Programme” has taken off with currently 90 plus clients, either at the initial 12 weeks stage by the “phase three practitioners (Cardiac), local GP’s, and Charis (Cancer) or re-referred by their local GP’s.

Davagh MBT/Forest Trails

Maintenance

Ongoing checks and minor repairs have been carryout by Peter Newell on weekly bases and repairs were done at the end of the Boundary Rock trail in January.

Forestry Service NI is planning to replace 2 bridges within Davagh Forest during March and April 2017. This will result in diversions for Davagh Forest trails during this period which shouldn’t cause too much inconvenience to bikers. John Howard will be meeting with contractors and FSNI before putting the diversions in place along with the appropriate signage and maps.

Volunteer Day

Another volunteer day is planned for March 2017



Usage Figures

Usage figures for April to September 2016

Davagh Forest Trails	Car park	Total Trails	Pump Track	New Counter on top red trails	Running Trails Total
April to June 2016	5711	3469	1690	2822	3469
July to Sept 2016	5713	4285	1951	2366	7754
Oct to Dec 2017	4205	3149	1314	2328	10903

Events and Closures for Davagh 2017

Date	Time	Event	Trails
29 th April 2017	9-5	Cookstown Motor Club Targa Rally	Full Closure
Sunday 7 th May	9.30am-4.30pm	NPS XC Ulster –MTB	Full Closure
*Wed17 th May, 14 th June, 19 th July 16 th August	6 - 9pm	Carn Wheelers Wednesday night youth series- MTB	Part Closure and restrictions
Sat 24 th & Sun 25 th June	9-5	Davagh Enduro -MTB	Restrictions on Sat and full closure Sun
* Friday 25 th August	5.00pm to 10.30pm	Magherafelt Motor Club	Full Closure
* Sat 4 th November	9-5	Magherafelt Motor Club	Full Closure
* Sat 25 th November	9-5	Magherafelt Motor Club	Full Closure

*Dates currently provisionally booked

Bike Hire Provider @ Davagh

Outdoor concepts reported a very slow period in Davagh for December and this has been continuing into January.

Mid Ulster Sports Arena

Sports review December 2016/January 2017

Pitches continue to be in demand for bookings by soccer; rugby and GAA Clubs as well as schools during December 2016 and January 2017 there were reduced number of schools matches and tournaments due to the holiday period over Christmas.

Bookings received by Gaelic Clubs for their youth/Senior teams to use the indoor/outdoor facilities during January and February 2017 are at a record high for this year. The IFA Elite Performance Centre and Cookstown Youth take their scheduled break during January and will continue weekly on the 3G Gaelic Pitch and the indoor sports hall during February.

Events/Bookings during this time

- Parkrun continues every Saturday morning at 9.30am (100+ participants weekly)
- Mid Ulster Youth League 9 aside and 11 aside matches each Saturday
- National League matches on Pitch 1
- Couch to 5K Programme on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with 150 register participants for this course
- IFA GRDO Small Sided games centre
- CYFC Development Centre – 200+ children
- Usage of the Trim Trail by walkers and runners remains steady especially during the day. Estimated numbers using this facility in the region of 100 per day.
- Ulster Colleges Matches and Tournaments
- Ulster Camogie Weekly Blitzes
- Tyrone Hurling Centre of Excellence
- Ulster Ladies GAA Trials
- Ulster Camogie All Star Trials
- Cookstown Hockey Club – indoor hockey
- IFA Girls
- IFA Futsal
- Tyrone GAA and Hurling under 21s and seniors
- Birthday Parties

Future Events and Activities

- E district schools cross country championships on 1st Feb 2017 up to 1000 Pupils
- Ulster Rugby U14, 16 and 18s Ulster Youth Plate, Bowl and Shield Finals
 - 22nd and 29th April and also 6th May
- Park Run – still taking place every Saturday morning

Moneymore Recreation Centre

- **Local Gaelic Clubs.** Moneymore Gaelic Club has started using Moneymore Recreation Centre during December for the beginning of their winter training. They are using our sports hall for training Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings and think that our facility is excellent.
- **School MultiSports.** A new 6 week School Multi Sports programme started at Moneymore Recreation Centre on Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th November 2016 (Both 10.45am-11.45am). Only 2 of the 6 schools accepted the invitation due to other commitments. Ruth Brown & Steven McElhatton are the coaches in charge of these sessions and everyone attending this programme seems to enjoying the different activities on offer.
- **Headway Brain Injury Association.** Kelly Shepherd from Headway has booked our Committee Room 3 Wednesdays every month from 11am-1pm to hold classes with people who have suffered Brain Injuries. The class started on Wednesday 24th August and they will continue using our facility until the end of December. During these classes the people attending will be enjoying different tasks and activities at Moneymore Recreation Centre.
- **Climbing Wall Bookings.** The climbing Wall was hired by Cookstown Youth on Friday 9th December 2016 at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena. The event was from 6pm-9pm and 3 staff were on duty to make sure everyone had a fun and a safe time. Approximately 150 kids were in attendance and everyone involved a great time climbing the wall.
- **Mid Ulster Vintage Club.** The Mid Ulster Vintage Club has recently Block Booked our Committee Room for their monthly meetings. They will be using our facility on the 3rd Tuesday of every month 8.30pm-10pm until December 2016. These meetings started on Tuesday 19th January 2016.
- **Outdoor MUGA.** The outdoor Tennis nets have now been removed for the winter as the dark nights approach. Kids still use the area for Basketball, Soccer and other games though.
- **Cedar Foundation.** The Cedar Foundation Group from Ballymena has recently started hiring our Committee Room for meetings.
- **Kettle Bell Classes.** A new 5 week Kettlebells Programme started on Thursday 17th November (6.30pm-7.15pm) for 5 weeks and cost £22.50 each. These sessions continued into December & approximately 5 people are attending these sessions weekly.
- **Pilates Classes.** A new 5 week Pilates programme started at Moneymore Recreation Centre on Monday 14th November 2016 (6.15pm-7.15pm). These sessions continued into December & 10 people have been attending these sessions which is the maximum number we can accommodate in our Committee Room in which we hold these classes. Stephen Kennedy is the instructor in charge of these classes.
- **Tuesday Am Yoga Classes.** A new 6 week Tuesday morning Yoga programme started at Moneymore Recreation Centre on 8th November (11.30am-12.30pm). These sessions continued into December, Inga Jungaitiene is the instructor in charge of these

sessions. Inga pays us commercial rate for the room and then charges the people that attend. Approximately 6 people are attending at present.

