

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 5 July 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Burton (7.05 pm), Clarke (7.02 pm), Cuddy, Doris, Elattar (7.43 pm), McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Molloy, Monteith (7.10 pm), J Shiels

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Clarke, Community Development Manager
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Agenda Item 4 - Citizen's Advice Mid Ulster
Messrs Catherwood and Paisley and Ms Smith

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D138/17 Apologies

Councillors Forde, Milne and G Shiels.

D139/17 Declaration of Interests

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

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in Cookstown Fr Rock's GFC listed under Paper C – Sports Capital Development Grants.

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Square Wheels CC listed under Paper C – Sports Capital Development Grants.

Councillor Clarke entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.

D140/17 Chair's Business

The Director of Business and Communities proposed a briefing meeting in relation to Ann Street to be held on Monday 10 July at 6.30 pm in Dungannon Offices.

Councillor McNamee advised of Dual Language meeting taking place at 6 pm on Monday 10 July in Cookstown.

The Director of Business and Communities stated he was aware of the clash with Dual Language meeting and proposed that this meeting be reorganised to accommodate important briefing in relation to Ann Street.

Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.05 pm and Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.06 pm during discussion of the above.

Resolved That briefing meeting in relation to Ann Street be held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 6.30 pm in Dungannon Offices. Dual Language meeting to be rescheduled.

Councillor McNamee commended those involved with the organisation of the festival and parade in Cookstown on Friday past particularly Carol Doey and The Hub. The Councillor stated that there was representation from all areas of the community and that the event should be held annually. Councillor McNamee proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms Doey from the Chair of Committee.

The Chair advised he was in receipt of correspondence from Ms Doey in which she thanked staff for their assistance with the event. The Chair advised he would forward this correspondence to Councillors and agreed to send a letter from Council in return.

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting 7.10 pm.

Councillor Cuddy referred to judging taking place in Castlecaulfield on Monday and stated that the village was a credit to Council and the community who had worked together so well to make the village look amazing.

D141/17 Citizen's Advice Mid Ulster (CAMU)

The Chair welcomed representatives from Citizen's Advice Mid Ulster to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) made presentation on the work of Citizens Advice Mid Ulster, the access routes for advice, their achievements for 2016-17 and challenges since the move to commissioning. It was requested that due to unforeseen demand they would like Council to consider either additional resources to meet demand or allow for greater flexibility of provision across the District to meet the demand hotspots.

In response to questions from the members; the Chair, Cllr Burton, Cllr Shiels, Cllr McNamee, McEldowney, Cllr Doris, Cllr McAleer, Cllr McFlynn, Cllr Monteith; regarding -

- (I) Level of flexibility needed and what would be reasonable within the contract in light of procurement.
- (II) How the demand levels were set at the start and could demand have been foreseen?
- (III) Would resources allow for additional staff to be employed?
- (IV) Confirmation of activity in areas where targets which had not been fully achieved i.e. In Carntogher and Torrent.
- (V) How the outreach offices were identified and was there any level of flexibility?

- (VI) Noted the level of need is higher in Maghera than Swatragh and need to allocate resources accordingly.
- (VII) In an area such as Coalisland where the political party office is so busy it struggles with demand was there potential for CAB to work with political parties?

CAB advised that greater contract flexibility would assist with better management of resources to meet demand. They advised that there are outreach locations that may require review and secondary locations that are not high in demand where resources could be more effectively used elsewhere.

CAB advised that demand was growing at such an alarming rate that more funding would be of benefit to meet demand and contextualised that the legacy Council amount of £270,000 would be more in line to deliver the service need. CAB clarified that they had met targets and exceeded these but that the extra funding was being requested to meet the demand that had not been anticipated. The need for additional and flexible resources was not necessarily required for more staff but for a better allocation of resources to meet demand levels in locations of need.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that within any contract there is room for review to meet need but advised that this had to be within procurement, legal advice and guidelines, and no change could be made outside of this. He also advised that Council had no additional budget available this financial year.

The Chair noted that there was growing demand for the CAB services due to current environment that the level would have been hard to anticipate.

It was noted that this meeting may not be the appropriate forum for some of the specific detail of questions being asked.

CAB advised that representatives had met with Council officers every quarter and updated them regarding the Torrent area; in which demand for the service is low and could be attributed to the number of other service providers within the area. It was advised that the overall targets had been exceeded.

In relation to how office and outreach areas were chosen initially CAB advised that there had been some flexibility in this and that it was based on proposed demand.

