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Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 25 February 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Dillon, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan (7.28pm), McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Dr Boomer, Planning Manager
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mrs Mezza, Head of Marketing Communications
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C30/16 Apologies

Councillor T Quinn

C31/16 Declarations of Interest

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

C32/16 Chair's Business

Councillor Gillespie requested that Donaghmore Ballad Group who are associated with Donaghmore GAC be considered for a civic reception to mark their achievement in winning the All Ireland Scór na nÓg in Killarney on 30 January.

Councillor Wilson requested that four cyclists Stephen Hutchinson, John Demsey, Andrew Reid and John McGlaughlin be considered for a civic reception for their success in Ulster 25 miles team trial championship.

Councillor McLean requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Lego League team of Magherafelt High School who recently represented the school at competition in Nottingham University.

Councillor McLean stated that there had been requests for a lot of receptions and asked if there was a programme to host them as the term of office of the current Chair would be coming to an end and given that there was also an election scheduled time was running out. The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that it was hoped the programme for receptions would be confirmed in the coming week.

Councillor Mallaghan expressed a note of concern with regard to newspapers publishing articles which were factually incorrect and stated that Council through advertising provide finance to the paper concerned and stated that he would like the tender process to be reviewed as such articles were unhealthy for Council.

Councillor McLean requested more facts as there were a number of newspapers within the District and stated that specific details was required.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that the Tyrone Courier had published an article that two out of every three school children didn't speak English and that it later emerged that they did speak English, but it was not their first language at which time the Tyrone Courier issued an apology.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that quite a number of people had approached her expressing their disgust at the headline.

Councillor McLean asked if this was really a Council issue and if the proposal or option is that Council blackmail the paper by withdrawing funding, noting that they had issued an apology.

In response, the Chair Councillor Dillon stated that in her opinion it was a concern for Council as it was a 'slate' on the District and the people Members represent. The Chair made reference to previous headlines which had been against Council and stated that a meeting should be held with the paper.

Councillor McLean stated that if there was to be a meeting all four parties should be represented. The Chair, Councillor Dillon asked Councillor Mallaghan if he was happy with the approach to which he affirmed he was.

Resolved That Council seek a meeting with the Tyrone Courier Newspaper at which the four parties of Council should be represented.

Matters for Decision

C33/16 **Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council held on Thursday 21 January 2016 (SC1/16 – SC6/16), transacted in "Open

Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C34/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2016

Proposed by Councillor C O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 January 2015 (C1/16 – C13/16 and C29/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C35/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2016 (P19/16 – P26/16 and P34/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C36/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2016

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2016, (PR020/16 – PR030/16 and PR040/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

(Chair Councillor Dillon and Councillor Mullen left the meeting at 7.10pm)
(Deputy Chair Councillor Ashton took the Chair)

C37/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 February 2016

Councillor Cuthbertson sought an update in relation to progress on Councils response to the consultation document the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) had discussed during their presentation to the Environment Committee.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Officers were working on the response and notification had been forwarded to the NIFRS to give notice that Council would be responding but in order to be finalised by Council the final draft would be late.

Councillor McPeake asked if there was a problem with the microphones as Members could not hear.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council had used the process of notifying organisations in advance that a formal response would be submitted after the closing date as he preferred to present responses to the committee prior to submission.

Councillor McNamee sought clarity as to whether there was any funding for sports clubs in relation to remedial work with regard to Safety at Sports Grounds (minute reference E37) and asked if clubs could avail of the sports capital grant.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 February 2016 (E26/16 – E43/16 and E56/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C38/16 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2016, (D027/16 – D/16 and D26/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C39/16 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2016, (SC7/16/16 – SC14/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

(Chair Councillor Dillon returned to the meeting 7.15pm and resumed duties of Chair)

C40/16 Conferences and Seminars

The Head of Democratic Services referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval and retrospective approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) Chief Executive’s Forum: Women’s Leadership Conference Leading the Future
Friday 11 March in Titanic, Belfast (8.45am - 4.30pm)
Attendees: Director of Organisational Development and Director of Culture & Leisure
- (ii) Balancing the Books: Local Council income generation, trading and investment
Friday 11 March in the Mount Conference Centre, Belfast (9.30am-12.45pm)
- (iii) New Northern Ireland Planning System One Year on: Getting it Right
Thursday 24 March, Riddell Hall, Belfast (8.50am - 1.10pm)
- (iv) Awarding Public Contracts Lawfully & Skilfully within NI Procurement Rules
Tuesday 10 May, Hilton Hotel Waterfront, Belfast (9.30am - 4pm)

Attendee: Head of Environmental Services

Retrospective Approval

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/No)
Energizing Local SME Growth (NILGA)	13 January	1 employee	Ballymena	No
Performance Improvement Forum	22 January	2 employees	Ballymena	Yes

Training in Test Administration for Human Resources	1 - 2 February	2 employees	Antrim	Yes
NHS Choices Weight to Health Programme	7 January - 9 February	2 employees	Ballymena	No

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That the attendance of Members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required

C41/16 Response to a Pre-application Consultation request from DOE on the proposed Gas to the West Project

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing proposed response a Pre-application Consultation request from DOE on the proposed Gas to the West Project.

The Planning Manager sought approval for the recommendation. Councillor McPeake stated in addition to the recommended response that consideration be given for additional services along the site highlighting rural broadband as an example which both Councillor Officers together with ICBAN were endeavouring to secure. Councillor Bell seconded Councillor McPeake's suggestion.

Councillor McLean concurred with Councillor McPeake but stated that Council shouldn't name any one element but state utilities.

Councillor Reid concurred with previous speakers but made reference to the route of the main pipe advising that it had been discussed previously when it had been requested that it go through the Clogher Valley and also Coalisland and Newmills through to Cookstown.

The Planning Manager advised that the actual proposal is for the corridor of the main pipe and advised that interlinks would follow.

In response to Councillor Reid's query regarding the impact the pipe line or interlinks would have on the Public Realm Scheme's the Chair Councillor Dillon advised that the matter had been dealt with at the Development Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That Council approves the Pre application response to DOE as undernoted:

Mid Ulster Council welcomes the Gas to the West project and regards it as a development which will help the local economy attract business and jobs. The project is still at an early stage in relation to identifying the final route and SGN&Mutual (appointed to build and operate) have had initial discussions with the Council's planning Department. However, Mid Ulster Council reserves the right to comment on the final route relating to potential environmental and human impacts. The Council advises that in providing the pipeline the opportunity be used to provide other utilities.

C42/16 Response to a consultation request from DOE for the proposed windfarm at land approximately 12km to the west of Draperstown, 2km to the north of Broughderg adjacent to the B47

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing the suggested Council response to a consultation request from DOE for the proposed windfarm at land approximately 12km to the west of Draperstown, 2km to the north of Broughderg adjacent to the B47. The Planning Manager sought approval for the response detailed at 3.4 of the report.

Councillor S McGuigan entered the meeting at 7.28pm

Councillor B McGuigan agreed with the response but sought clarity as to who would reinstate roads as the increased usage by heavy goods vehicles, cranes and other heavy machinery during any work would damage the minor roads leading to the site. The Councillor also highlighted that experience would demonstrate that Transport NI would not undertake repairs.

Councillor McLean concurred with previous comments but stated that Council should not be narrow in its viewpoint as the region is facing a major crisis in industry, manufacturing costs especially in relation to electricity are high and many large companies are scaling back business here and upskilling in other regions. The Councillor stated that such a windfarm was an opportunity to attain lower costs for electricity not just for manufacturing, but for all. The Councillor drew attention to the £150m of investment the project would bring to the region together with the jobs and subsequent community benefits. With regard to the height of the turbines the Councillor stated that buildings of similar size were being erected in city centres every day and in relation to the roads in any construction process if you 'break it you fix it.' In conclusion, Councillor McLean stated that he would caution Council against a 'carte blanche' throwing out of such projects and emphasised that the positive side should also be considered.

Councillor Mallaghan concurred with the comments in relation to manufacturing but stated that one of the reasons why electricity is so expensive is because the costs

are subsidising wind energy. The Councillor reminded Members that the area was of significant importance with regard to the 'darkest skies' project

Councillor Wilson in support of points raised by Councillor McLean stated that he was 'caught' in this as the project was a major investment and would deliver jobs and referring to Councillor Mallaghan's issues regarding costs asked if Council could get presentations on both sides of the argument in order that Members may attain a balanced approach.

Councillor Bell stated that he had studied the issue and wind power was not the answer as in simple terminology 'no wind no power' and as such, that it is unreliable and only 70% efficient. The Councillor stated that a more efficient means such as hydro needed to be investigated as the region was being used to achieve Westminster targets and people were not seeing a reduction in electricity costs.

The Planning Manager stated that it is very important not to give the wrong impression as Mid Ulster is very open to wind energy and has many applications under consideration for wind farms which would not have detrimental effects. The Planning Manager advised that there are also new proposals for solar energy, biomass and the reuse of waste and emphasised that Council was not against renewables the issue was their location.

Councillor Clarke referred to statistics in relation to the production of renewable energy stating that the region was at 27% yet the target for 2020 was 20% so therefore there is no necessity to support the application to reach targets. The Councillor emphasised that Mid Ulster region was very innovative and not against renewables and drew attention to the fact that hydro power had not progressed over the last 60 years. Councillor Clarke stated that with windfarms already approved a 40% production rate could be achieved and there was surely more efficient ways of producing renewable energy as wind energy when figures are studied is expensive.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the final decision does not lie with Mid Ulster and thus Council should not delay any further. The Councillor also made reference to the recent workshop on Renewable Energy which Members attended and expressed opinions.

Councillor McPeake stated that Council view was being sought and concurred with the Officer.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan

That the recommendation of the Officer be approved.

Councillor McLean stated Council should not just go against the project. A vote was requested.

The Planning Manager amended the recommendation to include that Mid Ulster Council have concerns with regards to the potential damage to the intrinsic character and quality of the tourism assets of both the Sperrins AONB, including Beaghmore

stone Circles complex, heritage assets and our “dark sky” by reason of the unacceptable visual impact. The Council is concerned that the development will result in construction traffic that will damage the road and other infrastructure and responsibility for repair should be clarified.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon called for a vote

For 24
Against 7

Resolved That Council approves the Pre application response to DOE as undernoted:

1. Mid Ulster District Council have concerns with regards to the impact on the visual amenity and landscape character of this part of the Sperrins Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by reason of the number, scale, size and siting of the turbines and the high sensitivity of the landscape and this is contrary to Policy RE1 of Planning Policy Statement 18. The cautious approach to wind energy development required by the SPPS in the AONB is of note as is the appropriate weighting test to be applied to any socio economic benefits put forward in support of the application.
2. Mid Ulster District Council is concerned that the site lies in the Sperrins AONB and are concerned the proposed windfarm would be detrimental to the environmental quality if the AONB by reason of lack of sensitivity to the distinct character and the landscape quality of the area.
3. “Mid Ulster Council have concerns with regards to the potential damage to the intrinsic character and quality of the tourism assets of both the Sperrins AONB, including Beaghmore stone Circles complex, heritage assets and our “dark skys” by reason of the unacceptable visual impact.
4. Mid Ulster District Council are concerned that the development would have an unacceptable adverse impact on built heritage interests by adversely impacting upon the setting, the public access and approaches to critical public views from and within, and the enjoyment of the Beaghmore Stone Circle Complex, a regionally important monument in State Care
5. The Council is concerned that the development will result in construction traffic that will damage the road and other infrastructure and responsibility for repair should be clarified.”

Councillor C O'Neill and Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 7.43pm

C43/16 Revised Housing Growth Indicators (HGI's) 2012-2026

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing proposed response to Revised Housing Growth Indicators (HGI's) 2012-2026. The Planning Manager outlined the recommendation and sought approval.