- **Tuesday pm Yoga Classes.** 2 new 5 week yoga programmes have started at Moneymore Recreation Centre. These classes started on Tuesday 15th November 2016 (6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm). Inga Jungaitiene is the instructor in charge of these sessions. Inga pays us commercial rate for the hire of the room and then charges the people attending. Both these classes are full to capacity with 10 people attending each class.
- **Birthday Parties.** During December 2016 (6) Birthday Parties were held at Moneymore Recreation Centre. We are currently in the process of purchasing an inflatable assault course and this should increase the popularity of Birthday Parties and should also increase our income by introducing new party packages.

Meadowbank Sports Arena Monthly Report January 2017

From the second week of January the facility has been very busy, with high numbers of users passing through the doors from 6pm on. The indoor pitches, the outdoor track and the 3G pitches have had a high demand for bookings throughout January.

Some events of note that have taken place in Meadowbank since the last report are:

- St Pius X College Gaelic Blitz – Wed 14th Dec (120 Pupils participated)
- St Pius X College Soccer Tournament – Thu 15th Dec (90 Pupils Participated)
- Ulster Hockey Christmas Hockey Camp – Wed 21st & Thu 22nd Dec (30 Kids attended each session)
- Derry GAA under age matches – Fri 13th Jan (300 Underage Players attended on the first night)
- MUDC Couch 2 5K Programme – Mon 16th Jan (Over 90 runners participated on the first night)

Upcoming events in January:

- Sports Hall Athletics Event – Fri 20th Jan
- Ulster Camogie Association Camogie Blitz – Sun 22nd Jan
- Derry GAA Indoor Gaelic Blitz – Mon 23rd Jan
- Ulster GAA Indoor Gaelic Blitz – Sat 28th Jan

Meadowbank Sports Arena Winter Programme

- Ulster Rugby are continuing with training for their Regional Youth Squads at the Arena and use the facilities every Monday through to April 2017 with an average of 60/80 participants at each session.
- MUDC Couch 2 5k Programme recommenced on Monday 16th Jan with over 90 runners registered on the first night. The programme runs on a Monday and Wednesday night for 9 weeks.
- New Row Primary School have booked the Outdoor track on a Wednesday evening for a couch 2 5k programme for parents and pupils of the school to participate in.

- Acorns Running club train on the track every Monday and Wednesday Night with 30-50 runners attending each session.
- Moneyglass Running Club have booked the outdoor track on a Wednesday night with over 30 runners attending each week.
- Termoneeny Running club use the track on a Friday night with over 40 runners attending each session.
- Slimming World continues on a Thursday and the regular sessions average 85/120 participants.
- Derry GAA have booked 3 x Maxi pitches for 3 hours on a Friday night until the end of March for underage Gaelic matches. 300 kids attended on the first night.
- The Arena continued to be a popular venue for Children's Birthday Parties with 11 parties booked in January to date and 11 more booked until the end of the month so far.
- Rainey Mini Hockey hold their weekly training on Friday afternoons with 40/50 children attending each week.
- Rainey Mini Rugby also continues on Friday evenings with between 80 and 110 attending each session.
- St Colmcilles Girl Guides meet on a Thursday evening in the Café area with 35 girls attending.
- Mary Hill Ballet School continues on Saturday afternoons with 40/50 dancers attending each week.
- The Meadowbank Fit for Life programme has attracted 9 Primary Schools from the local area this term.
- Northern Region Recovery College are currently running courses in our Meeting Room, 2-5pm twice a week.
- Rainey School hockey matches continue with 3 matches being played each Saturday morning, drawing numbers in excess of 300 over the 2 hours.
- "Magherafelt Soccer Sixes" continues on the 3G pitches and is attracting a lot of teams from the local area.
- Step to the Beat dance class continues in the Old Pavilion Hall on Mondays, 5-6pm.
- The 3G outdoor pitches are block booked every night by local clubs for training. Soccer and Rugby being the main bookings.

- The weekends see a lot of match action on the 3G surface too, again mainly soccer and rugby from clubs like Magherafelt Sky Blues, Rainey Old Boys youth and minis, Draperstown Celtic youth and Moyola FC youth.



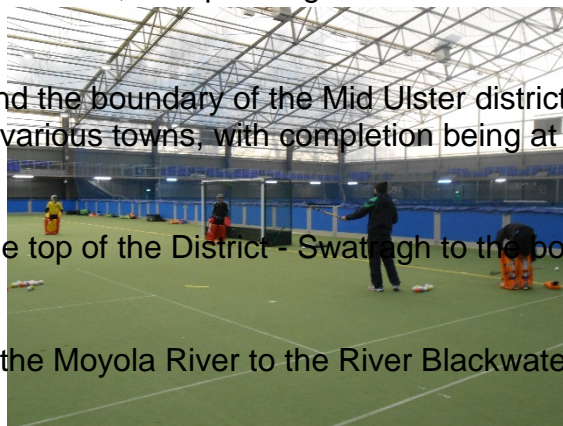
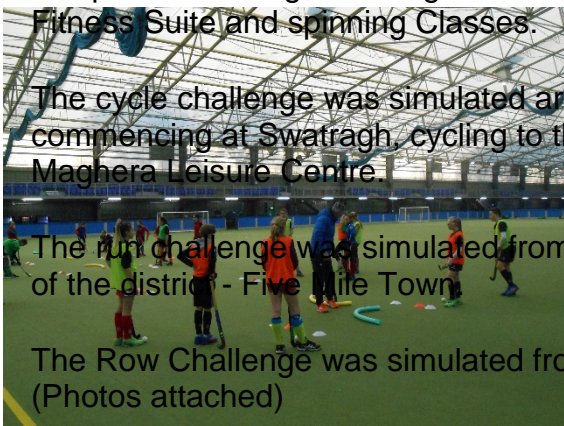
Maghera Leisure Centre Dec 2016

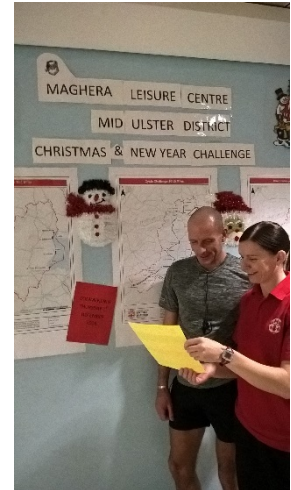
- Maghera Leisure Centre ran a very successful Christmas & New Year Challenge, with over 30 participants completing it. The Mid Ulster District Challenge consisted of three disciplines running, cycling, rowing and was inclusive of all abilities and levels.
- The three disciplines simulated a Tour of Mid Ulster District with the different stages being between the towns in the district. The Routes of each discipline were displayed on ordnance survey maps with the mileage between each town detailed. Participants completed the stages in Maghera Leisure Centre, incorporating Profiles Health & Fitness Suite and spinning Classes.