CAB advised that CAMU have established links with political parties but it was an area that they were keen to take further.

The Chair felt that services needed to be demand led and that to ensure meeting need some flexibility required to do this.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that demand had clearly exceeded targets however Council did not have any extra budget available. The Director advised that Council officers could meet with representatives to discuss issues and bring report back to committee for Members consideration.

Representatives from Citizens Advice Mid Ulster and Mr Clarke left the meeting at 7.42 pm.

Confirmation was sought from officers on how the targets were set.

The Head of Community Development advised that targets were set in conjunction with Williamson Consulting using population, deprivation and previous supply and demand. The officer advised that if there needed to be changes made to office/outreach locations in order to meet demand and in line with the overall contract conditions this could be accommodated.

Councillor Elattar entered the meeting at 7.43 pm.

Councillor Monteith felt that targets set were too reliant on old figures and that there needed to be a better rationale for future targets.

The Chair requested that officers bring report back to committee as soon as practical.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Council officers meet with Citizens Advice Mid Ulster to discuss issues and that a report be brought back to Development Committee for consideration.

Matters for Decision

D142/17 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations. The report also provided an update on CCTV Phase I and sought approval to move to Phase II for CCTV Mid Ulster. An update on Community Development matters was also provided.

Councillor Monteith recorded his opposition to Council money being spent in relation to CCTV where it has no statutory responsibility to do so.

Councillor Cuddy asked for a translation of organisation listed under Good Relations Grants.

The Head of Community Development advised that it was the actual organisation name, but a line stating the work of the group could be provided.

Councillor Cuddy advised that this would be useful for people who did not speak/read Irish as the name of the organisation could mean anything, even "ISIS".

Councillor Monteith stated that he totally rejected the remarks of Councillor Cuddy in that a group using an Irish name could be compared to ISIS.

Councillor Elattar concurred with Councillor Monteith.

Councillor Cuddy apologised for his comments.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –
(I) To approve grant award recommendations under Community Festivals and Good Relations programmes as per appendix to report.
(II) To move to Phase II of CCTV alignment for Mid Ulster.
(III) To note community development update.

D143/17 Community Festive Lights Grant

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the future provision of festive lights funding across the District.

Councillor Burton stated that Ballynakelly was not included on the list and had been in the past and asked why it was not included this time.

The Head of Community Development advised that if the group had applied for a grant within the last two years then they should have been included on the list and advised she would check on this.

Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Ballygawley Community Group.

Councillor Monteith felt that communities should not be penalised because they don't have a community group in place and that this situation needed consideration by Council.

Councillor McAleer advised she would consider this a role for Councillors.

The Chair referred to difficulties in getting a community group together in some areas and felt that encouragement should be given where there are no groups in place.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the provision of festival lights funding as set out in appendix 1 and ensure support and/or provision for those areas that do not have community or development groups.

D144/17 Sports Grant Funding

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which set out proposed community grant allocations for the range of:

- Sports Capital Grants

- Strategic Sports Development
- Sports Development Grant
- Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club.

Councillors Clarke, McEldowney, McNamee and Monteith declared an interest in Tyrone GAA.

Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Knockmany Running club.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Hockey Club.

In response to Councillor McNamee's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that officers were progressing matters in relation to acquisition of lands for expansion at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

The Chair, Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 7.58 pm. Councillor Doris took the Chair at this point of the meeting.

D145/17 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following –

- **Strategic Review of Economic Development Services to Business**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note progress and approve the procurement of a suitably qualified organisation to strategically review the economic development section's interface with businesses and provide specific recommendations, actions and costings upon how more of these services can be moved online from 2018/19. Project costs estimated at up to £27,000.

- **SGN Gas to the West**

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question as to whether Council facilities would be able link up to gas supply the Director of Business and Communities advised it would depend on the route of the pipeline and advised of upcoming meeting in relation to the project.

Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Caledon Regeneration and LAG.

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Caledon Regeneration.

- **Change to processing locations for Income Support**

Councillor Monteith proposed that Council write to Department for Communities expressing concern at movement of services from Dungannon Jobs and Benefits Office and subsequent loss of jobs in the area. The Councillor also stated that officials from Department should be invited to meet with Council.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with the comments made stating it was important to lobby that services remain in Dungannon.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to write to Department for Communities expressing concern at movement of services from Dungannon and inviting officials to meet with Council.

- **Village Renewal Project**

In response to Councillor J Shiels question the Director of Business and Communities advised he did not anticipate any excess monies for transfer.

