

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 14 September 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Cuddy, Doris, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.11 pm), G Shiels

**Officers in Attendance**

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism  
Mr Glavin, Head of Tourism  
Mr Hill, Head of Parks  
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development  
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts  
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development  
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

**Agenda Item 4 – Moneymore Heritage Trust**  
Representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust  
Mr Robert Colvin  
Mr Robert Riddell  
Mr Robert Kelly

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised the committee that he had been contacted regarding an issue, which was raised at the Environment Committee and wanted members to note that anything raised or decided at a committee meeting must not be discussed with anyone outside the Council Chamber until approved by Council. He asked members to be cautious as he hadn't been aware of the incident until he was contacted about the matter.

**D163/17 Apologies**

Councillors Burton.

**D164/17 Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Wilson declared an interest in the Enterprise Centre.  
Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in the Enterprise Centre.  
Councillor Doris declared an interest in the Enterprise Centre.

**D165/17 Chairs business**

The Chair, advised that he was happy to agree to a request from Councillor G Shiels asking if he could address the Committee regarding the Notice of Motion which he brought to the Council meeting on 27 July 2017.

Councillor G Shiels thanked the Chair for letting him address the meeting regarding the Notice of Motion which he brought to the Council meeting addressing his concerns about the proposal from the Department of Infrastructure threatening the future of Mid Ulster's Rural Community Transport Partnership.

He said that following on from the Community Transport Driver situation that it emerged that the Community Transport Partnerships were informed that the public consultation on this would take place shortly but consultation on operator licensing was also taking place at the same time. This means that the drivers would be expected to have their D1 licences by January 2018, but also that the organisation would need to have an Operator's Licence as well. They have been told that they are "operating illegally" at the moment. While the organisations would be able to get Operator Licences this could have an impact on the funding.

Councillor G Shiels asked that the Council Chair convene a meeting with the local groups and responsible Government Department to resolve this.

The Chair updated that this had been raised at Council and was being progressed.

#### **D166/17      Moneymore Heritage Trust**

The Chair welcomed representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Colvin advised that the village of Moneymore has needed a plan for some years now, to take it forward as a village and community. This need has become more apparent in recent months. There is increased concern that heavy traffic has had a negative effect on business that would typically use the High Street as a location for their operations. There is much anecdotal evidence to suggest that traffic volumes have indeed increased substantially, adding impetus and acceleration to the demise of the village centre and the quality of village life. The Board of Moneymore Heritage Trust (MHT) decided to carry out a robust traffic survey of traffic.

Moneymore Heritage Trust is a registered charity managed by a cross community board of volunteers. It owns the Manor House and is currently developing allotments as part of a wider programme for the gardens to the rear of that iconic property. Moneymore Heritage Trust seeks to preserve the heritage and history of the village and is mindful of its role in assisting in re-generation and promotion of the village and its surroundings.

Mr Colvin asked that the following recommendations be considered by the committee:

- That Mid Ulster Council include a by-pass for Moneymore as part of its Development Strategy;

- That traffic and parking solutions are essential to regenerate Moneymore, and therefore a review of traffic management through the village is urgently required;
- That a suitable safe means of crossing the road be provided on High Street without imposing additional street furniture;
- That Mid Ulster Council set up an Air Quality Station to monitor traffic pollutants including Particulate Matter (PM) pollution, and monitor noise pollution;
- That a structural study be implemented to measure traffic related vibration and possible links to structural cracking.

The Chair, thanked Mr Colvin for his presentation and advised that a number of issues have been raised, but would say that Moneymore was not a forgotten village within the Community Plan and asked members for comments.

Councillor G Shiels said that he was sold on the idea of a bypass, as there was a lot more traffic passing through Moneymore compared to years ago. He said that the bridge entering Moneymore from the Cookstown side was becoming dilapidated with all the heavy traffic and would like the Council to be aware of the heritage linked to Moneymore village.

Councillor McAleer enquired if Transport NI had any input into trying to ease traffic congestion in Moneymore village like implementing a pedestrian crossing and looking at ways to decrease long term parking.