- The cycle challenge was simulated around the boundary of the Mid Ulster district commencing at Swatragh, cycling to the various towns, with completion being at Maghera Leisure Centre.

- The run challenge was simulated from the top of the District - Swatragh to the bottom of the district - Five Mile Town.

- The Row Challenge was simulated from the Moyola River to the River Blackwater. (Photos attached)





- Party Packages 47
- Slaughtneil Camogie Club booked.
- Adult Centre Tuesday and
- Gymnastics Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.
- Senior Citizen Club Wed 2pm – 4pm
- Fit Kids Session Mon & Thurs.
- Old Mill Youth FC wed 7.00pm – 8.00pm
- Leo Maguire Taekwondo Club, Main Hall Thursdays 5pm – 6pm
- Kirsty Kinetic Kidz Dance Fri 5.15pm – 7.15pm.
- Jujitsu Club Saturdays 10am – 12.30pm & Monday 6.30am – 9pm.
- GP Referral Program ongoing.
- Daily Morning session classes 10am – 11am. (Core Stability, Spin, Circuit Training, BLT Blitz, Circuit Training).
- Sunday boot camps & Spinning class.
- Circuits Monday & Thursday Circuit Training (50+ in attendance)
- Spinning Classes Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat.
- Tobermore Utd. Mini Soccer, Fri Main Hall 8pm – 9pm.
- Grass pitch Bookings, 7.

Tuesday 6pm – 7pm. Block
Thursday.

Maghera Leisure Centre Jan 2017

- Bookings as above.
- Classes very busy with 50 – 60 in the circuit classes
- Spinning classes 20 -25.
- Bootcamp Sunday 20+
- Birthday Party Packages 39
- JuJitsu booked a 6 week ladies self-defence course commencing 25th January.
- Maghera & District Gardening Group 17th January.
- Gymnastics 6 week course recommence 17th, 18th and 20th January with all sessions booked.
- Carn Glen Credit union – Main hall booked for primary school table quiz, Fri 27th January.

Tobermore Golf Centre December 2016

Saturday Junior Coaching.

- Saturday junior coaching continued through the month of December with the final session being Sat 16th December, Chris Selfridge Local Tour Professional and Tony Mulholland resident PGA professional coach at Tobermore Golf Centre delivered a question and answering session at the Junior Coaching Saturday 16th December. 1.30pm – 5pm.
 - Resident PGA Professional Tuition
 - Chris Selfridge – 7th Dec - Local Tour Professional had a Trackman Lesson with resident professional Tony Mulholland.
 - 16 * Trackman lessons
 - 2 * Standard Studio lessons.
 - Improvers Course Tuesday & Wednesday commenced 8th November.
 - Junior Coaching Commenced Sat 1.30pm – 6pm (3 sessions final week)
 - St Pauls Kilrea 7th, 14th,

Tobermore Golf Centre January 2017

- Sat Junior Coaching week, 1 14th Jan
 - Resident PGA Professional Tuition
 - Trackman lessons
 - Standard Studio lessons.
 - Improvers Course Tuesday & Wednesday commencing 24th January.

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Subject: Recommendations on allocation of Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants

Reporting Officer: Liam Glavin, Head of Leisure

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members on the Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants programme and to set out proposed funding recommendations.

2	Background
2.1	<p>Following the public call for this grant in December 2016 there were 6 individual applications. The assessment of the applications was carried out on 23rd and 24th January. This involved three steps: review of all information to check completeness; eligibility check; and scoring the application. This process was carried out by Williamson Consulting on behalf of Council.</p> <p>The score was carried out using a spreadsheet which automatically produced an indicated grant level.</p>

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>The spreadsheets used to score each application are attached. The outcome was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 applications were ineligible as they were seeking funding for expenditure which fell outside the grant criteria • 3 applications passed the eligibility check and had provided sufficient information and were therefore eligible for funding <p>The total amount of funding to be awarded to the three successful applicants is £9,240.</p>

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There is £40,760 left in the budget.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u></p>

	N/A
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u>
	N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u>
	N/A

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are asked to agree the recommendations for successful grant applications.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Grant recipients and amount of grants to be awarded.

Appendix 1

GRANT TYPE	Area	Organisation Name	Project Title	Date Assessed	Amount Requested	Score	Amount Awarded	Comments
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Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grant - up to £4,500 plus £500 (if school not previously open to public)

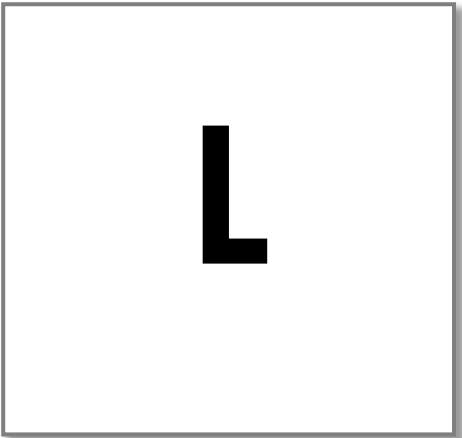
Facility costs	C	Cookstown Hockey Club	Support for school pitch maintenance costs	24.01.17	Up to £17,500	50	£4,500.00	
Facility costs	D	Dungannon Ladies Hockey	Hire of school pitch facilities	24.01.17	£4,860.00	50	£4,500.00	
Facility costs	D	Cuchulainn na Ghleanna Junior Hurling and Camogie	European Netball Championships	24.01.17	£240.00	10	£240.00	

Ineligible Applications

Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's GAC – Application not for use of school synthetic pitch.

Edendork GAC - Application not for use of school synthetic pitch.

Dungannon Tennis Club - Application not for use of school synthetic pitch.



Subject **Parks Service Progress report**

Reporting Officer **Nigel Hill, Head of Parks**

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members of the progress being made regarding activities and associated to Parks Services and highlight events or consultations that will be occurring in the future

2	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council recognises the important role that Parks, Countryside recreation and play has in today's society and the ease of accessible, open space can have on basis quality of life issues and the health and wellbeing of the local community. The facilities and programmes provided in Mid Ulster are designed to maximise participation from all sections of the community and provide opportunities to maximise quality outdoor experiences for our residents across Mid Ulster District Council.