Councillor O'Neill returned to the meeting at 7.47pm

Councillor McPeake expressed concern regarding the 10% flexibility but stated in comparison with other areas it appeared to be acceptable and noted that it was only for guidance purposes. Councillor McPeake proposed to approve the Planning Manager's recommendation.

Councillor M Quinn returned to the meeting at 7.49pm

Councillor Wilson also expressed concern stating that there is a massive shortage of houses within the district and forecasting would indicate that this will only increase in the future and Council may have to revisit area planning which would have an effect on housing growth indicators.

Councillor McLean concurred with both Members but stated that the Planning Manager's recommendation helps with the flexibility of housing.
Councillor McLean seconded the recommendation of the Planning Manager.

Councillor Monteith left the meeting at 7.55pm

The Planning Manager suggested that the wording "10% flexibility allowance" be changed to "10% uplift"

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That Council approves the Pre application response to DOE as undernoted:

- The Revised figures do not appear to take account of the projected fall in household size in Mid Ulster which will invariably lead to an increasing demand for housing.
- The Revised figure does not appear to take into account the increasing housing completion rate in Mid Ulster which points to an increasing demand for housing.
- It appears somewhat short sighted to base the HGI's to the lowest level of growth since the 2006 projections were issued. Mid Ulster Council would therefore suggest that a 10% uplift be built into these figures in order to allow figures more akin to the HGI figure for the period 2008-2025.
- Any further review of the HGI's should take place at a 5 year interval so as to ensure it does not add unnecessary confusion to the creation to a new Local Development Plan.

Change to Order of Business

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that agenda item 17 would be taken at this point.

Councillor Monteith left the meeting at 7.54pm

C44/16 DETI Application for Mineral Prospecting Licence

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing proposed response to DETI in relation to a Mineral Prospecting Licence application.

The Planning Manager drew attention to the recommendation and advised that the mineral prospecting licence had already been granted and thus amended the recommendation that the letter detailed in the report be forward to DETI as Council's response.

Councillor Clarke stated that this was a very dangerous development and advised that a company has been carrying out research and many tonnes of rock has been extracted together with drilling and testing and as Councillors would have little knowledge of the type of work caution needed to be taken.

Councillor McGinley left the meeting at 8pm

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That That Council approves the undernoted response:

In response to your consultation dates 5th February 2015 on the above matter, Mid Ulster Council would like to advise that no planning permission has been granted for the proposed prospecting.

Under the provision of Part 16 of The Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (NI) 2015, development is not permitted if the developer has not previously notified the Council in writing giving details of the location of the proposed development, target minerals, details of plant and operation and anticipated time scales. Mid Ulster District Council have not been notified by the developer. The information provided by DETI is insufficient to make a determination and suggests that the proposal goes beyond exploration to include extraction which will require planning permission. Furthermore as the prospect area includes Areas of Special Scientific Interest, prospecting within these areas will require planning permission. Permission will also be required for any exploration of sites of archaeological interest.

Mid Ulster District Council trusts that you will take these comments into account and relay them to the developer.

**C45/16 Delegated Authority to Development Committee regarding
Contract Award for Davagh Forest Visitor Hub Design Team**

Members noted the previously circulated report for delegated Authority for the Development Committee on Thursday 10 March 2016 in respect of contract approval for Davagh Forest Visitor Hub Design Team.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That Council delegates authority to the Development Committee on Thursday 10 March 2016 in respect of contract approval for Davagh Forest Visitor Hub Design Team.

Matters for Information

C46/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

Resolved That the consultations contained within the previously circulated report be noted

C47/16 Correspondence List

The previously circulated paper on correspondence notified to Mid Ulster District Council was presented.

Councillor Wilson expressed concern in relation to the letter received from at800 stating that they accepted no responsibility for the situation their works had caused. Councillor Wilson stated that a number of households had received no notification cards, that people should not be penalised because they used freeview and expressed concern regarding how the situation had been handled by at800's representative. Councillor Wilson stated that the issue should be taken to the Minister for the Department of Trade and Industry and that Council should contact Ofcom regarding the matter.

In response the Chair, Councillor Dillon advised that it had been agreed at the Development Committee to raise the matter with the DETI Minister and Ofcom as at800 blamed everyone but their own organisation and the problems had now began to effect Dungannon residents also.

Resolved That the correspondence contained within the previously circulated report be noted

C48/16 Consideration of Motion

C48.1/16 Councillor Mallaghan to move

In moving the motion Councillor Mallaghan stated that every Member in the room would have spent time with Transport NI regarding the infrastructure and noted that until recent times there had been a good working relationship but recently the service provided had went down and was failing the people of Mid Ulster as roads were in crisis. The Councillor advised that a site inspection had taken place on the 26 November on the Limehill Road (Class C) which identified that potholes of 16 inches or deeper were eligible for repair yet repairs did not take place until mid February after a major campaign by locals, Councillors and MLAs.

Councillor Mallaghan continued stating that other Government departments had like Transport NI, suffered from budget cuts and although it was difficult they were still delivering services yet Transport NI were not. The Councillor highlighted the following facts, costs and work associated with Council taking over the control of rural roads which would be Class B roads and below: 10,000km of grass verges to be cut at a cost of £250k pa; 2014/15 Transport NI had amended 20k defects on roads 96% of which were within time frame – 2015/16 this standard not met; maintain 26km gulleys and 30km drains and 5km of open drains; 54km of resurfacing and 300km of surface dressing pa; and, a budget per annum of £9m

Councillor Mallaghan to illustrate the budget implications stated that Councils environment budget totalled £11m and asked Members to reflect on the assets, vehicles and service delivery provided within it. The Councillor made reference to the ability of Council to deliver highlighting that the Planning Committee were delivering effectively and were deemed to be the hardest working committee in the region.

Councillor Mallaghan also stated that it was the conception of the general public that Council did maintain roads and thus Council needed to create an awareness campaign to advise that in fact Council were not responsible for roads. The Councillor suggested that this should be carried out through the Citizens Advice Service together with advice on how to claim from Transport NI should your car be damaged as a result of a pot hole. Councillor Mallaghan reported that in 2014/15 Transport NI had paid out half a million pounds in fines, money which would go a long way in repairing rural roads.

Councillor Mallaghan moved the motion

“That this council acknowledges that there is a crisis in maintenance of rural roads in Mid Ulster. It calls on DRD Minister Michelle McIlveen to meet with this council to be presented with evidence that our rural roads are no longer safe to travel on. That this council writes to the executive to consider transferring powers to local authorities to manage rural roads and transfers the appropriate budget to do so. That this council begins an advertising campaign through its advice provider that will create awareness on how to report road damage and how to claim compensation.”

In conclusion Councillor Mallaghan highlighted it had taken two weeks to have a pot hole repaired on the Glenshane Pass.

Councillor Wilson stated that the UUP had constantly raised the issue regarding the Department of Environment lack of funding when Danny Kennedy MLA was the Minister and acknowledged that Council had sent correspondence to the Minister. The Councillor stated that the DUP, since they had taken the Ministerial lead on Transport NI had secured further funding. Speaking in relation to the roads across the District the Councillor stated that they were in a desperate state. Councillor Wilson advised that the UUP supported in principle the responsibility of minor roads being transferred to Council but with the historic lack of funding it would be madness for Council to take this responsibility on as rate payers would have to pick up the shortfall in funding. With regard to the advertising campaign Councillor Wilson

stated that the UUP would be supportive of this. Councillor Wilson proposed the undernoted amendment:

“That this Council acknowledges that there is a crisis in maintenance of rural roads in Mid Ulster. It calls on DRD Minister Michelle McIlveen to meet with this Council to be presented with evidence that our rural roads are no longer safe to travel on. That this Council shall lobby the Northern Ireland Executive to ensure that appropriate funds are made available to improve rural roads in the Mid Ulster District. That this Council begins an advertising campaign through its advice provider that will create awareness on how to report road damage and how to claim.”

Councillor Bell stated that he would second the original motion and emphasised that it was no surprise that rural roads have deteriorated under the Tories austerity agenda which is failing people miserably. Councillor Bell requested that Council support the original motion moved by Councillor Mallaghan.

Councillor B McGuigan concurred with Councillor Mallaghan's comments and supported the motion stating that the issues experienced were similar to those in Carntogher DEA and emphasised that his fear was that, if the current situation continues, it will cost a massive amount of money as long stretches of roads in Carntogher were actually starting to subside and it would not just be resurfacing required but roads would have to be re-strengthened.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that Council should advertise by means which would not cost money but would communicate the situation to the general public.

Councillor M Quinn stated that he had no real problems with the majority of Councillor Mallaghan's motion but speaking in relation to Torrent DEA he advised that the area is divided between Cookstown and Dungannon depots of Transport NI and his experience to date would highlight that Dungannon depot provides a response sometimes within two to three hours whilst Cookstown depot the response could take between two to three weeks. Councillor M Quinn stated that Council should have a meeting with the DRD Minister and acknowledged whilst he would like Council to have the responsibility for rural roads it may not be realistic.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon concurred with the comments of Councillor M Quinn regarding the difference in dealing with Cookstown and Dungannon and stated that if the function was transferred to Council service delivery would be the same across the District and the disparity in services was part of the concern Councillor Mallaghan was raising.

Councillor Glasgow stated that the motion moved by Councillor Mallaghan affects all road users and emphasised that the road situation was at a crisis stage with many roads unsafe due to potholes which are both large in both size and number leading to many motorists damaging tyres and vehicles. The Councillor made reference to the previous Minister Danny Kennedy and the current Minister Michelle McIlveen and how lack of funding had led to the crisis situation.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the £300k funding made available to repair roads in the Mid Ulster area and stated that it was in no way a realistic figure to an area that had suffered at the hands of the Northern Ireland Assembly budget cuts. The Councillor requested that any lobbying opportunities with the DRD Minister should be open to all Members of Council, together with Transport NI Regional and district managers and emphasised that the current Transport NI policies prevented road improvements in rural areas.

Councillor Glasgow expressed concern regarding the transfer of power in relation to rural roads to local authorities referring to other transfers for which Council had to bear costs due to insufficient budget transfer from the Department. Councillor Glasgow continued stating that whilst he supported the motion in relation to seeking a visit from the Minister, an advertising campaign to inform the public regarding responsibility for upkeep of rural roads and methods of claiming compensation for vehicular damage he would not support the transfer of power for rural roads unless Council was assured that sufficient budget was being transferred and that ratepayers would not be burdened with further rate increases.

Councillor McLean stated that he disagreed with both the original motion and the suggested amendment but that he would not do what Councillor Glasgow had done and have someone else write the script and read it out but that he would use his own words. Councillor McLean stated that he had no problem with inviting the Minister to visit the District. The Councillor also stated that the main issue was lack of funding and that there were some valid points regarding disparity of delivery which needed to be addressed. In conclusion Councillor McLean stated that he would welcome the Minister together with Senior Officers from the Department but in relation to devolving powers to Councils it was 'barking up the wrong tree'.

In response to Councillor Clarke's query Councillor Wilson confirmed that he had referred to a crisis in maintenance.

Councillor Clarke stated that management and planning within Transport NI was a problem and highlighted an example of road markings painted on a small village which were resurfaced over in three weeks and then had to be repainted. Councillor Clarke also related an incident where a 30mph sign replaced a 40mph sign and had to be corrected as the officer had used google maps as his source. Councillor Clarke highlighted such incidents as mismanagement.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 8.30pm

Councillor C O'Neill stated that footpaths also need to be included as footpaths in Bellaghy area were all broken and Transport NI ignored calls regarding them. In reference to Councillor McLean's comments about Councillor Glasgow's input Councillor O'Neill stated that Councillor Glasgow may be young but was capable.

Councillor Glasgow stated that he prepares his own comments but emphasised that the content came from his constituents as it was his role of an elected Member to represent them.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that Councillor McLean's earlier remark had been poor.