Mr Colvin said that the group hadn't approached Transport NI as they were a community group and hoped that the Council would try and make a case for the village. He said getting a parking space along High Street posed a particular problem for those wishing to visit local shops, as parking spaces are taken up primarily by all day parkers who leave their car there and travel on to other destinations. He indicated that one local shop had to close down as a direct result of losing passing trade as customers had no-where to park. He did however, point out that Council will be aware of a parcel of land currently available in Moneymore and added that the Trust would encourage Council to consider purchasing this for a car park.

The Chair, advised that the Planning Manager was drawing up a strategy for Moneymore village and stated that the figures highlighted by Moneymore Heritage Trust would be very beneficial. He said that in the past, Cookstown Council tried numerous times to get a pedestrian crossing implemented in the village but that some were not in favour of this.

Councillor Molloy thanked Mr Colvin for his presentation and advised that this situation was similar to his own village of the Moy as there was a high volume of traffic and all day parking, which deters passing through traffic from stopping in the village. He said that traffic coming from the Magherafelt bypass gets to Moneymore more quickly and cause congestion. He said that he would like the Council to investigate options for a bypass, long term parking, parking restrictions and a pedestrian crossing in the village.

*Councillor McFlynn declared an interest in Moneymore Heritage Trust.*

Councillor McFlynn said that Moneymore had a lot of heritage attached to it and it wasn't pleasant to see how the high volume of traffic was having such a detrimental impact on the village. She advised that a meeting was held with the Minister for Infrastructure, Mr Chris Hassard, in which he advised that Moneymore wasn't a priority which was very discouraging. She stated that the problem with traffic congestion was getting more prominent and from around 3.30 pm, when schoolchildren are coming home from school and trying to cross the road.

Councillor McFlynn advised that Patsy McGlone and herself had met with representatives from Transport NI to try and find a solution to the problem, but nothing was resolved. She said that she would hope that the Council would find a way of helping Moneymore Heritage Trust find a solution with the help of Transport NI.

Councillor Cuddy said that Moneymore Heritage Trust had produced a good comprehensive document and felt that this was how things were triggered to make progress. He said that he also was at the meeting with Minister Hazzard and that unfortunately Moneymore wasn't even on their radar. He said that the new Council had incorporated a new corridor length ranging from Swatragh to Fivemiletown which was fed by the A29 and it was up to them to try and get the A29 infrastructure improved on this stretch of road. He continued to say that it was also up to the Council to get behind the residents of Moneymore in encouraging traffic away from the village by way of lobbying MLA's and other representatives.

Councillor McNamee advised that it would only be a matter of time before Moneymore would be dealt with, but only after Cookstown and Dungannon as they were the priorities. He said that Cookstown was in dire need of a bypass as the traffic congestion was dreadful. He said that he also agreed that Moneymore needed traffic restrictions in place.

Councillor G Shiels advised that at the time Magherafelt was successful in securing funding for their bypass, it was because the project wasn't as expensive as the others which were larger schemes and turned down. He said as this scheme wouldn't result in a huge expenditure, it should be investigated along with Cookstown as it also was a line on the map.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust for attending the meeting, but advised that when some members met with the Minister last year, he was perfectly blunt that Moneymore wasn't being considered for a bypass. He also said that shopkeepers and some residents were totally opposed to a pedestrian crossing or traffic island in the village as they say it would cause problems, but that Moneymore would be fed into the Community Plan and that the Council would try and help anyway they could.

The representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

The Chair, advised that Moneymore wasn't an easy fix as it wasn't built in the first instance to cater for high volumes of traffic all those years ago.

He also said that there were concerns regarding parking in Cookstown where motorists parked all day as parking restrictions signs were removed during the public realm scheme and now that they have been erected again, no legislation can be approved as the assembly was not up and running to enforce this, but it was worth noting that legislation was brought in by Dungannon without the endorsement of the Assembly.

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.11 pm.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D167/17      Maghera Leisure Centre Development Proposals**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on proposals for improvement works to Maghera Leisure Centre and to seek permission to proceed to Tender Exercise.

Proposed by Councillor McEldowney  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that permission be granted to proceed to Tender Exercise for the works to Maghera Leisure Centre. That a request be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.

Councillor McNamee referred to the salaries of Swimming Instructors and the difference in pay between Instructors in Cookstown and Dungannon.