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3.1	<p>Allotment Programme Funding</p> <p>Following on from the Gathering Event in September 2016 council have worked with The Conservation Volunteer's (TCV) to see whether we can put together a support programme for the various allotment & gardening groups across Mid Ulster. Up to now TCV could not cover the complete Northern area as they were only funded by the Public Health Agency for gardening projects in designated areas. Council agreed that TCV would try to apply for slippage funding with PHA and also submit a Challenge Fund application. The focus of these applications would be a support programme to revive Castledawson allotments, but will also take in networking and support activities for the other existing allotment groups in that wider area. Council can confirm that both applications were successful, which means that we can put a tailored programme of activities in place from now until the end of March. It is hoped that there will be further funding opportunities continuing into the new financial year.</p>
3.2.	<p>Castledawson Allotment Shed</p> <p>A recorded accidental fire incident completely destroyed to the utility shed on Castledawson allotments in early December. The site has been since cleared and council insurers are currently dealing with a council claim to compensate for the replacement of the building. All efforts are toward having the site fully operational for planned spring programme of activities commencing April.</p>



Fire damage to utility shed December 2016



Site cleared in preparation for replacement utility shed January 2017

3.3 **Play Parks Annual Inspection Report 2017**

The Parks Service annual play area inspection audit for equipped play parks in Mid Ulster District Council has been completed.

Local Authorities are required under current legislation to provide a safe play environment, clean, well maintained and fit for purpose. To achieve this Mid Ulster Council deploy a two tier inspection regime. This consists of a weekly operational inspection performed by council staff and an annual independent inspection procured from play industry specialists.

The annual report records risk ratings for each item of equipment and conduct an overall assessment for each site. A mean average score for play quality is calculated for each play area. The average score returned for the former Cookstown area indicated 7.9 out of a possible 10. The average score returned for the former Dungannon area indicated 9.2 and Magherafelt indicated an average score of 8.5 both out of a possible 10. A mean average bench mark of 7.0 and above is a higher performance indicator to be maintained. Currently twenty play sites fall below this threshold, out of the 112 locations inspected.

A supplementary report focussing on the availability of inclusive play across Mid Ulster District Council sites is being undertaken in order to accurately ascertain the current level of provision. The information generated by both reports/audits will feed into the council's strategic plan for Parks and Play.

3.4 Vandalism Incident Ratheen Play Park Cookstown

Council staff discovered fire damage to one section of a modular play unit. On the morning of Tuesday 10th January. The incident was reported to PSNI.



A replacement sensory play panel and remedial works to include surface dressing will cost in the region of £600. Interim works has been completed and the site is currently open.

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Park Lake New Year's Day Angling Competition

The Park Lake New Year's Competition took place on Saturday 7th January. A total of 24 anglers took part and enjoyed the fishing and the mild weather conditions. Local man Alistair Diamond was the trophy winner with a total weight of 4 fish at 10 lbs and securing the top prize of £150 cash. Glenanne man Jimmy Brown came second winning £80 cash and was closely followed by Michael McMullan from Poyntzpass in 3rd place winning a £40 cash prize. A warm bowl of soup awaited the anglers on their return from the lake before presentation of the prizes.



1st Prize – Alistair Diamond

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>

	N/A
4.2	<u>Human</u>
4.3	N/A <u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u>
4.4	N/A <u>Other</u>
	N/A

5	Other Considerations
	N/A

6	Recommendations
	N/A

7	List of Documents Attached
	N/A

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Subject Glenone Permissive Path Agreement

Reporting Officer Nigel Hill Head of Parks

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Bann Valley Community Group in partnership with Portglenone Enterprise Group request support from Mid Ulster District Council in relation to development of walking trials linking the town to public open spaces.

2	Background
2.1	The Bann Valley Community Group were formed in 2006 and have successfully delivered a number of environmental and access projects to the value of £100k benefitting the local community. These projects include the creation of approximately 5km of greenway trails around Clady and Greenlough areas.
2.2	The Community group are currently developing plans in conjunction with Mid & East Antrim Borough Council and Mid Ulster District Council to create a series of short walking trials to link designated areas of interest and forestry properties that straddle the River Bann. The proposal provides for the opportunity to link the council managed 'Anglers Walk' at Glenone Forest to Portglenone by the creation of public path along the River Bann.

3	Key Issues
3.1	Council will be required to negotiate a permissive path agreement with the landowner, creating an opportunity to establish a public access path linking Anglers Walk to Portglenone town via the extension of the current riverside path, a distance of 0.5km.
3.2	Council would have to commit to the provision of public liability insurance, management and maintenance of the pathway. The permissive path agreement should strive to provide public access for an initial period not less than 10 years from the date of completion of any works. The agreement should include an option to extend the period for a further five years, reviewable every five years.
3.3	The community group have an opportunity to access funding to facilitate the creation of the path, at this stage no request for financial assistance from the council has been indicated.