Councillor Reid concurred with earlier comments regarding the disparity of services between the Cookstown and Dungannon depots stating that he had never experienced any difficulties with Dungannon depot but in dealing with Cookstown he had one job completed out of seven. Councillor Reid made further reference to the potholes, their size, the method of 'jet patching' to fill potholes which was a waste of time, that claims could be made once potholes were sprayed with yellow paint and the fact that claims across Mid Ulster alone had totalled half a million pounds. Councillor Reid concurred with the comments of Councillor Clarke with regard to management and concluded seconding Councillor Wilson's proposed amendment.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Minister McIlveen had taken up post in November 2015 and had inherited a situation whereby gullies had not been emptied, there had been virtually no grass cutting and approximately 800 lights had been out in the area. Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had invited the Minister to his area, she had attended, investigated the issues raised and allocated funding to addressing the problems. The Councillor stated that potholes were getting fixed, that he welcomed the major resurfacing of the Killyman Road, emphasised that some repairs were on hold due to 'gas to the west' scheme and in relation to transferring power it was wise to 'be careful what you wish for as you might just get it.'

Councillor McFlynn stated that she would agree in principle with much that had been stated about Transport NI as especially over the last number of months they did not come back to Members regarding issues raised. In relation to transferring of power Councillor McFlynn stated that Council had come a long way since the Review of Public Administration highlighting planning and offstreet parking but emphasised that she felt it was not the time to take on responsibility for rural roads highlighting that the issues were not just roads, but also footpaths and safety at road junctions.

Councillors Bateson and McPeake left the meeting at 8.37 pm

Councillor Gildernew concurred with issues raised over rural roads stating that the Clogher Valley DEA had similar experiences to other areas. Councillor Gildernew expressed concern regarding the roundabout at South Tyrone hospital stating that railings had been removed and pedestrians, many of whom were children, use the route and if a lorry took the corner too tight there could be a fatality and Council should seek clarity from Transport NI as to why the railings had been removed.

Councillors Bateson and McPeake returned to the meeting at 8.38pm

Councillor M Quinn suggested that the motion and the amendment should be merged and Council do both.

Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Clarke's comments stating that in phase one of Dungannon Public Realm Scheme Transport NI had been totally inflexible.

In relation to the suggestion made by Councillor M Quinn, Councillor S McGuigan stated he did not believe that both the motion and the amendment could be merged

as one was seeking powers to be devolved to Council whilst the amendment did not want this.

Councillor McKinney concurred with much of what had been said stating that in the Moyola DEA the gully on the main street had not been fixed properly and emphasised if work was done right in the first place it would not need repaired again.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that the debate had been wide and varied and had highlighted the equity problem between the two depots. The Councillor stated that he had no experience of the Dungannon depot but expressed concern regarding the democracy regarding fixing of roads as Members receive a report once or twice per year, Transport NI had issued a form to be completed but delivered no feedback to Members. Relating to Councillor Reid's comments regarding the 'jet fixer' Councillor Mallaghan stated he had not included it as it was a total waste of time as highlighted by Councillor Reid. In relation to comments regarding taking on responsibility for rural roads Councillor Mallaghan stated that Members were underestimating Council as they were performing well, there was a great workforce and the civic leadership and management were excellent.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon called for a vote

Amendment proposed by Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Councillor Reid.

For	11
Against	25

Motion proposed by Councillor Mallaghan, seconded by Councillor Bell

For	21
Against	14
Abstained	1

The Chair, Councillor Dillon declared the motion carried.

C48.2/16 Councillor Kearney to move

Councillor Kearney drew attention to the undernoted motion and stated that he wished to amend it to include 'and calls on the Minister of Education to endeavour to secure the necessary extra budget from the Executive to ensure that this Scheme, when implemented, is open to all teachers who have not yet gained permanent employment.'

"That this Council notes the 'Investing in the Teaching Workforce Scheme'; recognises the need for a considered and accessible scheme for teachers aged fifty five and over to retire; is concerned about the impact that these proposals would have on teachers who have been qualified for more than three years who do not have a permanent post; and calls on the Minister of Education to ensure that this scheme, when

implemented, is open to all teachers who have not yet gained permanent employment.”

Councillor Kearney stated that there was much merit in such a scheme and that it should be noted that no one had objected to this section of the scheme and there had been uptake of similar schemes in the civil service.

Councillor Kearney stated that his concern was that only teachers with less than three years' experience could apply and there were many teachers who can't get a permanent post would be outside the scheme. The Councillor emphasised that there were many teachers across Mid Ulster district who do not have permanent posts who can't get a mortgage and whether a teacher was newly or recently qualified or qualified for some time they deserved a fair deal as many were being denied a steady income and sense of self-worth. Councillor Kearney stated that no one was seeking preferential treatment rather a fair deal and equal opportunity and stated that over 7000 people had signed a petition of support.

Councillor Kearney stated that many young teachers who could not gain experience at home had travelled overseas or further afield to gain experience which was now of no value and that many teachers on temporary contracts with annual renewal would be denied opportunity of permanent positions if the scheme progressed. Councillor Kearney stated that both experience and new ideas was needed to run schools and reiterated that any proposal should be based on merit and that these highly desirable permanent positions should be awarded on merit. The Councillor stated like many he sat on a school Board of Governors and in his involvement with appointments the decision had always been based on merit. In conclusion, Councillor Kearney stated to do otherwise would affect education standards and would be of extreme concern to parents and emphasised that fairness and equality should prevail.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest as his spouse was a school teacher.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed disappointment to the amendment to the motion as he had intended to support it. The Councillor stated teachers aged between 25-35 are being discriminated against as they can't get an interview whilst others walk out of university into jobs.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Wilson declared an interest as his son was a school teacher.

Councillor Wilson stated that he too would support the original motion but stated he would have difficulty supporting the amendment. Councillor Wilson made mention of the £33m budget committed to the scheme and emphasised that he felt the Christmas recess at Stormont had not permitted the process to be thought out and questioned as to whether an equality impact assessment had been thought out as in reality it discriminated teachers who had been working for three years. The Councillor also stated there was nothing to stop eligible teachers availing of redundancy and returning as temporary teachers. In conclusion Councillor Wilson

stated that the real issue is that too many people were training as teachers and that he welcomed the comments in the original motion but felt it was concerning that the SDLP and Sinn Féin parties blocked a policy at the NI Assembly in relation to employment law.

Councillor McGinley stated that the scheme was at draft stage and had yet to be finalised. In response to earlier comments the Councillor emphasised that the scheme was only being introduced as newly qualified teachers are facing great difficulty in even being shortlisted for jobs, that they had new fresh ideas which would benefit all and that the scheme was based on a business case.

Councillor McGinley proposed the undernoted amendment to the motion

“That this Council

- (i) Notes the draft “Investing in the Teaching Workforce Scheme’ and recognises that the Department of Education Minister has committed to reviewing the final parameters of the scheme;
- (ii) Recognises the need for a considered and accessible scheme for teachers aged 55 and over to retire and is concerned about the impact these draft proposals would have on teachers who have been qualified for more than three years who do not have a permanent post; and
- (iii) Calls on the Executive to provide the necessary extra budget cover to the Department of Education for this.

Proposed by Councillor McLean

Seconded by Councillor Wilson that

Council approve the original motion provided on the agenda.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that as Councillor Kearney had amended the original motion himself she could not accept the proposal.

Councillor Kearney stated that he accepted the good comments and that he was happy with the motion he presented.

Councillor McPeake seconded Councillor McGinley’s amendment.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon called for a vote on the amendment

For	22
Against	14

Councillor Mulligan stated that it was his understanding that following the vote on the amendment it became the substantive motion and then it was voted upon. Councillor McLean concurred with Councillor Mulligan’s comments.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon called for a vote on the substantive motion

For 22
Against 14

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that the substantive motion was carried.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That items C49/16 – C56/16 be taken as confidential business.

The press left the meeting at 9.05pm

C57/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 9.15pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 1 March 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Kearney, Chair Councillors Bateson (7.09 pm), Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Reid, Robinson
Officers in Attendance	Dr Boomer, Planning Manager Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer Ms McNally, Solicitor Miss Thompson, Committee Services/ Senior Admin Officer
Others in Attendance	Councillor McFlynn Applicant Speakers LA09/2015/0084/O Mr Cassidy LA09/2015/0674/F Miss Burrows Mr Teague

The meeting commenced at 7.06 pm.

P45/16 Apologies

Councillor Mullen.

P46/16 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Glasgow declared an interest in application LA09/2015/0834/F.

Councillor McKinney declared an interest in application LA09/2015/0781/O.

P47/16 Chairs Business

The Chair advised that food would be available during the interval of the meeting.

**P48/16 Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 2 February 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 February 2016, (P19/16 – P28/16 & P34/16), were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

P49/16 Planning Applications for Determination

The Chair drew Members attention to the undernoted planning applications for determination.

**LA09/2015/0084/O Dwelling and garage 18m SW of 40 Fallaghloon Road,
Bracaghreilly, Maghera for Mr Kevin Glass**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/0084/O advising that it is recommended for refusal. Ms Doyle also referred to addendum to planning agenda which provided further information submitted by the architect.

Councillor Bateson entered the meeting at 7.09 pm.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy referred to the photographs submitted as part of the addendum which he stated showed two buildings adjacent to the proposed site. Mr Cassidy stated that the images clearly indicate that the buildings are permanent, stand alone and that Google imagery also confirms that the buildings have been in situ in excess of five years. Mr Cassidy advised that the buildings are owned by the applicant's brother and are used as part of a farm business, he also referred to two planning appeal examples which indicate that current policy does not require a new building to be linked with the main farm building group but can be any two buildings on the holding.

The Planning Manager advised that the applicant cannot use buildings owned by someone else to get planning approval and that based on the information put forward by Mr Cassidy the application would be invalid. The Planning Manager also stated that it is DARD's view that the buildings shown do not form part of the farm and advised that a dwelling could be accommodated adjacent to buildings that are owned by the applicant.

Mr Cassidy advised that there were two listed buildings on the farm which would make trying to get planning approval difficult.

Councillor Clarke felt that the photographs appeared to show agricultural use of the buildings.

Ms Doyle advised that the case officer had stated domestic use of buildings based on their inspection.

Councillor Clarke felt that further clarification was required in relation to this application and stated he would not be happy making a decision tonight. The Councillor again stated that he felt the photographs submitted show agricultural use of buildings.

The Planning Manager stated that if the buildings shown in the photographs were owned by the applicant then there would be no difficulty in approving the application however, as this was not the case the Planning Manager suggested that the application be deferred for submission of further information relating to history of farm ownership.

Mr Cassidy agreed to provide this information.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew

That planning application LA09/2015/0084/O be deferred for submission of further information relating to history of farm ownership.

In referring to the photographic evidence Councillor Bateson felt that any farm building will have some domestic items therein.

Councillor Reid suggested changing the wording of the proposal to include delegating authority to the Planning Manager to approve the application subject to satisfactory information being submitted.

The Council Solicitor advised that the application had been presented to the Committee under the Scheme of Delegation and that following deferred consideration by officers it should be represented for Member decision.

Councillor Bell felt that family relationships should not be used to influence planning decisions.

The Planning Manager stated that buildings owned by another person cannot be used to gain planning approval, however as no objections had been received in relation to the application and there were no other concerns the committee could treat the application as an exceptional case and grant approval if it was minded to do so.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the apparent conflict of information coming from DARD not only with this application but applications discussed in previous months.

The Planning Manager stated that in this case the information coming from DARD was correct, in that the buildings were owned by the applicant's brother.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt it was not unreasonable to request that further information be submitted in relation to farm ownership.

The Planning Manager stated that, on reflection, it would be fair to defer the application to allow for submission of further information.

In referring to Councillor Cuthbertson's comments regarding information coming from DARD Councillor Bell felt that Councillor Cuthbertson should state the applications discussed previously as it was easy to make hypothetical arguments to sway decisions.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0084/O be deferred to allow for submission of further information.

Councillor McKinney felt it was fair to defer the application.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that information coming from DARD had been questioned by Members in previous months.