The Head of Leisure Services advised that over the next 18 months there would be a Leisure review which would look into these matters.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation said that with Greenvale coming back on board and differences in the other areas, the review would be considering Terms and Conditions. Future recommendations would be brought through Policy & Resources Committee.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation in response to Councillor Cuddy's query about staff at Greenvale Leisure Centre advised that they had transferred to Council on their existing Terms and Conditions in accordance with TUPE legislation.

The Chair advised that it would be more sensible to wait until the review takes place.

### **D168/17      Sports Representatives and Schools Sports Facilities Grants**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to Members the proposed Sports Grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grants – Team and Individuals and to gain permission to seek applications for the Schools Facilities Grant.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Sports Representative Grants totalling £4,150 be agreed
- 2) £20,000 being transferred from Sports Capital Grants to Sports Representatives Grants to allow this rolling programme to continue to the end of this financial year
- 3) £40,000 which has been accrued from last year an £10,000 from the 2017/18 be Sports Capital Grants Budget be allocated to the Schools Sports Facilities Grant and this be opened again on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with a budget of £50,000.

**D169/17 Sports Development Small Grant (with Sport NI Every Body Active Programme)**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to agree an update Sports Development Small Grant following an additional offer of funding from Sport NI.

Proposed by Councillor Forde  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve an update Sports Development Small Grant in partnership with Sport NI Every Body Active programme and updated Sports Development Small Grants criteria and application and maximum grant award.

**D170/17 Motorsport Task Force**

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider request from the Motorsport Taskforce to Mid Ulster District Council for a financial contribution towards commissioning of a Motorsport Economic Impact Report for Northern Ireland.

Councillor Monteith enquired how this would fit in with the grants system and asked if other sporting agencies coming through i.e. GAA and Soccer would also be in a position to seek funding.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that this was only a NI Taskforce Study.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that it would be up to members to decide who would be in a position to receive funding.

Councillor Cuddy said that he agreed with Councillor Monteith as this would leave it open for other sporting agencies to seek the same and this needed to be taken into consideration and further investigations carried out before committing.

Councillor Monteith said that if a community group were seeking £1,000 and didn't have the necessary criteria then they would not be in a position to be shortlisted for funding and felt that this wasn't right.

Councillor Molloy agreed and stated that if schools and community groups had to follow procedures, then there was an onus on this Council to make sure that every application follows the same criteria and he said that he found it difficult to see how this money was going to benefit Mid Ulster.

Councillor Cuddy said that when the Motorsport Taskforce decide to buy into Mid Ulster then the Council can consider funding opportunities as it was important to point out that nothing ever comes back to this area from them.

The Chair said that there was a need to look at the criteria as Cookstown 100 and Bush Road Races never benefitted considering that these were very big events. He said that it may be an idea to see who was on the Taskforce and said that he took on board members concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that this matter be investigated further and brought back to the next Committee.

#### **D171/17 Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that Members approve the alternative date for Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On to 6.30 pm Friday 24 November 2017.

#### **D172/17 Davagh Forest/Dark Skies Observatory**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to update the Council and seek approval for additional developments for the Davagh Forest/Dark Skies Observatory.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for:

- 1) Additional funding from the Landfill Communities Fund of up to £245k to engage Design & Build Interpretative element at no extra cost to the

Council which will enhance the Davagh Forest project and specifically the visitor experience within the building.

- 2) Update both the business plan and the economic appraisal to reflect the current status of project and funding opportunities at a cost of £4,200 from within existing budgets.
- 3) To engage original ICT Team Teague & Sally to contract manage the Interpretative elements and associated works of the build which was not included in their original fee submission. Fees will be % basis as per their original tender submission.

Councillor McNamee advised the committee that Councillor Clarke would be taking part in the Lesser Spotted Journeys programme on UTV on Monday 18 September promoting the Dark Skies Initiative.