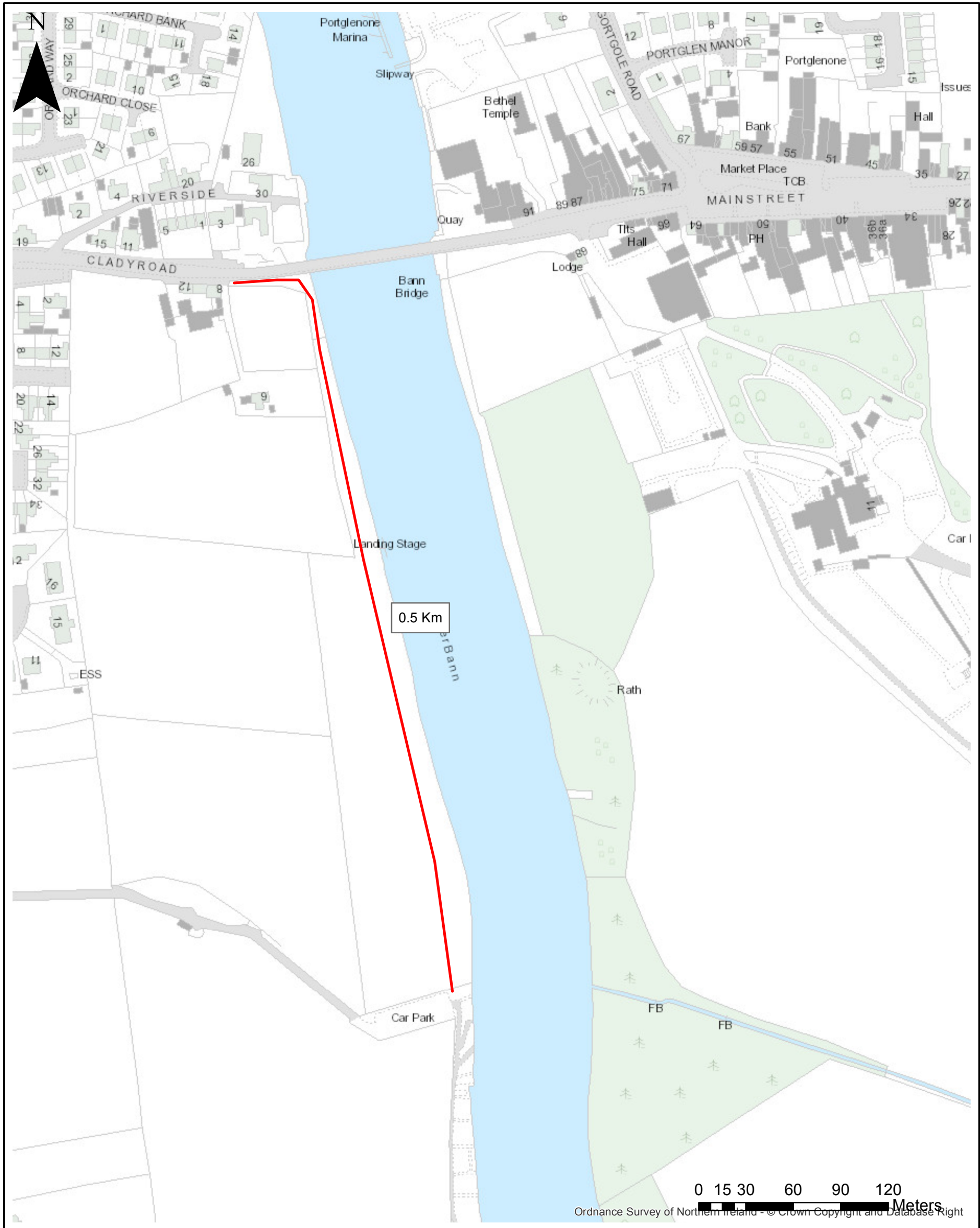
4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> The council will incur an annual cost associated to inspection and maintenance for the duration of the permissive path agreement. This expenditure is estimated at £250 p.a.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Human</u> Existing resources will assist the investigations.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> N/A</p> <p>4.4 <u>Other</u> N/A</p>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Council should consider the precedence set in relation to similar support requests. This is however time bound, based on the duration of any established permissive path agreement.

6	Recommendations
6.1	Subject to all formal landowner agreements and Letter of Offer conditions being met by the Bann Community Group and Portglenone Enterprise Group partnership in relation to project funding, Mid Ulster District Council could support the proposal with a commitment to establish the required agreements, to manage and maintain the designated path for the agreed period under the terms and conditions of the Permissive Path Agreement.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Glenone Anglers Walk Permissive Path map Appendix 1

Glenone Angler Permissive Path Proposal



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Subject **Mid Ulster District Angling Summer Schools**

Reporting Officer **Nigel Hill Head of Parks**

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Inform members of angling programme development in conjunction with DAERA and forthcoming Mid Ulster District Council Summer Angling Schools 2017.

2	Background
2.1	<p>DAERA Inland Fisheries Community Outreach Angling Events Fund</p> <p>The Inland Fisheries Community Outreach Team have announced the introduction of a new fund to assist you in delivering projects which can attract new anglers. It is hoped that this fund can be utilised by partners to further develop angling as a healthy and accessible outdoor recreation.</p> <p>The fund which can assist with up to £500.00 towards each event or programme is intended to assist in delivering angling tuition and experiences to new anglers. DAERA Inland Fisheries can offer assistance and guidance in running angling events as well as practical help such as issuing complimentary licences and permits for first time anglers and the loan of fishing equipment where necessary. The Department remains committed to concentrating these resources on reaching new groups and tackling social exclusion.</p> <p>A launch event will be coordinated with DAERA. This will take place at Dungannon Park in June. All events will be launched under the theme of GO FISHING – Mid Ulster Summer Schools.</p> <p>Dungannon Park Lake Angling Summer School: Thursday 3rd August – Saturday 5th August Learn to fish Game & Coarse 3 day school 10.00am – 2.00pm daily Cost £15.00</p> <p>Bradley’s Lake Angling Summer School Monday 7th August –Friday 11th August Learn to Fly Fish Bradleys Lake, Maghera Road, Tobermore, BT45 5QB 10.00am – 2.00pm daily Cost £25.00</p> <p>Both organised in partnership with DAERA and Moyola Angling Association</p>

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>Seek programme funding for angling events across the Mid Ulster District Council area in conjunction with DAERA Inland Fisheries for 2017.</p> <p>Introduce a series of angling coaching days (dates tbc) at Dungannon Park and Bradley's Lake and encourage angling clubs to partner with Mid Ulster District Council and DAERA to deliver a range of events in conjunction with Northern Ireland Fly Fishing Association and Ulster Coarse Angling Federation.</p>

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> The programmes will be supported through Parks event revenue budget allocations and DAERA Outreach Programme Funding.</p> <p><u>Human</u> Existing resources adequate.</p> <p><u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> Professional Instruction from qualified angling coaches as required supporting programme of events and workshops.</p> <p><u>Other</u> N/A</p>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	For member information and update purposes.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	DAERA correspondence December 2016 Appendix 2

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13th December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

DAERA Inland Fisheries Community Outreach Angling Events Fund

The Inland Fisheries Community Outreach Team is delighted to announce the introduction of a new fund to assist you in delivering projects which can attract new anglers. It is hoped that this fund can be utilised by you and other partners to further develop angling as a healthy and accessible outdoor recreation.

The fund which can assist with up to £500.00 towards an event or programme you arrange is intended to assist you in delivering angling tuition and experiences to new anglers. DAERA Inland Fisheries can offer assistance and guidance in running angling events as well as practical help such as issuing complimentary licences and permits for first time anglers and the loan of fishing equipment where necessary. The Department remains committed to concentrating these resources on reaching new groups and tackling social exclusion.