- **Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note progress and approve the procurement of a suitably qualified organisation to undertake the assignment to provide a 'brand refresh' for the Cookstown and Magherafelt town brands, with costs of up to £20,000.

Councillor McNamee referred to discussion at Environment Committee in which it had been agreed that there would be a 12 week consultation period regarding car park charging. Councillor McNamee expressed the concern of the community in relation to these proposals and the misuse of residential parking spaces throughout the town and stated it would be important for officers to reassure residents/businesses in relation to the proposals. Councillor McNamee also referred to car park at Union Place, Cookstown which was given to Council on the basis that there would never be a charge for its use.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that officers were aware of issues related to car parking and these were raised at the last Environment Committee and are planned to be raised at the Town Centre Forum Meeting in Cookstown this forthcoming Friday. The Director of Business and Communities advised that he will ensure that the concerns of Members and wider stakeholders regarding car parking charges are brought to the attention of the Director of Environment and Property.

- **Cookstown Continental Market Evaluation Report 2017**

- **Dungannon Regeneration Partnership**

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in this item.

- **Coalisland Economic Appraisal**

Proposed by Councillor Doris

Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to appoint a suitably qualified organisation to conduct an economic appraisal for Coalisland for a fee of up to £25,000, in preparation for a future public realm scheme in the town.

- **Mid Ulster Business Spruce Up Scheme**

Councillor McNamee felt it was important for Council to continue to fund such schemes and added that in future he would like to see this opportunity extended to town centres.

Councillor Monteith proposed that Council move towards making a grant available for renovation/repair of business/retail units anywhere within the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor Clarke referred to Dunnamore which was not included on list of villages but would have a bigger population than some of the “villages” listed and asked if it could be included in the scheme.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the villages were selected using the same methodology as set out in the Area Plan’s Settlement Evaluation Position Paper, with the only addition being Moygashel as it is not recognised by the Department for Communities as a town, nor is it recognised as a rural settlement by the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, and as such neither benefits from urban or rural regeneration support.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that sizeable populations outside of the list could be considered for a future scheme, or if there was insufficient demand experienced for the current scheme.

Councillor Molloy stated he was opposed to money going to wealthy landlords to improve empty properties and when works are complete, the properties still are not ‘let’ to prospective businesses. Councillor Molloy stated that the property seeking a grant should house an operational business.

In response to Councillor Cuddy’s question the Head of Economic Development advised that Council funded the largest percentage of monies towards the recently completed Shop Improvement Schemes delivered across Mid Ulster’s five town centres but added that the Department for Communities had also provided some funding towards the Shop Improvement Scheme.

Following Councillor Molloy's comments, Councillor Burton stated she would prefer if vacant premises could be included that had a history of being a business and could become a business again within a short period of time, as it did not take long for empty buildings to become dilapidated and that improvements to shop frontages can assist with encouraging trade back to an area.

Councillor Molloy stated that he took on board Councillor Burton's comments but felt it was wrong for wealthy landlords to use Council as a means of improving the frontage of empty premises.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To allocate a sum of up to £150,000 during the 2017/18 financial year from Council's economic development budget to facilitate Council to match fund and deliver a pilot Mid Ulster Business Spruce Up Scheme. Additionally, it was recommended that a further scheme be worked up for next year for Members consideration. It was agreed that vacant premises would not be eligible for inclusion in the scheme, unless they had a history of being a business and could become a business again within a short period of time.
 - (II) That a separate budget of £20,000 from Council's economic development budget be set aside to procure an independent chartered architect to oversee the scheme for 2017/18.
 - (III) That the Mid Ulster Business Spruce Up Scheme be rolled out in the following villages in Mid Ulster during 2017/18; Ardboe, Ballinderry, Ballylifford, Ballyronan, Churchtown, Coagh, Drummullan, Moneymore, Moortown, Orritor, Pomeroy, Sandholes, Stewartstown, The Loup, The Rock, Aghaginduff/Cabragh, Annaghmore, Augher, Aughnacloy, Benburb, Brockagh/Mountjoy, Caledon, Castlecaulfield, Clogher, Donaghmore, Edendork, Eglish, Fivemiletown, Galbally, Granville, Killyman, Moy, Moygashel, Newmills, Tamnamore, The Bush, Bellaghy, Castledawson, Clady, Desertmartin, Draperstown, Gulladuff, Swatragh, Tobermore and Upperlands. That consideration be given to widen the eligible area to include other sizeable populations within Mid Ulster during 2017/18 financial year should there be insufficient demand arising from the villages identified above.