### **D173/17 Economic Development Report**

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges – Dungannon & Magherafelt
- 2) Renewable Engine Partnership Agreement
- 3) NI Business Start Programme
- 4) PLATO Eastern & Border Region (EBR) Proposal
- 5) Local Full Fibre Networks Programme
- 6) Mid Ulster Skills Forum Minutes
- 7) Former High School Site, Maghera
- 8) Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector
- 9) Rural Development Programme (RDP) Business Plans Programme
- 10) Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh
- 11) Cookstown Summer Festival
- 12) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme
- 13) Village Renewal Project
- 14) A6 Randalstown – Castledawson Dualling Scheme Meet the Buyer/Employability Event
- 15) Cookstown Town Centre Forum and Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes
- 16) Killymoon Post Office, Cookstown
- 17) St Anne's Clock, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

#### **1) Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges – Dungannon & Magherafelt**

The temporary reduced Christmas car parking tariff for the first 3 hours of 10 pence in all Off Street Pay & Display Car Parks in Dungannon and

Magherafelt from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (6 week period) at a cost of £23,400.

Proposed Councillor G Shiels  
Seconded Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** Approved

**2) Renewable Engine Partnership Agreement**

The Council to sign the Renewable Engine Partnership Agreement.

Agreed.

**3) NI Business Start Programme (NIBSP)**

- **Service Level Agreement for new CRM**

The Council to sign the NI Business Start Programme Service Level Agreement for the Customer Relationship Management System

- **New Business Start Programme**

Note progress

Agreed

**4) PLATO EBR (Eastern and Border Region) Proposal**

Contribution of up to £15,000 towards the costs of the delivery of the Plato Programme over the next 12 months.

Agreed.

**5) Local Full Fibre Networks Programme**

Submission of two funding applications to the LFFN Programme. The first Programme is Council's application to create full fibre networks at business parks in Cookstown, Dungannon/Coalisland and Maghera. Secondly, approval for Council to form part of the Regional Gigabit Vouchers bid, being spearheaded by Belfast City Council.

Agreed.

**6) Mid Ulster Skills Forum**

Members to note Minutes of Mid Ulster Skills Forum, dated 25 April 2017.

Agreed.

**7) Former High School Site, Maghera**

Members to note progress.

Agreed.

**8) Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector**

Members to note progress, including need to commission a comprehensive Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector with an anticipated budget of up to £28,000 (including expenses and excluding Vat).

Agreed.

**9) RDP Business Plans Programme**

Members to note progress, including the need to draw up a Select List of consultants to prepare Business Plans to support Rural Development Programme applicants, with an anticipated budget of £10,000 (including expenses and excluding Vat) assigned for this work.

Agreed.

**10) Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Branch Refresh**

Members to note progress.

Agreed.

**11) Cookstown Summer Carnival**

Members to note Evaluation Report on Cookstown Summer Carnival.

Agreed.

**12) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme**

Members to note progress for Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme.

Agreed.

**13) Village Renewal Project**

Members to note progress.

Agreed.

**14) A6 Randalstown – Castledawson Dualling Scheme Meet the Buyer/Employability Event**

Members to note details of Meet the Buyer/Employability Event on 26 September 2017 from 10am to 1pm in The Elk, Toome.

Agreed.

**15) Cookstown Town Centre Forum and Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes**

Members to note Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on 3 May 2017 and Magherafelt Town Centre Forum held on 15 May 2017.

Councillor McNamee advised that Cookstown Town Centre Forum had raised the issue of market rights for Saturday trading in Cookstown and said that they would like the opportunity for Cookstown DEA Councillors and Officers to meet Mr Orr to explore the opportunity of attaining same.

**16) Killymoon Street Post Office, Cookstown**

Members to note receipt of letter from Post Office advising of modernisation of services at Killymoon Street Post Office branch.

**17) St Anne's Clock, Dungannon**

Members to note there is no Council programme to support retrospectively funding repairs to St Anne's Clock, Dungannon and are happy to take guidance from Members on the matter.

Councillor Monteith referred to Items of Heritage which was similar to St Anne's Clock project and said that it was agreed by Council that a scheme would come forward on a small contribution of £500 being made available for heritage sites. He said that a small amount of funding could go a long way and would propose that next month this be investigated to see if a grant scheme could be scooped out.

The Head of Economic Development circulated to members a timeline of Minute records from Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council re: St Anne's Clock Dungannon.

The Chair said that he wanted to thank Officers on their persistence in achieving a paper trail on the timeline of St Anne's Clock.