LA09/2015/0674/F Retention of storage area for deposition and drainage of silt originating from quarry operations, for re-use within approved quarry area at Crancussy Road, Cookstown for Core Aggregates

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/0674/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received after the deadline however as Chair, he had used his discretion to grant the request. The Chair invited Miss Burrows to address the committee.

Miss Burrows cited numerous concerns in relation to the application namely –

- Breach of condition 7 of planning approval - I/1977/0072
- No enforcement of quarry
- Quarry not sited in location approved
- Quarry larger in scale than that approved
- Quarry not enclosed
- No noise assessment carried out at quarry

Miss Burrows also referred to enforcement proceedings taken against the quarry by NIEA in 2013 the result of which found the quarry to be immune from further action. Miss Burrows stated that the quarry should not hold immunity and encouraged further enforcement proceedings to be brought. Miss Burrows also went on to state that no action had been taken against the applicant.

Miss Burrows felt that the source of the problem was the silt being produced without adequate planning permission.

The Chair advised of further request to speak and invited Mr Teague to address the committee.

Mr Teague stated that he had worked closely with planners on this application. Mr Teague also referred to the 27 objections received and the time taken to respond to these.

With regard to Miss Burrow's comments with regard to past enforcement proceedings Mr Teague confirmed that Strategic Planning have stated that the quarry was immune from those particular enforcement actions and does not intend to pursue the matter any further.

Councillor Mallaghan proposed the approval of the application based on the information brought before Members.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

That planning application LA09/2015/0674/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

In considering the objections raised the Planning Manager asked Members to bear in mind that the quarry has relevant planning permission and that the application before Members is limited to silt. The Planning Manager advised that there has been unauthorised activity at the site and enforcement cases are pending.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0674/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

LA09/2015/0834/F 500kw on farm anaerobic digestion (AD) plant; combined heat and power (CHP) plant; passing bay and ancillary site works at lands 70m NW of 10 Lower Kildress Road, Cookstown for Bally Renewables

Councillor Glasgow withdrew to the public gallery.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/0834/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he had been opposed to a previous application for an anaerobic digester however he had no difficulty in proposing the approval of this application as it is to be sited at a rural farm location.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0834/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

In response to Councillor Mallaghan's question Ms McCullagh advised that this application was called in by request of Councillor Glasgow.

Councillor Glasgow confirmed that he had requested the call in of the application due to its location.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that, by calling in the application, the planning process had probably been slowed down.

Councillor Glasgow rejoined the meeting.

H/2012/0393/F Wind turbine with a 40m hub height and 30m rotor diameter at site approximately 450m NW of 81 Oldtown Road, Castledawson for Mr J P Diamond

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application H/2012/0393/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application H/2012/0393/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

M/2015/0053/F Conversion of former bank and provision of 3 storey extension to provide guest accommodation, providing 1 no. self-contained flat and 4 bedrooms at 13 The Square, Moy, Dungannon for Mr Vincent Daly - Ryandale

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application M/2015/0053/F advising that it is recommended for approval. Mr Marrion referred to addendum to planning agenda and advised that further correspondence had been received from a neighbour to the proposal which stated that all points of objection had not been addressed. Mr Marrion advised that the points of objection raised by the neighbour in this latest correspondence had already been addressed in the report:

- Loss of daylight to kitchen and bathroom
- Overshadowing and loss of sunlight to rear balcony and garden
- Overlooking
- Car parking provision
- Plans do not show window on basement level
- Description of development misleading as it appears as a 4 bedroom apartment
- Inadequate living and amenity arrangements to cater for 14 people

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application M/2015/0053/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

**I/2015/0096/F Extension to existing effluent plant, including 4 no. tanks
and control room at 70 Molesworth Street, Cookstown for
Karro Food Group Ltd**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application I/2015/0096/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

Councillor Clarke stated that there are occasions when there is a smell around this plant and asked if the proposed extension will help to eradicate this issue.

Ms McCullagh advised that Environmental Health have stated they have no objection to the application and did not request further information.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That planning application I/2015/0096/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that the approval of this application was of significance as Karro Food Group were major employers in the Cookstown area.

**M/2015/0113/O Dwelling and domestic garage at site adjacent to 38
Moghan Road, Castlecaulfield for Dr Patrick McKenna**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application M/2015/0113/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

In response to Councillor Gildernew's comments Mr Marrion reiterated concerns in relation to visual linkage and stated that the applicant has other lands available which would be suitable for development.

Councillor Reid proposed that planning application M/2015/0113/O be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor Clarke stated that it was difficult to see from the photographs where else the applicant could site the dwelling.

Councillor Mallaghan seconded Councillor Reid's proposal.

The Planning Manager stated he was content to take the deferral of the application.

Resolved That planning application M/2015/0113/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2015/0245/LBC Change of use from bank to guest accommodation including 3 storey rear extension and internal alterations at 13 The Square, Moy, Dungannon for Mr Vincent Daly – Ryandale

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0245/LBC be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

Mr Marrion advised that as this application involves a listed building there is a need to notify DoE of the recommendation to approve planning permission.

LA09/2015/1156/O Site for 2 infill dwellings at lands between 15 and 17 Annaghnaboe Road, Coalisland for Mr Paul Quinn

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1156/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Mallaghan stated he had received information in relation to this application and advised that, since this application was last refused further construction has taken place close to the application site which may change circumstances. Councillor Mallaghan requested deferral of the application for an office meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1156/O be deferred for an office meeting to consider whether new construction as advised by Councillor Mallaghan changes the circumstances of the application.

Councillor Mallaghan stated he had not visited the application site nor did he know the applicant or agent.

The Planning Manager stated the importance of applicants and agents attending the Planning Committee in order to provide clarification to Members.

Councillor Reid felt that applications were being held up and that agents should be bringing all relevant information to the attention of planners and the committee.

The Planning Manager advised of upcoming meeting to which all agents/architects have been invited, the purpose of this meeting is to explain planning protocols. The Planning Manager also stated the need for Members support

Councillor Bell felt that from looking at the map, the site looked sufficient for two infill dwellings.

Ms McCullagh advised that three buildings are required to achieve a built up frontage and there are only two in this instance.

Councillor Reid felt there were a number of points that required clarification in relation to this application.

**LA09/2015/1163/O Infill site for 2 no. dwellings at lands adjacent to and E of
154 Battery Road, Moortown for Mr Declan Rocks**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1163/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Bell stated he could not understand why this site was not suitable as infill and felt that policy could be applied in this case.

Councillor Mallaghan stated that the applicant was unfortunate as to where the settlement line had fallen, the Councillor felt that this application should be treated as an exception as it would be approved under any other circumstance.

The Planning Manager agreed that if this site had not been next to the settlement limit then it could have been approved. The Planning Manager explained that the purpose of the settlement limit is to contain the spread of development into the rural area.

The Head of Development Management further explained that the application fails to meet policy in that it relies on development inside a settlement to extend into the rural area. It was also felt that approval of the application would be of detriment of the settlement of Moortown.

Councillor Clarke stated that two thirds of the population are rural dwellers and there needs to be space made to accommodate them. The Councillor referred to zoning and landowners who may not wish to sell land.

The Planning Manager advised Members that planning policy cannot be changed to suit circumstances and was of the belief that Council would be criticised for not applying policy in this instance. The Planning Manager advised that Moortown is classified as a village, it has a settlement limit and no zoning. He advised that the only argument for expansion outside a settlement limit is rounding off, however in this case the application could set a precedent for further ribboning.

Councillor Reid agreed that if this application was approved it would be setting a precedent for future applications.

Councillor Mallaghan felt that the circumstances of this application were exceptional and that the planning committee was in a position to make a difference. The Councillor felt that this application would be of no detriment to the settlement or to visual amenity and that it makes sense to round the settlement off. Councillor Mallaghan proposed the approval of the application.

The Planning Manager read from policy CTY15 in relation to settlement limits and felt it would be difficult to make this application an exceptional case.

Councillor Bell seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal to approve the application.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if social housing needed to be considered.

The Planning Manager advised that social housing need for the area would have been considered and that in respect of this application he would be more sympathetic to a proposal for a single dwelling if significant need was demonstrated. The Planning Manager suggested the deferral of the application for an office meeting.

Councillor Mallaghan withdrew his proposal to approve the application.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1163/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2015/1184/O Dwelling and garage approx. 80m S of 99 Killeeshil Road,
Dungannon for Mr Martin Hamill**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1184/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor McAleer asked if the proposal was moved within the site if this would make a difference to the recommendation.

Mr Marrion advised that the site could be reduced but that this would reinforce the theory that three dwellings could be accommodated and that the site was therefore not a small gap site.

Councillor Mallaghan proposed holding a decision on the application for 3 days to allow the applicant to submit further information based on need.

The Planning Manager advised of the planning protocol in place and recommended that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

The Council Solicitor advised the committee that it should not be deferring decisions to an officer as it does not have the authority to do so and that delegated authority can only be given through Council. The Solicitor urged Members to make a decision on an application either to approve, refuse or defer for an office or site meeting. Applications which require a meeting will then be brought back to committee for decision.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1184/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2015/1297/O Site for dwelling at lands approx. 33m S of 44 Derryoghill Road, Dungannon for Mr Gary Lavery

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/1297/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Bateson felt that more credibility would be given to applications recommended for refusal if the applicant or agent were in attendance to make representation.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1297/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

Clarification

Councillor Reid asked for clarification in respect of earlier comments made by Council Solicitor.

The Planning Manager felt that Members were getting to a stage of deferring an application and seeking to delegate authority just because it was recommended for refusal. The Planning Manager stated that, in order to defer an application, there needed to be a reasonable possibility of bringing it to an approval.

Councillor Reid asked whether this would affect past decisions made by the committee.

The Council Solicitor advised that she would have no concerns relating to past decisions unless they were challenged.

Councillor Clarke felt that applicants/agents need to put the effort into their applications and provide adequate information in order to assist Members in coming to a decision regarding an application.

The Planning Manager referred to the Scheme of Delegation which is in statute and advised Members that when there is deviation from this Council can be subject to legal challenge.

Councillor Bell felt that the threat of judicial review when making a decision was not beneficial.

The Planning Manager clarified that he has guided the Committee when making decisions but that he had never made the threat cited by Councillor Bell.

The Council Solicitor advised Members that when making decisions they should give consideration to “JR proofing” as this reduces the risk of a successful challenge.

*The meeting recessed at 8.58 pm and recommenced at 9.17pm.
Councillor Gildernew did not return to the meeting.*

**M/2014/0448/F Single storey extension, car parking and synthetic pitch
with ball stop fencing at Tamnamore EOTAS, 151
Tamnamore Road, Dungannon for Southern Education and
Library Board**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application M/2014/0448/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application M/2014/0448/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the work related to this application had already been completed.

Mr Marrion advised that there were other extensions to the school that were approved previously but he was not aware of work having commenced regarding this application.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised of parking issues around the school which restricted access to adjacent Tamnamore Close and asked if the two mobile classrooms will be removed as part of the application.

Mr Marrion advised that amended plans have provided an additional four car parking spaces, he further stated that as the mobile classrooms encroach onto the site they should be removed as part of this proposal.

Councillor Reid asked if it was possible to include a condition within the approval that the roadway into Tamnamore Close would not be blocked.

The Planning Manager felt that the conditions of approval attached to the application, as stated within the report, were adequate.

**M/2015/0059/O Dwelling 60m N of 12 Rossmore Road Dungannon for Mr
Ciaran Quinn**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application M/2015/0059/O advising that it is recommended for approval. Mr Marrion referred to addendum to planning agenda and asked Members to note that the description of the development should read ‘dwelling’.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application M/2015/0059/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

M/2015/0165/O Site for dwelling between 33 and 35 Cookstown Road, Dungannon for Mr Raymond McCann

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application M/2015/0165/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

LA09/2015/0781/O Dwelling and garage adjacent to 45 Gortahurk Road, Desertmartin for Mr John Murphy

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor McKinney declared an interest in the application.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0781/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officers report.