If you feel that your organisation could benefit from this funding programme please contact myself, at the above address and telephone number, or my colleague, Gillian Kinnier, by e-mail at gillian.kinnier@daera-ni.gov.uk or by telephone on 02890 515111.

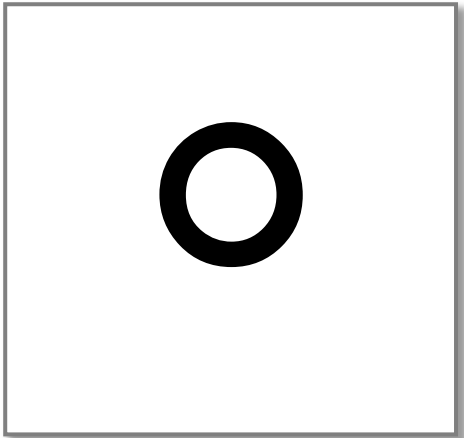
Inland Fisheries at DAERA is also keen that existing and new customers benefit from our recently introduced e-licensing system which eliminates the need to carry a paper licence, and allows purchase of licences and permits from your own computer within minutes. The new system eliminates the previous waiting time for disabled licence and permit applications and still offers concessionary rates for disabled, over 60s and juvenile anglers. Feedback already shows that many customers have found this to be an enhanced customer experience.

The online licence system can be accessed at <https://angling.nidirect.gov.uk/citizen> and those without access to a computer can still make their purchase at 65 distributor outlets across Northern Ireland.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any queries about the Community Outreach Competitive Fund or the licence and permit purchasing system.

Yours faithfully

John Blair
Inland Fisheries



Subject Culture and Arts Progress Report

Reporting Officer Tony McCance

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the progress being made in Culture and Arts Services and highlight events that have occurred during the month of January. Also to identify events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that will be occurring in the future.

2	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council recognises the important role that Culture and Arts plays in today's society and that the availability of accessible, high quality culture and arts provision can enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of the local community. The Culture and Arts facilities and programmes provided in Mid Ulster are designed to maximise participation from all sections of the community and provide pathways that enable every resident within the Mid Ulster area to maximise their enjoyment, aspirations and quality of life.

3	Key Issues
3.1	Full details of key elements Culture and Arts Service provision during end November/and December is included in Appendix 1.

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u> N/A
4.2	<u>Human</u> None
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/Consultancy Support</u> N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u> None

5	Other Considerations
5.1	None

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are asked to note upcoming activities being undertaken in Culture and Arts Services.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix 1 – Key elements of Culture and Arts Service provision in the last month.

Culture & Arts Service Progress Report

Progress Report Appendix 1

Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre

Programme of Events

December was extremely busy with 13 staged performances in the auditorium, Santa's Grotto in the Studio and numerous workshops, classes and meetings.



Sperrin
Choir
performed
14th & 15th
December



The High
Kings
performed
17th & 18th
December

Events

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Celebrations Concert took place on Friday 16th December.

Performing on the night were Cookstown Youth Choir, Folk Club, Traditional Music in Schools, James Marks, Megan Paul and

Oonagh Clarke with compere Tom Sweeney. The concert gave us the opportunity to showcase some of the fantastic musical talent Mid Ulster has to offer.



Scottish Ceilidh

The Ceilidh is back on Friday 27 January 2017. Participants will enjoy a great evening of Scottish Country and Ceilidh dancing.



January Exhibition

Bog-land, Branches and the Beach – (Gallery)

Artist Louise McLean has recreated her interpretation of the rugged landscape and dramatic coastlines of Ireland through basketry.

Workshops

The following workshops are due to be held in the coming weeks:

- St Brigid's Cross making with tutor Louise McLean on 28 January. Adults and children can get ready for St Brigid's Day by making their own decorative cross for their home. These 'drop in' workshops will be led by renowned willow



weaver Louise McLean who will match the task to the participant. Young children can create a simple piece, while adults can try their hand at something more ambitious.

- Another series of our very popular jive classes, with tutors from Modern Country Moves, will take place from Monday 13 February. First-timers will be shown the basics; while the more experienced can learn more steps and moves. This is the current dance trend and a fun way to keep fit.

- Watercolours with tutor George Gourley. We are delighted to present a series of our very popular painting workshops aimed primarily at beginners where they will be taken step by step through the process of producing their own watercolours. These classes are a great way for people to take time out, relax and explore their creative side.



- Embroidery Hoop Art with tutor Andrea Hayes. We will be offering something a little different in textiles this time round. This course will cover methods such as silk painting, applique, image transfer and hand stitching to create an artwork which is then finished and stretched on the hoop to hang. Participants will also be shown how to apply their newly acquired skills to decorate a fabric bag.

- Furniture Upcycling with tutors Anne Warnock & Sara Vicente. Participants will learn how to make their own chalk paint and take on a number of creative techniques including decoupage, stencilling and upholstering a seat pad.



Support Services (weekly)

The following weekly sessions continue to be delivered as part of the Burnavon programme and its associated outreach programme.

- Cookstown Folk Club
- Burnavon Writers Group
- Cookstown Youth Choir
- Superstars Club Musical Theatre Group
- Traditional Music in Schools Project (delivered in local schools)



Pupils who participate in the TMIS programme with Tutor Ryan McGarrity performing at the Christmas Celebration Concert in December

Outreach

The Burnavon through its Arts & Cultural Development Programme wish to deliver an innovative, creative workshops roadshow, based on the ArtCart, engaging 12 rural schools in the Cookstown area. The programme will offer the following:



- Development of **arts skills** through use of **digital technology** and more **traditional arts activities** eg: Animation with visual art, digital music with dance.
- Linking in with **curriculum themes** to **support classroom learning**
Eg: Focusing on the Arts, The World Around Us, Science & Technology, Mathematics & Numeracy etc. Eg: Music workshop develops music skills and counting skills.
- Using **creative expression to enhance communication**, interpersonal skills and develop team work.
- Facilitation of workshops by **experienced, professional artists** who will tailor sessions to suit age range and ability.

The project will be brought to the schools front door, and no resources will be required from the schools. This project will engage 360 children and 12 rural primary schools.