Councillor Cuddy stated that in the time of Dungannon Council it was agreed that maintenance would be provided for the Old Fivemiletown Clock by them.

The Chair said that to date, Mid Ulster District Council had offered to assist, St Anne's Church to make a funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, but that the Church had declined. The Chair said that it was up to members to decide if a financial contribution was to be made or make a commitment to try and help the Church get funding elsewhere, or go with Councillor Monteith's proposal of Council investigating the provision of financial assistance through the establishment of a Heritage small grants scheme.

The Chair advised that St Anne's Church Clock is now fixed and paid for by St. Anne's Church.

Councillor McNamee said that he supported Councillor Monteith's proposal and would be happy to second it.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about Edendork Car Boot Sale which was raised last month and asked if there was any update on getting a prominent site for the car boot sale in Dungannon town centre to trade and draw people into the town as thousands of people attend Granville Farmer's Mart and also Tesco Farmer's Mart and felt that the town centre would benefit from something similar.

The Head of Economic Development advised that investigations were ongoing with the Public Health and Infrastructure section.

The Chair agreed with Councillor Cuddy and advised that the Council would be very keen to progress this.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to investigating a small grant scheme for Items of Heritage.

Councillor Cuddy asked if it would be possible to have a policy in place for next month and suggested as a good will gesture the Council make a financial contribution towards St. Anne's towards the fixing of the clock as it wasn't a huge amount of money.

Councillor McAleer suggested that funding could be allocated through the Chairman's budget.

Councillor Wilson agreed that he would be supportive of the idea of a contribution through the Chair's budget and to follow through with the application and investigation of the Policy.

#### **D174/17 ESF Phase 1 Performance (2015-2017) and New ESF Phase 2 Match Funding Requests (2018-2022)**

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider current ESF Phase 1 Performance (2015-17) and financially supporting a number of new match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22).

The Chair said that this was a very comprehensive report and was very impressed with the work which had been put into this.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Members noting current progress on current ESF Phase 1 Performance (2015-17)
- 2) The undernoted match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for Mid Ulster District:

#### **SUSE+**

A financial contribution of £40,000 per annum to SWC for the period 2018-2022.

#### **Exploring Enterprise 4 Programme**

A financial contribution of £9,452 per annum to Enterprise NI for the period 2018-2022.

### **Up for Work Programme**

A financial contribution of £9,512 per annum to Network Personnel for the period 2018-2022.

### **Job Match Programme**

A financial contribution of £10,332 per annum to Network Personnel for the period 2018-2022.

- 3) Not approving the match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the Community Family Support Programme and Workforce IV Programme for the reasons outlined in this report.

Councillor Doris advised that she was disappointed about match funding not being available to the NOW Group as they were carrying out good, productive work, with good recommendations from Belfast City Council and asked if this could be deferred until the next meeting.

The Head of Economic Development stated that this couldn't be deferred as the ESF funding call already opened and would close again before the next meeting and as such groups which have approached Council need to be advised if they were successful or not, to be able to note this in their project application form.

Councillor Doris felt that it was important to try and help the NOW Group as they wanted to extend their outreach to Mid Ulster.

The Chair requested that a Celebration event be organised to mark the success of the ESF suite programmes which Mid Ulster Council had financially supported over the last few years.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to proceed with the recommendation of not providing match funding to the NOW Group and Community Family Support Programme as outlined in the report. Further recommended that a Celebration Event be organised to mark the success of the ESF suite of programmes.

### **D175/17 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership**

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

*The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Rural Development Partnership  
Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Rural Development Partnership  
Councillor McEldowney declared an interest in Rural Development Partnership*

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to Council letters of offers to projects approved under the LAGs Rural Services Scheme, and the following process as outlined below:

- 1) Letter of offer from Council to be drafted following receipt from the project promoter of a signed accepted copy of the LAG's offer of funding;
- 2) Key tasks and targets to be aligned with those outlined within the LAG's letter of offer
- 3) Members to be notified in Committee Papers of all letters of offer issued to Rural Services applicants;
- 4) Progress against issued letters of offer to be included within the RDP update report to the Committee.
- 5) With all the job creation through this programme, this should be showcased to show their success.