P50/16 Consultation response to Northern Ireland Housing Executive on "Sustainable Rural Communities – Full Policy Framework"

Members noted previously circulated report which provided the Council's response to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) consultation on "Sustainable Rural Communities – Full Policy Framework" which relates to the NIHE Rural Housing Policy.

Matters for Information

P51/16 Appeal Decisions Received

The Head of Development Management presented previously circulated report advising Members of recent decisions made by Planning Appeals Commission and highlighted the commissioner's comments in relation to I/2014/0390/O which concluded that foundations/footings do not constitute a building.

In response to Councillor McPeake's question the Head of Development Management advised that the planning department of this Council insists that there are buildings in place.

The Planning Manager stated that the system needs to be seen to fair and that each application will be accessed on its own merits.

In response to Councillor Bateson's question the Planning Manager stated he did not believe there were retrospective implications in respect of the recent PAC decision.

The Council Solicitor stated that it is difficult to stray from the requirement of having 3 or more buildings (which are built) in order to meet policy.

The Planning Manager agreed that policy should be followed however there may be exceptional cases.

Councillor McPeake asked if the fact that buildings were not in place was the reason for original refusal.

The Head of Development Management stated that the Councillor was correct.

P52/16 Report of Delegated Decisions Issued in January 2016

Members noted the content of the report of delegated decisions issued in January 2016.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That items P53/16 to P56/16 be taken as confidential business.

P57/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 10.30 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 3 March 2016 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Forde, In the Chair

Councillors Ashton (7.06 pm), Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy, McKinney, McLean, McPeake, Molloy (7.05 pm), M Quinn (7.12 pm), T Quinn and Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Sean McGuigan the Deputy Chair, Councillor Forde took the Chair.

PR047/16 Apologies

Councillor Gildernew and S McGuigan.

PR048/16 Declaration of Interest

The Chair, Councillor Forde reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

PR049/16 Chair's Business

No business was raised.

Councillor Molloy entered the meeting at 7.05 pm.

PR050/16 Receive and confirm minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 February 2016

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 February 2016 (PR020/16 – PR030/16 and PR040/16) were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Councillor Ashton entered the meeting at 7.06 pm.

Matters for Decision

PR051/16 NILGA Summary Product & Work Plan 2016-17

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask Members to consider the NI Local Government Product & Work Plan for 2016/17.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query on how subscription was calculated, the Head of Democratic Services advised that in the main, the subscription was based on population with Mid Ulster District Council being placed in Band C along with 5 other Councils, which was the lower band.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McLean

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the 2016-17 Work Plan and subscription of £43,178 for the same period.

PR052/16 Capturing and Promoting the Legacy of former Councils

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask members to consider ways of capturing the legacy of the predecessor councils of Cookstown, Dungannon & South Tyrone and Magherafelt which wound up on 31 March following the establishment of Mid Ulster District Council.

The Head of Democratic Services outlined four Options as per the previously circulated report and sought approval for Option 3.

Councillor McLean agreed that Option 3 was the best option, but enquired what would happen to the memorabilia in the long term.

The Chief Executive advised that most would be put in storage, but items like the Chains of Office with names of past Chairs & Vice-Chairs could be displayed for the public to see.

The Chief Executive advised members that options outlining designs for the Chain of Office had been discussed at Party Leaders and details would be forwarded to members.

Councillor M Quinn entered the meeting at 7.12 pm.

Councillor T Quinn stated that he was in total favour of Option 3, but suggested that members of the three legacy Councils in the final term be recognised in some way.

Proposed by Councillor Quinn

That Mid Ulster District Council recognise outgoing members of the three legacy Councils, with consideration being given to a group photograph and plaques inscribed with their name and years of service.

Councillor McPeake felt that this opportunity had now passed and he was off the opinion that the Council should not proceed with this request but move forward.

Councillor McKinney agreed with Councillor McPeake and felt that the new Council should be moving forward.

Councillor T Quinn said that he was happy to accept member's views on the matter and was content to withdraw his proposal.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to agree Option 3 as outlined: *Memorabilia identified, photographed and incorporated within a permanent/temporary display within the legacy Council Office.* Therefore after they are permanently displayed in a Council location as a lasting legacy.

Matters for Information

PR053/16 Subscriptions – Outside Bodies with Councillor Membership

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to update the Committee on memberships held by Mid Ulster District Council and where annual subscriptions are payable for membership of same. The paper referred to subscriptions payable where the Council has elected member representation.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the Committee notes the contents of the report on Subscriptions – Outside Bodies with Councillor Membership.

PR054/16 Rate Support Grant Update

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members in relation to the Department's allocation of Rate Support Grant in 2015/16.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that Members notes the contents on Rate Support Grant Update.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That items (PR055/16 to PR064/16) be taken as confidential business.

PR065/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present	Councillor McFlynn (Chair) Councillors Buchanan, Burton (7.26 pm), Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow (7.09 pm), Kearney, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mullen, Mulligan, Totten
Officers in Attendance	Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control Miss Thompson, Committee Services/ Senior Admin Officer
Others in Attendance	Councillor Bateson Agenda Item 4 – Beacon/Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health Ms Hughes – Living Well Living Longer Co-Ordinator

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm

E57/16 Apologies

Councillor J O'Neill.

E58/16 Declarations of Interest

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

E59/16 Chair's Business

None.

E60/16 Beacon/Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health - Living Well Living Longer Service

The Chair, Councillor McFlynn welcomed Ms Hughes, Project Co-Ordinator of the Living Well Living Longer Service to the meeting.

Ms Hughes made a powerpoint presentation which provided detail on the Living Well Living Longer Service which is designed to help people over the age of 60 live safely and independently in their own communities. Services include:

- Befriending
- Home Safety
- Shopping and daily living tasks
- Signposting to other services
- Social inclusion activities

The service is currently based in Dungannon and is available in the Armagh, Dungannon, Lisburn and Newtownards areas to which clients can self refer or can be referred from partner organisations.

The service commenced in September 2013 and has exceeded all objectives, it has a growing reputation with partners and has received positive feedback. Ms Hughes also showed a video in which service users spoke of the positive impact the Living Well Living Longer project had made to their lives. Members were also advised that the service had recently received additional funding and will continue for a further year until September 2017.

Councillor Glasgow entered the meeting at 7.09 pm during the above presentation.

The Chair, Councillor McFlynn referred to the increasing ageing population in which loneliness is becoming an immense issue.

Councillor Cuddy asked if the facilities at the 'Junction Building' in Dungannon will give the capacity to deliver additional services.

Ms Hughes advised that the new facilities will provide a unique opportunity to deliver group meetings for the Dungannon area. Ms Hughes also spoke of the difficulties in recruiting volunteers for the befriending service.

Councillor McGinley asked what happens to clients when the 24 week befriending service comes to an end.

Ms Hughes advised that the aim of the befriending service is to enable the client to engage with groups in their community after the service period has come to an end.

Councillor McGinley referred to the difficulty in recruiting volunteers and asked if the service had looked at recruiting from youth organisations.

Ms Hughes advised that the service has engaged with numerous organisations and colleges in seeking volunteers and will continue to do so, the difficulty often encountered is getting a volunteer who can commit to a 24 week period. Ms Hughes advised that the Peer Buddy Friendship service has worked well especially in rural areas.

Councillor S McGuigan recognised the good service being provided and asked if there was a method of referral for over capacity.

Ms Hughes advised that due to the relative short term nature of the service there was a constant throughput of clients however there were waiting lists for some services in which case a matrix is used to prioritise users.

The Chair, Councillor McFlynn referred to the funding of the service and hoped that financing would continue.

Ms Hughes advised that a review of the service was currently being carried out. Ms Hughes felt that the service offered a good social return and was worthwhile funding.

Ms Hughes was thanked for her presentation following which she withdrew from the meeting at 7.24 pm.

E61/16 Receive and confirm minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 February 2016 (E26/16 – E43/16 and E56/16) were considered and, subject to the foregoing, signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

E62/16 Joint Waste Management Plan

Councillor F Burton entered the meeting at 7.26 pm.

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which updated Members on the Joint Waste Management Plan for Mid Ulster District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh Council and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and sought approval for same.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the adoption of the Joint Waste Management Plan.

E63/16 Off-Street Car Park – Temporary Market Trading (Magherafelt)

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which updated Members on the temporary relocation of the weekly market from the Diamond in Magherafelt to Rainey Street public off-street car park. Members were also provided with an amended map of the proposed temporary location that will be used within the car park.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the designation of the spaces identified in Rainey Street Car Park Magherafelt, as set out in amended appendix to report, for the purposes of Street Trading each

Thursday (07:00 to 18:00) from 1 March 2016 until 30 September 2016, subject to review.

E64/16 Grounds Maintenance – Dungannon Rotary Club 60th Anniversary

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report in which Members were asked to consider a request from Dungannon Rotary Club for the installation of a floral display to mark the 60th anniversary of the local Rotary Club. The report identified the bedded area along the main gateway to Dungannon from the M1 as a possible location.

Councillor McNamee referred to the different working practices of the legacy councils and stated that there may be other organisations within the District who were celebrating anniversaries who had not been offered a similar opportunity. Councillor McNamee expressed the need for a policy going forward.

Councillor Cuddy stated the current tarpaulins at Stangmore had been in situ for numerous years and did not believe there was a big demand from outside organisations for their use. Councillor Cuddy felt that to refuse this request in order to create a policy would be a missed opportunity, the Councillor felt that Council should facilitate the current request and move to develop a policy for the future.

Councillor McNamee felt that if Council facilitates the current request a precedent would then be set for future.

Councillor Cuddy stated that the tarpaulin option would require little maintenance once it was in place.

In response to Councillor McFlynn's question the Head of Property Services advised that, in the past, the three beds were planted out but in recent times had been covered with a tarpaulin with a livery to promote Dungannon.

Councillor Cuthbertson did not feel TransportNI needed to be consulted in relation to the request as the beds were already in place. Councillor Cuthbertson agreed that there was a need for a policy going forward but that the current request should be considered under legacy Council procedures.

Councillor Cuddy stated that the Rotary Club is a strong organisation who raises a great deal of funding.

Councillor McGinley did not feel Council should pay for this request as in effect the Rotary Club would receive free advertising. The Councillor felt that if the current request is facilitated Council will be inundated with further similar requests. Councillor McGinley also stated the need for a policy.

Councillor Cuddy proposed that Council proceed with putting in place a tarpaulin display in one of the three flower beds situated at Stangmore.

Councillor McNamee reiterated the need for a policy to be put in place before agreeing to the current request.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Cuddy's proposal.

Councillor Burton felt it would be negative of Council not to agree to the request from the Rotary Club. The Councillor also suggested that the Rotary Club could seek their own sponsorship of the proposed flower bed.

Councillor Kearney felt that Council should grant the current request but seek to have policy in place for future.

Councillor McNamee proposed that Council have policy in place before granting any requests.

Members voted on Councillor Cuddy's proposal, including seeking contribution from Rotary Club –

For	8
Against	6

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with putting in place a tarpaulin display at one of the three flower beds at Stangmore to promote the 60th anniversary of the local Rotary Club and that a contribution be sought from the Rotary Club for same.

E65/16 Grounds Maintenance Awards Submissions 2016/17

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval for town and village nominations to the NIAC Best Kept Awards and Ulster in Bloom 2016.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to grassy bank on approach to Linen Green in Moygashel which would lend itself to flower bedding sponsorship.

The Head of Property Services advised that the Councillor's comments could be considered as part of the sponsorship of gateways.

Councillor Cuddy suggested that Council make contact with local business owner Patrick Heffron, Director of Neptune Group regarding sponsorship.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the nominations to both the Best Kept Awards and Ulster in Bloom 2016 as listed in report.

E66/16 Grounds Maintenance – Delivery Standards 2016

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval to establish Grounds Maintenance delivery standards for the 2016 'growing season' to aid service consistency.