Councillor Monteith requested that Cappagh also be included on list of villages if funding became available to widen the scheme to include other rural areas.

- **Business Improvement District's Feasibility Study**

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the procurement of a suitable organisation to undertake a Feasibility Study costing in the region of £20,000 to identify the potential of developing BID's in Mid Ulster.

- **Business Events 2017-18**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the procurement of consultants to deliver a series of Digital Seminars at a cost of up to £8,000 (including expenses and excluding vat), and a further budget be made available to procure the necessary expertise to deliver a Brexit Event and Empowering Women Events.

- **Business Programmes – Proposals to EU Growth and Jobs Fund**

Councillor Clarke referred to the good track record of these programmes and proposed the officers recommendation.

Councillor Molloy asked what the implications were of Council not meeting the stipulated job creation target.

The Head of Economic Development advised that there was nothing in writing to say exactly what the implications would be but that Council should make 'best endeavours' to meet the job targets which were negotiated by the former Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on behalf of local government (ie, to create 1 job for every £1,000 in ERDF/Invest NI funding awarded to projects). The officer stated that it is likely that EU auditors will look initially at Northern Ireland as a whole, however, past experience has shown that individual Councils will be selected for audit and if jobs targets are not met, then this may trigger financial implications for local Councils.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Clarke's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the development of the following three applications to the EU Growth and Jobs Programme to be delivered from 2017/18 to 2020/21 with estimated costs to Council as follows;

- Tender Programme £52,240
- Fast Growth / Digital Programme £108,180
- Engineering Support Package £80,000

If the programmes are approved by Invest NI, Council's investment of £240,420, will leverage further funding circ. £961,680 from ERDF/Invest NI.

- **ICBAN Funding Request 2017-18**

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that ICBAN did offer value for money and as Mid Ulster was a border Council it was important to be part of a cross border body.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To approve the provision of up to £10,000 funding for ICBAN from Council's Economic Development Budget 2017/18, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Updates).
 - (II) To approve the release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (outlined above). Progress updates from ICBAN will be provided to future Development Committee meetings.

- **Caledon Regeneration Partnership**

Councillor Burton asked what support was available to Caledon Regeneration Partnership and if a dedicated council officer could not be provided.

The Head of Economic Development advised that council officers are supportive of the project and can provide guidance and information to groups such as Caledon.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that there were hundreds of groups across the District and that Council did not have the resources to provide a dedicated person on the ground for one particular group over others. The Director stated that council officers can provide advice and that this is done on an equal basis.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that groups in both Caledon and Draperstown were treated equally by Council officers.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that Caledon Regeneration Partnership be advised that Council will informally support their group to develop a Regeneration Project via the Heritage Lottery Fund by way of officer attendance at their meetings, however, it is not recommended that a dedicated staff member provide direct support to the Group, as this would set a precedent and Council simply do not have sufficient staff resources to meet requests of this nature. The correspondence also alluded to requesting financial support from Council towards their regeneration project, but no specific value was attributed.

- **Foreign Direct Investment app (FDI APP) Upgrade**

Councillor J Shiels asked how many times the app had been downloaded and when it had been created.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the app was created in 2015 and was mainly used by InvestNI as an information portal and that the information held for Mid Ulster District Council required updating. The officer advised that she could seek some information from InvestNI as to the usage of the app.

Councillor J Shiels asked what Council contributed at the time of the app creation.

The Head of Economic Development advised that Council contributed £2000 at that time.

Councillor Shiels expressed some concern at additional monies being required two years after app creation and the fear that more monies would be requested in the future.

Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at 8.36 pm.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that the Chief Executive and he had met with representatives from InvestNI recently and that they had advised Council to provide them with the most up to date information in order to remain competitive.

Councillor J Shiels stated he would like to know the usage of the app and expressed concern at the ongoing cost to maintain it.

Councillor Cuddy referred to there being no Invest NI office in Mid Ulster area where the main industry in the west of Northern Ireland is located and asked when this situation will be remedied. The Councillor also stated that SMEs in Mid Ulster don't get a fair chance and that Council should focus on this area as it could not depend on InvestNI to make SMEs in Mid Ulster a priority.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to procure a suitably qualified organisation to undertake the upgrade work on the existing FDI App, estimated to cost £10,000.

- **Sponsorship Request from DIGG for Charity Event in Dungannon**

Councillor Monteith stated that whilst he accepted that Council could not directly fund a business the idea of the event was fantastic and should not be dismissed as this was a niche market. Councillor Monteith proposed that officers seek mechanism to support event.