#### **D176/17 Capital Community Discretionary Grant**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek guidance on a proposed Capital Discretionary Grant for Mid Ulster Council.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval to the Capital Discretionary Grant for Mid Ulster Council, pending agreement from Policy and Resources on a finalised budget.

#### **D177/17 Community Development**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

*Councillor Wilson declared an interest in the Youth Service.*

- 1) Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals Rolling Grant Award recommendations
- 2) Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations
- 3) Agree operational delivery of advice provision across Mid Ulster
- 4) Consider a request for support for the UK Government Syrian Refugee Programme and associated awareness training
- 5) Update on Community Development

Councillor Monteith enquired how much Neighbourhood Renewal was contributing to the Dungannon area as it was a partnership between two areas and asked for a breakdown to be provided to the next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

- 1) Grant Award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1
- 2) Peace IV Partnership recommendations; Peace partner proposals for EA Youth, STEP, COSTA/CWSAN, Speedwell  
Peace Cross Border Heritage to go out to tender  
Peace Post Primary Schools Project to go to tender
- 3) £1000 towards the UK Syrian Refugee Programme; breakdown £250 towards storage of basic provisions and up to £750 for awareness training
- 4) Request for flexible local advice delivery, in line with agreed targets and outcomes as per original Agreement, to meet the increasing demand across geographical areas and advice provision communication
- 5) Note the Community Development update report
- 6) Breakdown of how much Neighbourhood Renewal is contributing towards Dungannon be provided to the next meeting.

**D178/17 Partnership with Disability Sport NI on provision of a Disability Sports Hub based at Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown**

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek permission to proceed with the partnership based on an agreed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Development Plan.

Councillor Monteith said that it would be worth considering that the Council liaise with Community Groups to see what Disabled Groups and Sporting Clubs need to do to get involved and having a scoring matrix to measure funding.

The Head of Leisure advised that this could be introduced through Sports Development.

Proposed by Councillor Montieth  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the proposed MoU and Development Plan to allow the partnership to proceed.

**Matters for Information**

**D179/17 Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 July 2017**

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 July 2017.

#### **D180/17      Parks Service Progress**

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

#### **D181/17      Culture & Arts Progress Report**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the progress being made across Culture & Arts Services and to highlight events that have taken place during the previous quarter. The report also highlights specific events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that is currently being developed by the officer team and which will take place in the future.

#### **D182/17      Attendance Figures at recent Events and provide an update on Autumn Events**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided attendance figures for recent Events and provide an update on Autumn Events.

#### **D183/17      NISRA Tourism Statistics 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided to update members on Tourism NI summary Local Government District (LGD) report that contains key data (e.g. overnight trips, nights and spend, reason to visit and origin of visitors) for all 11 LGDs (based on 2012-2016 Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA data) including Mid Ulster. TNI has also produced 11 LGD Fact Cards based on 2012-2016 data released by the (NISRA) on the LGDS.

#### **D184/17      Working Groups Reporting to Development Committee**

Members noted previously circulated report to provide members with a list of the current working groups associated with and reporting through the Development Committee.

Councillor Monteith enquired about Working Groups being set up as a task and finish programme. He said that some Working Groups were going on for five years and felt that these should be classed as Sub Committees under the terms set out by the Council.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that in some cases there was no distinction between Working Groups and Sub Committees. He said that Good Relations delivers the Good Relations programme, Peace is the same, Tourism had a four year action plan in place, not sure on Skills Forum as it's chaired by the private sector and the Ancient Heart of Ulster was set up for 18 months to get an application set up.

Councillor Monteith stressed that a Working Group had a start and finish date and this only ceases when the task is complete. He said that Good Relations wasn't a

Working Group as it was a body of this Council and was off the opinion that the Working Groups were Sub Committees as they didn't adhere to task and finish dates.

Councillor Monteith asked that a report on distinctions between Working Groups and what they represented be brought back to committee.

The Director of Business and Communities said that he would be happy to take this on board and would be brought to Policy & Resources Committee first before coming to this committee.

**Resolved:** That a report be brought to Committee on the distinctions between the Working Groups and what they represent.

### **Local Government (NI) 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D184/17.

#### **Matters for Information**

D185/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on  
Wednesday 5 July 2017

### **D186/17 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.

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