Resource Programme for Heritage Site

The Burnavon through its Arts & Cultural Development Programme will be developing links between Arts and Cultural activity and a number of the key heritage sites within the region, namely Tullaghoge Fort, Beaghmore Stone Circles, Ardboe Cross and Abbey and The Hill of the



O'Neill. Staff will work with the schools to develop resources in the form of comic illustrations for Key Stage 2 students that will help interpret the heritage of each of the four sites for a young audience, both engaging the youth in the arts activity while also interpreting understanding and heritage of the regions key sites. The project will link with schools through the use of workshops targeting STEM criteria. The project will be part funded through the Arts Council Challenge Fund.

Education Programme

Work will commence on the delivery of an Education Programme for local schools at Tullaghoge Fort to be delivered in May 2017. It is also planned to have a public open day at Tullaghoge Fort in early June to promote the site as a local heritage site.



Image of previous Education Programme delivered at Tullaghoge Fort

Culture & Arts Strategy

Work is well underway in developing an integrated Culture & Arts Strategy which will provide direction for the delivery of Culture & Arts Services over the next five year period. Consultants have met with relevant officers and with the 6 strategic partners, public consultations have been held throughout January in Cookstown, Dungannon and Bellaghy, and a range of further meetings will be held throughout February. The development of an integrated Arts & Cultural strategy will provide clear guidance and direction to both Council and staff in the delivery of key Culture and Arts service objectives.



Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre

Arts & Culture

Banyan Theatre delivered a very successful puppet production of Twinkle Twinkle on Friday 30 December with 95 in attendance in the Square Box.

Madeleine McBride will deliver a six week Introduction to Mindfulness Programme starting on Wednesday 11th January from 7-8pm. Maximum numbers have been booked for this new programme on offer.

All art courses and workshops will commence next month.

Temporary Exhibition

This month's temporary exhibition is the Annual Print Exhibition by members of the Northern Ireland Photographic Association, with 100 photographic prints on display. This work is selected from 236 entered members of the NIPA Camera Clubs.



Arts & Disability Programme

The Visually Impaired Group completed a 4 week candle making project in December with artist, Shauna McCann. This was the first time they had worked with wax and produced some lovely pieces that they were able to take home.



Chest, Heart & Stroke will commence a 4 week arts & crafts course with Hazel Busby starting in January which will take place at their centre in Ballysaggart.

The Visually Impaired group will commence a 4 week pottery project with Shauna McCann starting in January in Ranfurly House.

Dungannon History Forum

The History Forum met on Tuesday 10th January. The meeting began with the members of the History Forum passing a vote of condolence to Mrs Christine McGowan, Arts & Culture Development Officer, on the death of her husband, Ignatius McGowan. All of the members of the History Forum stood and observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Monthly history talks will resume in February with a talk delivered by Aidan Fee, "Seven Places for Seven Sons, The Knox Family". This presentation will have particular relevance for Dungannon residents, as well as for Mid Ulster District Council, as Ranfurly House takes its name from this family.

Education

The Education Officer organised a meeting in Ranfurly House on Friday 16th December when Nigel Hill (Head of Parks), Tony McCance (Head of Culture and Arts) Joanne Loughry (Ranfurly House Manager) and Peter Lant met Brian Poots, who has developed the Northern Ireland Forest School Awards.

Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Room Bookings

To date there has been in excess of 40 rooms bookings from external companies since the facility opened at end of September 2016. The facility has hosted conferences for RSPB and local company Premier Electrics.

Other bookings have been made by:

- The British Heart Foundation
- Victims Support NI
- Sure Start NI- A week-long good practice exhibition taking place in February, which is expected to attract approximately 1000 visitors.
- Bellaghy Women's Group are now established in the Annex
- 'HomePlace Book Club' commencing 05 February 2017

Education Programme

The KS5 Programme at HomePlace continues with 257 students from across the Province attending to date. The feedback from students and teachers who have attended the programme so far has been excellent.

Burial at Thebes

Stephen Beggs has devised and will deliver a workshop for A2 English Literature students on The Burial at Thebes (legacy specification CCEA) from 2 February – 10 February. 11 schools (235 pupils) and their teachers will participate in this programme.

KS4 Programme

The KS4 Programme launches on Wednesday 18 January, 2017. This programme will run for 6 weeks and will be facilitated by Mrs. Shelagh O'Brien – she will deliver a series of lectures which will focus on Heaney & Hardy anthology (CCEA) and Death of a Naturalist & The Badger (Nature & War anthology CCEA) – both are part of the outgoing specification.

Key Stage 2

The Key Stage 2 programme will launch on Thursday 26 January, 2017 with a tree planting ceremony in the grounds of HomePlace, which, will involve the Heaney grandchildren and two KS2 pupils from each of the 6 local Primary Schools. The programme will commence with the A Kite for Aibhin Programme which will run from February – April. This will be followed with the Churning Day Programme which will run from April – June. Stand- alone events are also being planned World Poetry Day 27 March and Literary Legacy Week 3 – 7 April, 2017.

The draft proposals for the KS2 Education Programme at HomePlace outlined at the meeting of the Mid Ulster Association of Principals on Tuesday 10 January was very well received.

In addition to the scheduled programmes, a number of Foundation Stage pupils (Primary 1 and Primary 2) from Bellaghy Primary School will be visiting as part of their 'My Town' unit of work. I have devised a special programme/activity around Blackberry Picking for this group to engage in. 25 students from St. John Bosco P.S. (spanning KS1 & 2) are visiting on 13 January, 2017 – students will engage in a special art based activity in the Creative Learning Zone (promoting vertical interaction through the Key Stages) which focuses on their chosen poem St. Kevin and the Blackbird.

Close to Home- Arts Programme

The 'Close to Home season finished strongly with some very well attended events. A Christmas Family Fun Day on 18 December featured choirs from the local primary schools performing in the Helicon, alongside storytelling with Liz Weir and pop in Christmas Crafts with Red Apple Arts.



The season officially ended with a concert recital of Schubert's Wintereisse performed by world renowned pianist Julius Drake and baritone Marcus Farnsworth, which was attended by over 100 people.

Across the Threshold

The new season programme has now been released and initial sales are strong. The programme opened with a fantastic weekend of events on 14 January which saw Dr Eamonn Kelly's lecture on Bog Bodies attracting an audience of over 100 this was followed by a sell out performance by Glen Hansard.



(Image Credit: Shannon O'Neill for The Thin Air)

Future Planning

Events are being planned for World Book Day and World Poetry Day, both of which fall in March and it is anticipated that the April – June programme will be finalised in the next few weeks by Doran Browne. Other planned events include a performance of Songwriters in the Round with Anthony Toner, the launch of a new short story collection from Irish author Nuala O'Connor and a special visit to the Centre by a friend and colleague of Seamus Heaney's Rand Brandes who will present his lecture 'The Publishing Life of Seamus Heaney'.