Councillor Cuddy agreed that new ideas were needed to promote business and that Council should try to support the event in some way.

Councillor Molloy stated a mechanism was needed to support the event.

The Director of Business and Communities stated he took on board the comments of Members in their desire to see the event taking place.

The Head of Economic Development suggested that Council liaise with DIGG to explain that Council cannot fund individual traders, and request that they work with Dungannon Traders Association to deliver the proposed event.

Councillor Burton reminded Members of Council's recycling targets and felt that a further element to this event would be to incorporate stalls for those who wish to sell second hand baby and toddler items. The Councillor also felt that the event should be held at a family friendly time ie. Friday night or Saturday.

Councillor Elattar agreed with the comments of Councillor Burton in respect of having second hand stalls at the event.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that if DIGG works in partnership with Dungannon Traders Association to deliver the proposed Baby and Toddler event, then the funding request for £2,000 be met.

- **ESF Funding – NOW Group**

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the correspondence from the NOW Group until such times as officers have the opportunity to review and determine the future intentions of the groups Council is presently financially supporting through ESF Round 1.

Councillor Burton referred to officer employed within South West College that may be a point of contact for Council in relation to this matter.

D146/17 Mid Ulster District Council Response to Guidance on the Children's Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council response to Guidance on the Children's Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Mid Ulster District Council response to Guidance on the Children's Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015.

D147/17 Railway Park Project

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which provided update on progress of draft development proposals for Railway Park, Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith congratulated officers and staff, particularly the two wardens working at Railway Park for the vast improvement to the Park and hoped this would be kept up in the future.

Councillor Monteith, whilst supportive of the proposals for Railway Park, expressed some concern that the project would be starting from scratch when a lot of work had already been done.

The Head of Parks advised that there was no intention to start from scratch but to bring the project forward as a whole with the opportunity to refresh and update plans.

Councillor Monteith expressed the need for a timescale for this project and getting in budget in place for same. The Councillor hoped this was the start of a new era for Railway Park.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there was a desire to move forward quickly with the project but that there was also a need to ensure that internal governance processes were followed regarding the Council's capital programme and that investment in the project would stand up to scrutiny.

Councillor Molloy stated there was a need for regular update meetings in relation to the project.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with the comments made and stated the Railway Park was looking well and being well used. The Councillor also referred to sections on either side of Railway Park which should not be forgotten about.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with DEA engagement and community meetings to further develop the conceptual process and progression of business case for Railway Park project. All Members of Council to be invited to attend meetings on this project.

D148/17 Ballysaggart Lough Development Proposal

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which provided update on progress of draft development proposals for Ballysaggart Lough.

Councillor Monteith spoke in relation to linkages between Ballysaggart Lough and Railway Park but felt that the project should not become so big it is unmanageable.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with DEA engagement and community meetings to further develop the conceptual process and progression of business case for Ballysaggart Lough project. All Members of Council to be invited to attend meetings on this project.

D149/17 Coalisland Town Centre – Town Centre Civic Event

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report which sought approval to deliver an additional town centre civic event in Coalisland in the autumn.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that officers work with Coalisland traders to develop a late summer/early autumn town centre event with a total budget of £7,000.

D150/17 Lower Bann Corridor Identification Study – Summary Report

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report which provided the Recreational, Tourism and Commercial Product Identification study for the Lower Bann.

In response to question from Councillor J Shiels in relation to Glenone walkway the Director of Business and Communities confirmed the walkway would be included in future development.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the vision and action plan of the study and continue with officer participation on the steering group.

Matters for Information

D151/17 Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017.

D152/17 Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group

Members noted previously circulated report which provided minutes of recent meetings of Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group.

D153/17 Summer Events

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on Summer strategic events across the District.

D154/17 Knockmany Forest Licence Agreement

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the progress in relation to proposed Licence Agreement and Lease associated to Knockmany Forest development.

D155/17 Altmore and Cappagh Reservoirs Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to Altmore and Cappagh Reservoirs and the proposal from NI Water to dispose of the amenities.

D156/17 Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to current programme of Council Public Right of Way investigations.

D157/17 Parks Service Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current position in relation to current programme of Council Public Right of Way investigations.

D158/17 Leisure Services Quarterly 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.

D159/17 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update in relation to the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
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 D160/17 and D161/17.

Matters for Decision

D160/17 Guided tour pricing structure at Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House, Dungannon

Matters for Information

D161/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 15 June 2017

D162/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 9.15 pm.

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