

Report on	Proposal to name “The Events Space” and “Meeting Room” at Hill of The O'Neill, Dungannon
Date of Meeting	Thursday 14 th November 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek member approval to name “The Events Space” and “The Meeting Room” at Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon to ‘The Earls Quarter’ and ‘Mabel’s Hall’ respectively.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Events Space at Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon officially opened in March 2016 as one component of The wider “Earls Project”; a project funded by SEUPB.</p> <p>The Four components of the Earls Project included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development of a Sculpture and Wet Weather Events Area on the Castlehill Site 2) Development of a Peace Centre on the Beechvalley/Railway Park Site 3) Development of an Earls Integration Trail 4) Programme of Community Integration and associated Peace-Building Activities
2.2	The building, which is located at the rear of Hill of The O'Neill, includes a meeting room, an outdoor events space, a viewing tower and toilet facilities. This building is currently used for a range of activities including meetings, workshops, conferences, community events, classes and training delivered to and by a wide cross section of the community.
2.3	From when the building opened, the facility has been referred to simply as “The Event Space” and “The Meeting Room”. With the facility now being used by a broad and diverse range of users and groups It is now an appropriate opportunity to name both spaces, in keeping with other spaces named within Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Earls Quarter reflects the fact that Hugh O'Neill was granted earldom by Queen Elizabeth and was indeed referred to as the Earl of Tyrone. It also resonates with the working title of the initial project.
3.2	Mabel Bagenal was the wife of Hugh O'Neill and sister to his enemy Henry Bagenal, whom he defeated at the Battle of The Yellow Ford. It is a very interesting story and one which also enables tour guides of the site to relay the significance of the name and the struggle for power during this significant period of the sites history.

3.3	Renaming the Events Space to The Earls Quarter and the meeting room to Mabel's Hall would provide the building with an authentic link to the history of that period. It would encourage visitors to the site to enquire as to the naming of spaces and thereby fostering an interest in the unique history of the Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House.
3.4	Providing each location with its unique name will also be advantageous when marketing and promoting the site to the local community and to wider user groups and external agencies.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Subject to council approval, Erecting of new building signage to reflect the new names for bot spaces. New signage would be erected within identified and agreed budgets approved by Council.
	Human: Within identified staffing resources agreed and approved by Council
	Risk Management: To continue to refer to both spaces as "The Event Space" and "The Meeting Room", does not reflect the heritage and historical significance of the site nor does it capture the interest of users and visitors to the site.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The programme of activities delivered within Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House are designed to maximise engagement and participation from all sections of the community in Culture & Arts activity delivered by Mid Ulster District Council. In addition, Culture & Arts Service provision is delivered by the officer team to be fully inclusive, and is designed to encourage wide participation from all sections of the community promoting and supporting good relations between all sections of the community within Mid Ulster.
	Rural Needs Implications: Rural Needs Implications are considered as part of the Culture & Arts activity delivered by Mid Ulster District Council.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve the naming of "The Events Space" to The Earls Quarter' and "The Meeting Room" at Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon to 'Mabel's Hall'.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Photograph of current building proposed to name "The Earls Quarter" and the internal meeting room to 'Mabel's Hall'.

Appendix 1



Existing building currently referred to as “The Event Space”, propose to rename
“The Earls Quarter”

Appendix 2



Existing internal meeting room propose to name Mabel's Hall