

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Burton, Clarke, Cuddy (7.01 pm), Doris (7.10 pm), Forde (7.02 pm), McAleer, McEldowney, McNamee, C O'Neill, T Quinn (7.09 pm), J Shiels and 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
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D262/16 Apologies

Councillors Elattar and C O'Neill.

D263/16 Declaration of Interests

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

The Chair drew members' attention to papers C and F.

D264/16 Chair's Business

Councillor J Shiels advised that Councillor Burton would be replacing him on the Tourism Development Group.

D265/16 Confirmation of Development Minutes held on Thursday 10 November 2016

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 10 November 2016 (D237/16 to D254/16 and D261/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

Matters for Decision

D266/16 Economic Development Report

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- **Study on derelict and vacant properties in Dungannon**
- **Avonline Broadband – Superfast Pilot Scheme**

The Director of Business and Communities advised members Avonline Broadband had offered to run s Superfast Broadband Pilot Scheme within a suitable location in Mid Ulster.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that officers have proposed Dunamore and after consideration it was agreed that Dunamore be selected as the pilot site, targeting 3 businesses and perhaps looking to include Davagh Forest. He said that if the scheme was successful it is hoped that it could be rolled out across other parts of Mid Ulster.

Councillor Clarke advised that if it was successful it would be a great asset to rural areas as there was a lot of inference in some parts. He enquired what costs would be involved to the Council.

The Director of Business and Communities said that the pilot would be of no specific cost to the Council. Any cost between the provider and the businesses would be clarified for a future meeting.

Councillor Burton enquired how the decision was made to select Dunamore to take part in the pilot as there were other areas within Mid Ulster with equally poor broadband facilities.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Dunamore was selected on the basis that it is extremely isolated with significantly poor broadband provision and in the possibility that any pilot scheme may also be able to address our requirements at Davagh Forest.

The Director of Business and Communities concurred with Councillor Burton that if the pilot was successful that other areas which were equally as bad would get a similar opportunity.

- **Shop Improvement Scheme**
- **Maghera Town Centre Wi-Fi**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

1) Study on derelict and vacant properties in Dungannon

Member to note progress

2) Avonline Broadband – Superfast Pilot Scheme

The Council participating in the Avonline Superfast Broadband Pilot Scheme based within the Dunamore area.

3) Shop Improvement Scheme

Members to note progress

4) Maghera Town Centre Wi-Fi

Members to note progress

Councillor J Shiels enquired what areas would be covered within Maghera.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that it would cover the immediacy of the town centre and if it was being extended he would contact Councillor J Shiels with an update.

Councillor T Quinn entered the meeting at 7.09 pm.

Councillor Doris entered the meeting at 7.10 pm.

D267/16 Community Development Report

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

- **Seek approval for community grant award recommendations**
- **Update on progress of the development of Peace IV local plan and agree the Peace IV Regional Shared Space concept**
- **Update on Community Development**
- **Update on the progress of Community Planning Mid Ulster**

That it be recommended to the Council

1) Good Relations and Community Festivals grant award recommendations.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to approve the Good Relations and Community Festivals Grant Award recommendation.

2) Note the Peace IV progress update and approve the Peace IV Regional Shared Space concept for submission to SEUPB and design support cost of £5000.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the Peace IV Regional Shared Space concept for submission to SEUPB and design support cost of £5000.

3) Note the Community Planning progress update

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the Community Planning progress update.

D268/16 Tender for Tourism Digital Strategy & Solutions

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to appoint i3 Digital, Belfast to provide services in preparation and producing a Digital Strategy for the Mid Ulster Council Tourism Industry and providing digital solutions.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the appointment of i3 Digital Belfast to prepare and produce a Digital Strategy for the Mid Ulster Council Tourism Industry and provide digital solutions.

- i) At a total cost of up to £69,000 excluding VAT, with Phase 1 and part of Phase 2 being delivered before the end of March 2017 and the remainder Phase 2 being delivered April 2017 – March 2018.
- ii) Payment for the project be phased over two financial years with up to £25,000 of the work being delivered this financial year and the remainder of the work being delivered next financial year.

D269/16 Holiday World Shows Belfast and Dublin 2017

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to bring to the attention of Members the following events:

- 1) Celtic Connections, Glasgow – 18 January 2017**
- 2) Holiday World Show, Belfast – 20–22 January 2017**
- 3) Holiday World Show, Dublin – 27-29 January 2017**

Councillor Burton enquired if the Flavour of Tyrone staff would be invited to attend the Holiday World shows this year.

The Head of Tourism advised that staff involved would be issued with an invite similar to previous years.

Councillor Burton enquired about the current situation regarding Flavour of Tyrone as she wasn't aware of any meetings taking place lately and asked if this was now replaced by the new Mid Ulster Tourism Development Group.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Council had agreed to the formation of a new Mid Ulster Tourism Forum. This forum would establish working groups, one of which will include food and hospitality encompassing the previous activity undertaken by Flavour of Tyrone, but on a Mid Ulster wide basis. If required officers are happy to engage further with any Members who sat on the Flavour of Tyrone Group.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Tourism staff to continue to attend the largest tourism platforms and target their largest growing markets as advised by Tourism Ireland and Tourism NI.

D270/16 Process for the Provision of Artists and Arts and Craft Facilitators as part of Culture & Arts Workshops and Class Delivery

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for use of the proposed list of artists and arts and craft facilitators that have been identified, to form a select list of artists/facilitators to be used for delivery of workshops and classes within Culture and Arts Service provision, delivered by Council across the Mid Ulster region.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the list of artists and facilitators identified (see appendix 1 for full list) which will form a select list of approved artists/facilitators that will be utilised by Mid Ulster District Council.

Matters for Information

D271/16 Update on Application made to Heritage Lottery Fund

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to update and inform Council on the application made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Sperrins.

D272/16 World Travel Market, Excel Arena, London

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to update Members on recent staff visit to World Travel Market, London.

D273/16 Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to update Members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

D274/16 Report on Minister's Announcement Reference Regeneration Powers

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on the decision taken by Minister for Communities on Tuesday 22 November 2016 not to progress the Regeneration Bill. The existing powers to regenerate towns and cities across Northern Ireland are to remain within the Department for Communities for the remaining life of this current Executive.

D275/16 Leisure Services Progress Report

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

D276/16 Small Grants for Greenways

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to inform Members of progress to stage two the Small Grants Scheme for initial funding for Council's and other bodies to develop their own schemes as part of the greenway network for the entire region.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to engage suitably qualified consultancy and submit stage two feasibility studies for both Ulster Canal and Clogher Valley Green Way projects.

D277/16 Parks Service Progress Report

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report 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.

D278/16 Culture and Arts Progress Report

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to update Members on the progress being made in Culture and Arts Services and highlight events that

have occurred during the months of October and November. Also to identify events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that will be occurring in the future.

D279/16 Irish Language Implementation Working Group Minutes of Meeting of 13th September 2016

Members noted the contents of the previously circulated report to receive and consider for approval the minutes of the Irish Language Implementation Working Group held on 13th September 2016.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That items (D280/16 to D282/16) be taken as confidential business.

D283/16 Seasons Greetings

The Chair, Councillor Molloy wished all members a very Happy Christmas.

D284/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 7.35 pm.

CHAIR _____

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