Councillor Glasgow requested that Orritor be included on schedule of maintenance to roadside grass verges referring to Cookstown 100 and Orritor Fair.

The Head of Property Services stated that the verges would be maintained as per the standard set out in the report.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to adopt Grounds Maintenance Delivery Standards 2016 as detailed in report and appendices as presented.

E67/16 TransportNI proposals to Mid Ulster District Council

Members considered previously circulated report regarding proposals from TransportNI to introduce measures to enhance safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport projects.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposals submitted by TransportNI as follows –

- Proposed Traffic Calming – Lettice Street, Aughnacloy
- Proposed Traffic Calming – Benburb Road, Moy

Councillor Burton referred to resurfacing works currently ongoing in Aughnacloy and advised of the intention not to reinstate markings for trading pitches. The Councillor felt that it was important that these markings be reinstated.

Councillor Mullen stated that she had met with the local community association who were seeking to revive Aughnacloy market.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the resurfacing work in Aughnacloy was being carried out by TransportNI and advised that he would seek reinstatement of the markings.

E68/16 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Signage: Cookstown Cemetery

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval to allow the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to erect signage at Cookstown Cemetery indicating that war graves are contained within the Cemetery.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission be permitted to erect 'Green Visitor Signs' at the entrances to Cookstown Cemetery.

E69/16 Regulatory Information and Management System (RIAMS)

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report seeking approval to access a regulatory information and management system (RIAMS) for the Environmental Health Service for Mid Ulster District Council for a three year period through RH Environmental.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to sign a three year licence agreement with RH Environmental Ltd to access the RIAMS System at a cost of £3,000 per year.

E70/16 Extension to Service Level Agreements relating to Health and Wellbeing Services

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought approval to extend interim Service Level Agreements.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to –

- Extend the Service Level Agreement with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council for the provision of Public Health funded services until 31 March 2017.
- Extend the Service Level Agreement with Mid and East Antrim Borough Council for the provision of Public Health funded Tobacco control work up until 31 March 2017 and provision of specialist Environmental Health support.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's question the Head of Environmental Health advised that the group system was no longer in existence and that staff from group had been absorbed into the new Councils.

Councillor S McGuigan asked if Council had made provision for the absorption of these staff.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the Service Level Agreements were not for the transfer of staff but to carry out the service of the Agreement.

E71/16 Street Trading Fees

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report regarding the review of fees for applications for Street Trading licences.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that fees for 2016/17 remain as follows -

- Stationary Trader - £205 (£135 refundable in event of licence not being issued)
- Mobile Trader - £205 (£135 refundable in event of licence not being issued)
- Temporary Trader - £55
- Variation of Licence - £70

Licences to trade at designated civic events will be charged at £25 per licence, this licence will last up to seven days.

E72/16 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster as follows –

- 1 Site off Loughview Road, Coalisland

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor Mullen and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name new development off Loughview Road, Coalisland as Pinebank Gardens.

- 2 Site off Main Street, Castledawson

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name new development off Main Street, Castledawson as Shanemullagh Court.

- 3 Site off Main Street, Bellaghy

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name new development off Main Street, Bellaghy as Poet's Lane.

E73/16 Approval of Premises for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report in relation to the approval of premises for Civil Marriages and/or Civil Partnerships.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council adopt the 'Guidance for the requirements and conditions for approved premises for Civil Marriages and/or Civil Partnerships.' A fee of £80 will also now be charged for the application of variation to place approval.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Head of Building Control advised that he would investigate and report back to the Councillor whether there is a charge for the Registrar to attend premises for Civil Marriages and/or Civil Partnerships.

Matters for Information

E74/16 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across Mid Ulster District Council.

E75/16 Building Control Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the workload analysis for Building Control across Mid Ulster District Council.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That items E76/16 – E89/16 be taken as confidential business.

E90/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.53 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 10 March 2016 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor Burton (7.13pm), In the Chair Councillors Clarke, Dillon, Elattar, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McNamee, Molloy, Monteith (7.20pm), C O'Neill, T Quinn, Reid, J Shiels, G Shiels and Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Brown, 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 McKeown, Head of Economic Development Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Other Members	Councillor Kearney & McFlynn (7.03pm)
Others in Attendance	Agenda Item 4: Portglenone Enterprise Centre Mr Damian Clarke - Manager Mr Norman Worthington - Chair Mr Kieran Adamson - Treasurer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D055/16 Apologies

The Director of Business and Communities welcomed Members to the meeting and as neither Chair nor Vice Chair was present sought a Chair.

Councillor McNamee proposed Councillor Dillon, Councillor Wilson stated that it was his understanding that the Chair should be from the DUP party. Councillor J Shiels proposed Councillor Forde.

Councillor Forde took the Chair.

Councillor McFlynn entered the meeting at 7.03pm

D056/16 Declaration of Interests

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

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Broughderg Development Asssocation

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Enterprise Centre.

D057/16 Chair's Business

The Director of Business and Communities drew Members attention to additional items of business which had been approved for consideration by the Chair, Councillor Burton.

- (I) Davagh Forest Dark Skies Project – Tender Award;
- (II) Neighbourhood Renewal: Annaghshee Play Park; and
- (III) British Telecom: removal of public payphone Donaghmore

Councillor Wilson requested that agenda item 34 – Seamus Heaney Centre Capital Works be considered in open business as opposed to confidential business. In response the Director of Business and Communities stated that his advice would be to consider the items where they have been placed in the agenda. Councillor Wilson stated that the Chair had the authority to re-order the agenda and sought the Chair's approval to move the item. Councillor J Shiels concurred stating that he too thought it was the Chair's discretion.

Councillor McNamee stated that the Chair had previously advised of other agenda changes and that agenda item 34 should remain in confidential business.

The Director of Business and Communities referred to standing orders and stated that there was no specific direction.

The Chair, Councillor Forde stated that she permitted the item to be considered in open business.

D058/16 Portglenone Enterprise Centre

The Chair, Councillor Forde welcomed representatives of Portglenone Enterprise Centre to the Committee. Mr Clarke delivered a presentation outlining the work of the organisation, the catchment area of which 50% was within Mid Ulster District, their premises of which Glenone was the most relevant to Council and their ongoing work and plans.

Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.13pm and resumed responsibility of Chair.

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.20pm

The Chair, Councillor Burton apologised for her late arrival, thanked the representatives for their presentation and invited Members questions.

Councillor J Shiels stated that he was familiar with the area, that the business park had an excellent location and that although it was on the periphery of the District asked what future plans the Enterprise Centre had which would impact on the Glenone centre and catchment area. The Councillor further stated that often areas

on the periphery are left out highlighting the example of Christmas Lights which the neighbouring Council had provided to the bridge which joins the two districts.

In response Mr Clarke stated that the Portglenone Enterprise Centre had many plans which would affect both Council areas. Mr Clarke highlighted in particular that although the Glenone site had one of the first skate board parks the area lacked a purpose built sports hall and that although the aim of the presentation was not to seek funding it was a specific area of need.

Councillor C O'Neill stated that she had attended an awards night hosted by the organisation and highlighted in particular the work of volunteers. The Councillor emphasised that both Councillor McPeake and herself were aware that the centre served people within the Mid Ulster District.

Councillor Dillon concurred with previous comments and stated that Officers needed to work with the Enterprise Centre Board and emphasised that no area nor community within the District should be neglected because it was situated on the periphery.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that Officers in relation to leisure and economic development would engage with Portglenone Enterprise Centre in the near future.

The representatives of Portglenone Enterprise Centre left the meeting at 7.25pm

D059/16 Receive and confirm Minutes of the Development Committee held on Thursday 10 February 2016

Councillor McNamee referred to item D032/16 and advised at the February meeting he had stated that he had not received compensation from at800 but confirmed that it had subsequently arrived.

Councillor Monteith referred to item D033/16 and emphasised the need for Council to engage with the Town Centre Forums to promote towns. In response the Director of Business and Communities advised that the Dungannon Regeneration Partnership was reviewing both their role and remit, that there was ongoing plans to reinvigorate the Cookstown Town Centre Forum and in Magherafelt Council had engaged with the Town Centre Forum/Chamber of Commerce to re-engage with them also about their future development plans. The Director emphasised that the engagement and work in the three town centres would not be identical as needs were different but assured Members that Council would endeavour to meet them.

Councillor Kearney left the meeting at 7.30pm

Councillor Reid stated he had been speaking to a trader in the Magherafelt area who expressed concerns regarding the situation of the temporary car park during public realm works.

The Chair, Councillor Burton stated that in the legacy Council, Fivemiletown traders were to link with businesses in Dungannon and requested that this be followed up as

many areas on the periphery of the district felt they were on the 'side-lines.' In response the Director of Business and Communities stated that Members within Dungannon Regeneration Partnership should raise this as there was opportunity for smaller towns and villages to benchmark with the larger towns. The Director also referred to retail plans in Pomeroy and stated that towns and villages working together marked progress.

The Chair, Councillor Burton referred to the success of Ballymena Christmas campaign 2015 and stated that Council needed to think outside the box. The Director of Business and Communities stated that the Ballymena 2015 campaign had went viral which clearly demonstrated the power of social media. The Director advised that the Head of Marketing and Communications together with the Head of Economic Development had recently met with Traders to discuss corporate identity and town brandings and further meetings were planned with Town DEA Councillors.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 10 February 2016 (D027/16 to D054/16 and D042/16 to D053/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

Matters for Decision

D060/16 Irish Language Implementation Plan

The Head of Culture & Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval from Council regarding the Irish Language Implementation Plan and referred to the first meeting of the Working Group held on 24 February. The Head of Culture & Arts sought approval for the recommendation detailed in the report. .

Councillor J Shiels sought clarity as to how the language detail would be incorporated on the website as languages appearing side by side may be a nightmare to read and suggested that a translation button may be a way forward. In response the Director of Culture & Leisure stated that it would take time to implement fully and pages with the highest 'hits' would be translated first. The Director further advised that in relation to flyers and forms being translated this would be progressed through the working group.

Councillor Reid stated that Council also had a duty of care for foreign nationals and asked if available translations would include some of these languages together with Ulster Scots. In response the Director of Culture and Leisure stated that the Ulster Scots policy was currently out for consultation and that there was differing legislation concerning both Ulster Scots and Irish Language. The Director further stated that Council had a duty of care for all citizens and that whilst the website would not be available in all languages at this time translation services would be utilised if required such as a telephone based translation service.

Councillor McNamee stated that he was Chair of the Irish Language implementation group and that although all parties had representation on the group only the Deputy

Chair of Council had represented the unionist parties at the previous meeting and that all queries should be raised through the group;

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the previously approved Irish Language Policy be implemented in accordance with the implementation plan presented at the meeting and aforementioned comments.

D061/16 Reservoirs Act (NI) 2015

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to update members of Council's role and responsibilities in relation to the Reservoir Act (NI) 2015.

Councillor Monteith requested that Ballysaggart Lough be included in the plans and suggested that a meeting of both Dungannon and Clogher Valley DEA Councillors be held to progress issues as some areas of the Lough had deteriorated. It was a good resource on the edge of an urban area which should be both utilised and integrated in the action plans.

Councillor G Shields left the meeting at 7.40pm

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council

- (i) to make adequate preparations to comply with the requirements of the Reservoirs Act and to work closely with River's Agency in line with the proposed time frame, and
- (ii) a meeting be organised for Dungannon and Clogher Valley DEA Councillors to progress an action plan for Ballysaggart Lough.

D062/16 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to update members on:

- Regional Start Initiative
- New Suite of Business Development Programmes
- Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)
- Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon
- Ann Street Development Site, Dungannon
- DSD Revitalise Scheme – Coalisland
- Local Women Magazine – Mid Ulster Business Awards/Summer Ball

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 7.45pm for discussion of 6.2 New Suite of Business Development Programmes and 6.3 ICBAN

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

With regard to approval sought in relation to Invest NI RSI Marketing Campaign, the Head of Economic Development advised that further correspondence had been received outlining the marketing campaign costs would be £22,232 for the period of April-July 2016 and indicated these are within budget.