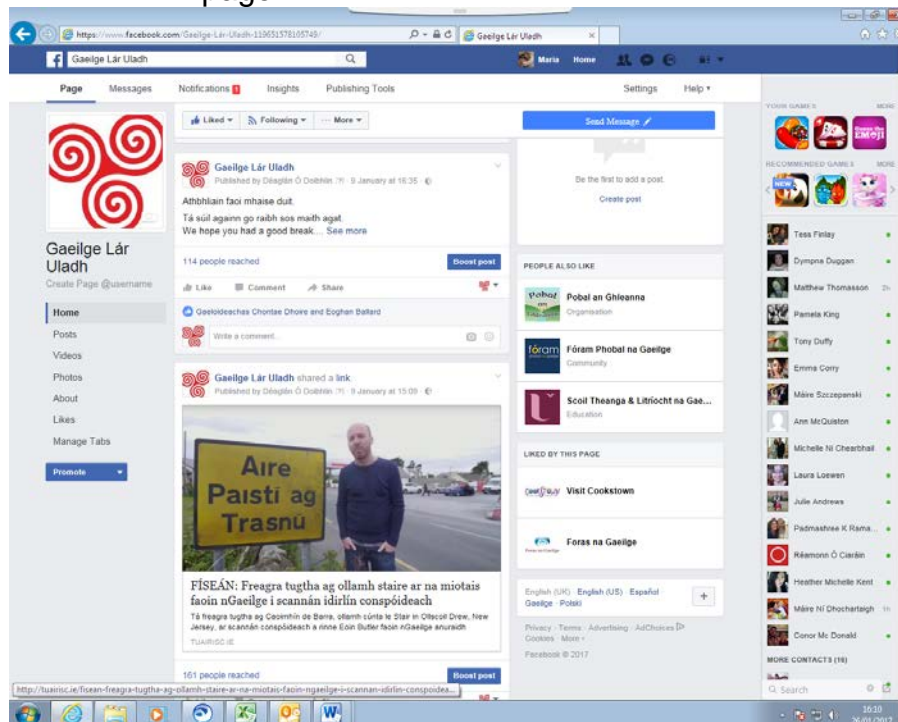
Irish Language Development Programme

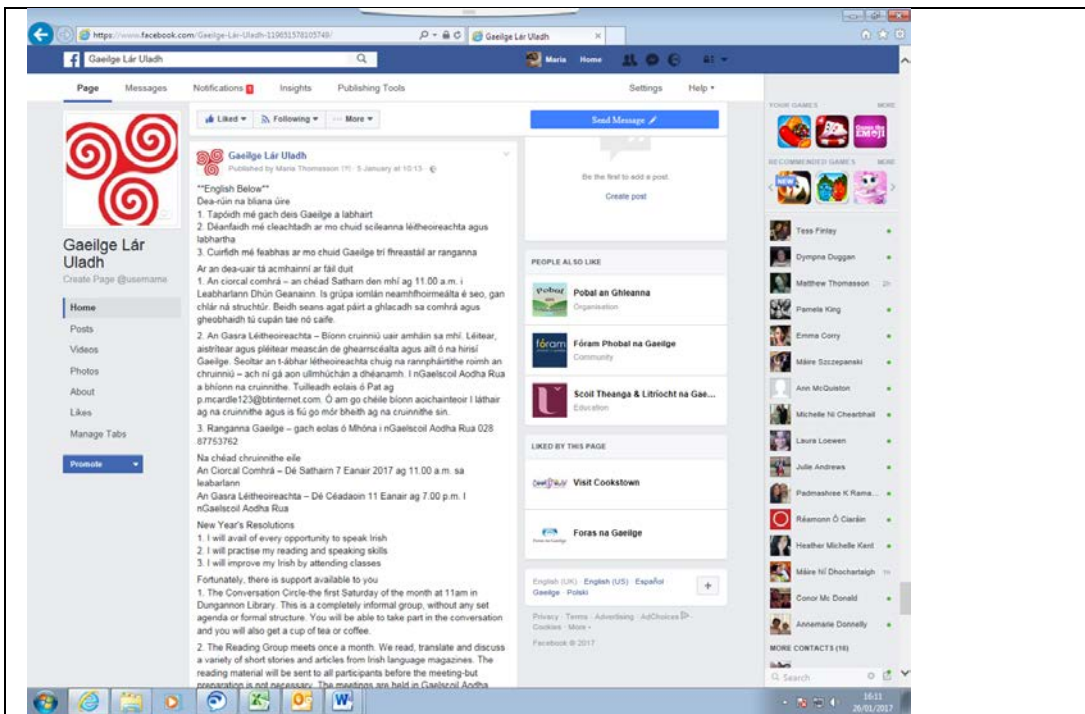
Theme 1: Promoting Opportunities to Learn

- **Irish in the Primary Project** is ongoing in a small number of schools who were unable to facilitate the programme during the autumn term. This round of 8 weeks will see the end of the programme for this financial year.
- **Irish Language Diploma** ongoing in The Burnavon.
- **Night Classes for Adults** are underway in various locations in the district including An Carn, Magherafelt, Ballinascreen, Cookstown, Dungannon, Coalisland and Ballygawley.

Theme 2: Irish Language in the Community

- **Providing support, advice, information and guidance to Irish language groups** continues on a regular basis through regular meetings, phone calls and sharing information on behalf of local Irish language groups on the council facebook page.





- **Weekly intermediate classes** continue in the Burnavon on Tuesday mornings.
- **Irish Language Activity Funding:** A wealth of classes and events continues to run across the district thanks to the Irish Language Activity Funding. These activities range from weekly language classes, cultural evenings, singing workshops to specialised language based after school activities.

Theme 3: Promotion of Irish within and by Mid Ulster District Council

- **Spoken Irish for Beginners and Improvers** classes continue in Magherafelt throughout January and will resume in Cookstown and Dungannon in February upon return of Ursula Uí Dhonnaile.
- **Tendering:** Tendering is underway for Mid Ulster District Council Placenames Research Project and for translation of key documents including parts of the Mid Ulster website, our Corporate Plan and Corporate Improvement Plan.
- **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** A series of events are currently being planned for Mid Ulster Council staff (lunch time talks and language training sessions) to celebrate Irish Language week which runs from 1st-17th March.