With regard to the New Suite of Business Development Programmes the Head of Economic Development stated that individual quotations would be sought for each programme as each required different technical knowledge and skills.

Members noted the ICBAN 2015/16 report and the approval for the release of final payment of £5000. The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the High Speed Internet Infrastructure Solutions Study and advised that Members serving on the ICBAN Board had secured agreement for three areas within the district to be included in the study, as opposed to one area originally agreed. The Officer advised that the study would identify potential solutions for 'broadband not spots' should funding become available. The Officer suggested Maghera as one of the areas in need of broadband improvements as one end of the town was well served however, the other end had very poor provision and one key business had left Maghera recently as a direct result of this. The Officer further advised that previous broadband studies carried out by the legacy Councils in Cookstown and Dungannon in 2011/2012 highlighted Galbally and Sandholes as the top areas in each study earmarked for intervention due to poor broadband provision.

The Officer suggested that due diligence should be followed to explore if these areas area still in need of broadband improvements and recommended liaising with British Telecom and other telecoms providers to confirm if any improved coverage had resulted from the new fibred 'green boxes' which had been installed over the course of the last year, and subject to a remaining need being identified, that Maghera, Galbally and Sandholes selected for inclusion in the ICBAN High Speed Internet Access Study.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at 7.50pm

Councillor Dillon advised that she had met with a former telecom representative who had advised there could be other solutions and that she would be willing to host a meeting with economic development staff and the representative. The Councillor further advised that there may have been some improvement in the Galbally area, but would await the Officers exploring the current broadband provision.

The Chair, Councillor Burton stated that there was very poor broadband and mobile phone coverage along the A4 route and this was regularly highlighted by businesses who had representatives travelling the route between Dungannon and Fivemiletown.

Councillor G Shiels returned to the meeting at 7.54pm

Councillor Reid advised that he had recently had broadband installed in his home and he was aware that a new 'green box' had been added in the area but that he was fully aware that Sandholes had a very poor reception for both internet and mobile phone connections. The Head of Economic Development stated that in recommending areas for consideration Council Officers would consider those areas having the highest number of respondents for the earlier broadband studies carried out by the former Councils and if these areas had been improved in terms of broadband connectivity, then the next highest ranked region in terms of respondents would be considered.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to initially select Galbally, Sandholes and Maghera for inclusion in the ICBAN High Speed Internet Access Study but if broadband telecom statistics had improved, the next highest region, in terms of respondent numbers, be the survey, the next ranked area 'not spots' in the area be included..

Councillor Clarke stated that British Telecom is very reticent at providing details of their plan of work and emphasised that Council would need clarification not just to if areas had 'green boxes' but if there was a plan to enable them.

Councillor Wilson stated that he was aware of one 'green box' in Cookstown which was recently fibre enabled but it was not directly connected to the local exchange and emphasised that whilst British Telecom had received funding from DETI to provide 'fibre connected green boxes' in many cases local customers wanting to avail of such services could not connect to them.

Councillor McAleer stated that within her area she had received complaints that some people had signed up with British Telecom in the expectation of getting faster broadband speeds due to the green box rollout, however, this was not always possible and connectivity problems prevail in many parts of Mid Ulster.

The Head of Economic Development advised that items 6.4 to 6.6 of the report were to note for information.

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to item 6.7 of the report and sought approval for Council to sponsor Local Women Magazine's Business Awards - Silver Award Category 'Women of the Year' at a cost of £500 plus VAT.

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Mid Ulster District Council sponsor an award with Local Women Magazine within the Silver Award Category 'Women of the Year' at a cost of £500 plus VAT.

Councillor Monteith referred back to items 6.1 Regional Start Initiative and New Business Start Programme and 6.2 New Suite of Business Development Programmes and stated that before seeking quotes for work, Council must ensure it emphasises in its term of reference that impartial advice must be provided to programme participants to demonstrate all opportunities available for renting workspace, including town centres.

Councillor Wilson stated that he had left the room whilst items 6.1 and 6.2 were being discussed as he had declared an interest in possible providers.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

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

(1) Regional Start Initiative and New Business Start Programme

- (i) Note progress on the Regional Start Initiative Programme
- (ii) Accept NI's offer to continue to manage the delivery of the Regional Start Initiative Contract via a Service Level Agreement with Council from 1 April 2016 to October 2016 and commit up to £22,232 circa towards the RSI Marketing Campaign from April – July 2016.

(2) New Suite of Business Development Programmes

Procure through individual quotation exercises suitably qualified organisations to deliver each of the following business development programmes estimated to cost up to £110,000 (excluding Vat). The funding for these programmes has been included in Council's economic development programme for 2016/17.

- Social Enterprise Programme
- Advance Business Development Programme
- Tender Programme
- Mid Ulster Online Programme

(3) ICBAN

- (i) Note receipt of ICBAN's 2015/16 report and approve the release of the second and final 50% payment of £5,000 to ICBAN.
- (ii) Note progress on ICBAN's High Speed Internet Infrastructure Solutions Study; and approve the selection of Maghera, Sandholes and Galbally as potential pilot regions to include in the ICBAN Report based on evidence collected from previous broadband studies carried out by the legacy Councils. If however, after investigation it is found that any of these areas have already attained an improved broadband service, then the next highest region as identified within the Council report would be selected and investigated accordingly.

(4) Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon

Note progress to date.

(5) Ann Street Development Site, Dungannon

Note progress to date.

(6) DSD Revitalise Scheme – Coalisland

Note progress to date.

Councillor Reid declared an interest in Blackwater Regional Partnership

D063/16 Contribution to Blackwater Regional Partnership

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for:

- (i) Annual contribution to the Blackwater Regional Partnership of £19,600 for the 2016/17 financial year
- (ii) Expenditure towards a Strategic Review of Blackwater Regional Partnership

Proposed by Councillor Dillon

Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

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

- (i) Providing a financial contribution of £19,600 towards the Blackwater Regional Partnership for the financial year 2016/17 from Council's economic development budget.
- (ii) Allocating £5,000 (excluding Vat and including expenses) from the Blackwater Regional Partnership (BRP) budget to commission professional support to develop a Strategic Framework for the BRP region.

D064/16 Balmoral Show 2016

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Council approval to promote Seamus Heaney, Hill of the O'Neill story and Mid Ulster Council tourism product at Balmoral Show 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council to approve attendance, promotion and increase awareness of Mid Ulster tourism at the largest consumer show in Northern Ireland to over 70,000 potential visitors. Cost £2k

D065/16 Good Relations Working Group Report – 24 February 2016

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the meeting report of the Good Relations Working Group held on Wednesday 25 November 2015.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Working Group Report.

D066/16 Dungannon Motor Club Targa Rally Event

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Council approval to host Dungannon Motor Club Event in Windmill Wood, Dungannon. In response to Members questions the Officer advised that it was low level speed with a 30mph maximum speed thus noise levels would be minimum and that the event would be marshalled by both trained representatives from Dungannon Motor Club and Council staff. The Officer further advised that residents would not receive a mail drop but that the event would be advertised at the location.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to support the event and stage the Targa Rally in Windmill Wood as part of the Parks events Programme.

D067/16 Cookstown Community Allotments Proposal

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to create two Community Garden/Allotment amenities in existing town centre park locations.

Councillor McNamee stated that he was involved in Cookstown community allotments and was in total agreement of allotment provision, however he asked if the request for the allotments had come from residents within the stipulated areas as consultation was key. The Councillor also stated that at Killymoon there is a playpark, football pitch and part of the area was used as a bonfire site and without resident 'buy in' there could be problems.

Councillor Molloy concurred and stated Council has a lot of property and is paying for its upkeep and if people would invest in the allotment scheme and grow food on it would be brilliant.

Councillor Wilson stated that he supported the concept but stated that there may be potential problems at the Killymoon site, he stated that the grass area was the only 'kickabout' area and was also the site of the annual bonfire. Councillor Wilson asked if Council owned the land or if it belonged to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and stressed if its use was to be changed a space for the annual bonfire would need to be created. In response the Head of Parks stated that Council did have tenure of the land.

Councillor T Quinn stressed the importance of carrying out a survey to see if residents welcomed the concept but thought the annual bonfire issue may cause problems but if agreement could be reached it would be brilliant.

The Head of Parks stated that residents from across Cookstown asked for allotment space and the sites were selected based on size, accessibility and Council ownership. The Officer concurred that consultation and co-operation would be key to the success of the scheme and stated that allotments and the concept of growing your own food was becoming increasingly more popular.

Councillor Reid stated that the allotments at Nunnery Hill, Donaghmore and Ballygawley had been successful and concurred with Councillor Molloy that it was better for people to grow food than Council to grow grass. The Councillor emphasised that consultation was key especially at the sites close to residential areas and also stated that they may require to be fenced off to prevent problems of dog fouling.

The Head of Parks advised that one of the key ideas of developing allotments was that you did not need access to a car and whilst other sites could be chosen it would disadvantage people who did not have access to transport.

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to developing proposals for community garden/allotments at the selected locations, Killymoon Park and Coolnafranky Park.

D068/16 Railway Park Proposals

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask for Members consideration on the draft action plan proposals in relation to suggested development opportunities and maintenance resource scheduling for Railway Park, Dungannon.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 8.13pm

The Head of Parks outlined proposals for the park as undernoted:

Eastern Area

- Upgrade formal garden area;
- Upgrade main entrance and vehicular access locations;
- Resurface path upgrade lighting;
- Carpark remark parking bays. .

Councillor McAleer returned to the meeting at 8.16pm

Central Area

- Play park extension;
- Close pedestrian access remove path and landscape;

- Erect boundary fence approximately 90m; and
- Upgrade existing play park

Western Area

- Greenspace project and Wetland meadows (area currently under purchase);
- Re-work pedestrian entrance in conjunction with local supermarket;
- BMX track fitness equipment and station

Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 8.18pm and returned to the public gallery at 8.20pm

The Head of Parks sought approval for proposals outlined together with the maintenance plan detailed in the report.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to progress with proposals as presented in draft development plan.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the proposed plans but stated that the Dungannon Town Councillors had met six weeks ago at which time a 'walk-around' the Earls Project site had been discussed but had not happened. The Councillor also stressed that the Earls Project, although invitations had been sent for its launch was not finished, he stated that there was no lights and there was no litter bins thus rubbish was accumulating. Councillor Monteith reminded Officers that there had been a lot of good will worked out with residents which had taken time and effort and that these same residents had been let down by Council as concerns they had expressed such as dark areas being gathering points had been allowed to happen. Councillor Monteith stated that he expected the aforementioned 'walk-around' to happen week commencing 14 March and was emphatic that he would not attend an official launch for an uncompleted project.

The Director of Culture and Leisure stated that the meeting requested would be organised. The Head of Community Development stated that an officer meeting had also been organised to agree a schedule to complete the works as it had to be completed to meet funder deadlines. With regard to the issue of flooding at an area of the site this had been an unforeseen problem and had caused setbacks. With regards to lighting the Officer further stated that the lights had now been erected and NIE had to switch them on.

Councillor Monteith stated that litter bins were currently being removed in the town centre and asked if they could be relocated as it was ludicrous that walkways had been established with no litter bin provision. The Head of Community Development stated that a full 'clean-up' was planned to take place before the launch.

The Head of Parks stated that those bins which were still 'fit for purpose' could be relocated. He stressed that an action programme for maintenance would now be in place.

Councillor Elattar left the meeting at 8.25pm

Councillor Monteith stated that within the Earls Project budget to employ staff had been allocated and it should have been actioned to have someone in place from 1 April 2016. The Head of Parks emphasised that the area which covered some 7km would be covered by existing staff until the recruitment process was completed. Councillor Monteith stated that this was not a new challenge it had been planned, the Councillor emphasised that both Officers and Members needed to group together and get all issues sorted out and make the Earls Project into the fantastic resource intended. In response the Director of Culture and Leisure stated that a meeting would take place as requested. Councillor Dillon requested that the meeting be open to all Members. Councillor Reid concurred with Councillor Monteith and stated that it was hypocrisy to launch a project which was not complete. The Councillor also referred to promises of meetings which had not yet occurred.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a meeting of Members and Officers in relation to the Earls Project take place as a matter of urgency.

D069/16 Tariff Amendments 2016-17

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask for consideration to adopt amendments to current tariff structure for 2016-17.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to introduce the amendments to 2016-17 tariffs as detailed in the report.

D070/16 Recommended Sportsperson/Team Representative/Sports Club Competitive Grant allocations (Rolling Programme).

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to agree the recommendations for successful grant applications.

D071/16 Irish Language Action Plan Update

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on the implementation of the 2015/16 Irish Language schools project and to seek approval to develop and expand the schools project from within existing allocated resources. In response to question posed by the Chair Councillor Burton the Officer advised that there were some areas of underspend.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the underspend of £5k in the programme be reallocated from within the Irish Language programme budget to the schools project based on the overwhelming response received to date from the schools.

D072/16 Harmonisation of Current Charges and Hire Fees of Council Culture and Arts Facilities and Establishment of New Pricing Structure of New Hill of O'Neill Events Space

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider and recommend to Council:

- (i) Proposed harmonised charges and hire fees for use of Culture & Arts facilities throughout the Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) area, ensuring an equitable and comparable cost to users across the Culture and Arts service offering within Mid Ulster.
- (ii) Proposed costings for hire of new Hill of O'Neill event space

In response to the Chair Councillor Burton's question the Head of Culture and Arts advised that as the Burnavon was the most established venue the pricing principles had been used as a benchmark highlighting that the studio space at the Burnavon and the Tower Room at Ranfurly were similar.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that:

- 1) The new pricing structure and hire charges detailed in Appendix 2 of e report be adopted
- 2) The proposed costings for hire of new Hill of O'Neill events space be adopted and reviewed after 12 month period
- 3) New pricing should apply to any new bookings of facilities taken from 1 April 2016 onwards

D073/16 Community Development Section Update and Approvals

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

- i) Update on progress relating to the Community Development Section; and
- ii) Agree the Good Relations Action Plan for submission for part funding to OFMDFM

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to note the progress reports in relation to Community Development Section and agree the Good Relations Action Plan 2016-2017 for submission formally to OFMDFM.

D074/16 Bellaghy Village Regeneration

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to request funding to carry out improvement works in Bellaghy Village prior to the opening of the Heaney Centre in the autumn.

Councillor C O'Neill proposed the works outlined but stated that her only issue with the planned works was money going towards derelict buildings and stated that owners should be made to take responsibility for their properties. The Councillor advised Members together with MLA's had lobbied regarding the issue.

Councillor Wilson seconding the proposal stated that any improvement in Bellaghy would be a bonus but added that shopkeepers should also have to contribute. The Councillor also stated that he had a major issue with Council stepping in to provide improvements to mobile coverage as many areas current have insufficient coverage and Council was not stepping in to provide solutions in those areas. Councillor Wilson stressed he was happy to agree to the Environmental Improvement works but not the mobile phone coverage scheme.

Councillor Molloy asked if Roads Service was coming on board to improve road issues. The Head of Economic Development stated that they would be invited to meetings.

Councillor Forde also expressed concern about the £20,000 earmarked for mobile telephone coverage and asked if this could be provided through Rural Development Programme Broadband Measure.

Councillor Dillon stated that Bellaghy in receiving this assistance from Council removed themselves from being able to apply to the Village Regeneration Measure of the Rural Development Programme and as such would provide opportunities for other villages to benefit within Mid Ulster. The Councillor stressed that she understood the concerns expressed about mobile phone coverage as other villages such as Stewartstown, Coagh, Tullyhogue all suffered from lack of mobile coverage however, Councillor Dillon stated that with the creation of the Heaney Centre, the village did need communication to support the whole venture and Council would want visitors to use their mobile devices to communicate and encourage others to visit the Heaney Centre and surrounding area.

Councillor C O'Neill concurred with Councillor Molloy's comments with regards to Roads Service as there was some sections of the footpaths that elderly residents could not walk on.

Councillor Dillon stated that she would second the proposal.

Councillor Wilson stated whilst he concurred with comments about Roads Service it would only be worthwhile to have them there if they had something to offer. The Councillor further stated whilst he agreed with Councillor Dillon that mobile coverage was very much required it should not be Council money delivering it.

Councillor Dillon left the meeting at 8.50pm

The Director of Business and Communities stated that the environmental proposal works had been discussed at the Party Leaders Group meeting in February 2016 and stressed that there was a timing issue as the centre was scheduled be completed at the end of June and open in September 2016 and the village was in need of some immediate improvement works. The Director stated that if Council waited to secure Rural Development Funding it may be autumn before an application could be made and there was no guarantee of success, he also advised that the first two measures were in connection with business support. With regard to rural broadband the Director advised that the LAG would consider when to make the call for broadband support.

The Director stressed that timing was a major issue and the improvements was needed now to complement the multi-million pound facility. The Director further advised that the £20k for communications was to allow room to develop communication between the centre, the village and the grave site and at this stage it was unclear if there was a solution to the problem.

Councillor Dillon returned to the meeting at 8.52pm

Councillor Reid stated that his understanding of the mobile communications was that when Officers had approached consultants they had been told that companies would not pay out the money required to put in place signals when there was so few people. The Head of Economic Development advised that previously Council officers had approached Arqiva, who were delivering a Mobile Infrastructure Project on behalf of the UK's Department of Culture, Media and Sport, the purpose of which was to bring improved mobile phone connectivity to a number of agreed locations in NI, including Mid Ulster. Council officers sought clarification from Arqiva upon whether they could either extend this project to consider Bellaghy village, but were advised this was not possible as their core business does not focus on finding mobile infrastructure solutions.

Councillor Wilson stated that he found it incredible that this high tech building would not attract one of the larger providers to avail of the opportunity and requested that his objection to Council supplying mobile coverage be recorded.

The Chair Councillor Burton stated that other villages would want the same opportunities stating that 'Carleton Country' could have a similar argument.

Proposed by Councillor C O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

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

- a) Design and cost a programme of environmental improvement works for Bellaghy Village, totalling £100,000 and seek appropriate quotations/tenders to deliver all aspects of the scheme by Autumn 2016.

- b) Undertake a project with a view to bringing a mobile phone connectivity solution to Bellaghy village, seeking appropriate quotations to deliver the scheme, costing a maximum of £20,000 by Autumn 2016.

D075/16 Service Level Agreements

The Director of Culture and Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to discuss future arrangements for Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and legacy arrangements for 2016/17.

Councillor Dillon stated that the targets and outcomes are of utmost importance and stressed that application forms should be clear and concise as groups may be providing an excellent service on the ground but are not competent at form filling whilst another group may have the ability to complete an excellent application but the delivery on the ground may be lacking.

Councillor Molloy stated that changes to SLAs petrified groups and asked if they would lose out and stressed the need for discussion with regard to delivery would be required.

The Director of Culture and Leisure stated that in order to ensure equality and fairness across the district change needed to be implemented and advised that the issue had been discussed at the Party Group meeting and there would be winners and losers. The Director emphasised that Council needed to have procedures and processes that they could stand over and assured Members that groups had been advised of impending changes six months previous and acknowledged that sports SLAs may be an area of change. The Director reminded Members that there was not sufficient budget to fund all to the same level as some groups had been funded in the past.

In response to Councillor Monteith's question regarding future proposed sports support programmes, the Director of Culture and Leisure advised that with one area of funding the groups deliver whilst the second area of funding Council deliver. Councillor Monteith stated that it may work better for example Council provided first aid training courses for all clubs to buy into whilst upskilling coaches many governing bodies do this themselves highlighting the GAA as an example. The Director stated that this could be considered.

Councillor Monteith proposed to investigate issues regarding the delivery of sports coaching development grant and the sports development grant.

Councillor Wilson commended the Director of Culture and Leisure on the report stating that it was an excellent piece of work.

Councillor C O'Neill left at 9.03pm

The Director of Culture and Leisure confirmed that Members wanted Officers to investigate Council delivering first aid training, child protection and clubs themselves receiving grants for upskilling up to for example a maximum of £750.

In response to Councillor McNamee's query the Director of Culture and Leisure advised that the GAA in Derry employed the promotion officer whilst Council were the employers for the officer in Tyrone and both were funded to 31 March 2016 by GAA and Council. The Director further advised that funding could be retrospective and that it was hoped to have the application process in place as soon as possible.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 9.05pm

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that recommendations regarding the future approach with SLAs be approved as undernoted:

- Council continue the SLAs with Battery Harbour Management, Washingbay Wetlands Park, Pomeroy Forest Park, Ballyronan Marina, Killucan Picnic area and toilet block, Broughderg Area Development Association – Davagh Forest MBT. The agreements to include specific, measureable requirements that detail the performance standards required. The value of the SLA can be reviewed to reflect inflation and any additional services required by Council at a future date;
- Develop an annual strategic Arts and Culture Support programme whereby Arts organisations can apply to receive core funding for up to £20,000 from Council to deliver a range of arts and culture programmes in line with Council priorities. Funding would be awarded to cover the period from 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017. Awards to be made on specific, measureable requirements that detail the performance standards required.
- The support programme is likely to have certain requirements e.g. audience development that will have to be met to avail of any match funding that Council will obtain. This development support would be provided as part of the programme by for example Audiences NI.
- The available budget for the programme to total £145,000 which includes funding support to culture and arts organisations as well as any required development support (also includes £50,000 of match funding yet to be obtained).
- As with the grants programmes in 2015/16, Arts applicants who currently have SLAs would be guaranteed a minimum of 70% of the funding received in 2016/17. This will be subject to existing supported organisations making an application that meets the necessary eligibility and quality requirements.
- Dungannon Borough Arts Forum and the Dungannon Arts and Disability Stakeholders Group funding continue to be included within the overall Council delivered Culture and Arts programme
- Continue the SLAs with Fivemiletown College Youth Annex at an amount of £50,000. It is also recommended that the agreement include specific, measureable requirements that detail the performance standards required.

- Rectify the anomaly regarding the lease arrangements (£10,000) with Backrow, Draperstown so there is no cost to the operator.
- Withdraw from the Southern Sports Partnership.
- Continue to participate in the Northern Partnership for Physical Activity with a budget of £3,000.
- Do not continue the SLAs with the Royal School Dungannon, Dungannon United Youth, Garvaghey Centre SLA (Tyrone GAA), Country Tyrone Milk Cup, Rainey Old Boys RFC, Tyrone GAA and Derry County Board.
- Develop an annual strategic coaching grants programme whereby sporting governing bodies can apply to obtain part funding (up to 50%) of a sports coaching officer in the Mid Ulster area. The grants programme would also part fund (up to 50% of time spent) on a pro-rata basis sports coaching officers employed by governing bodies who undertake activities in Mid Ulster on a part-time basis. The available budget for the programme is £50,000.
- Council develop and deliver a sports coaching development grant that aims to upskill volunteers in local sports clubs in the areas e.g. first aid, child protection, defibrillators (value of £15,000).
- Council develop and deliver a sports development grant (up to £750) that aims to upskill coaches in local sports clubs (value of £15,000). This would supplement the small grants programme Council already has with awards up to £500 to train new coaches (in a recognised and relevant coaching qualification) or organise 'come try it/participation type events' or promote their club and activities and seek to develop these to increase participation. This fund is under subscribed in 2015/16.
- Procure professional support as per Council's procurement policy to develop the necessary policies and strategies for the development of parks and open spaces..

Councillor C O'Neill returned to the meeting at 9.07pm

Change of Order of Business

Councillor Wilson referred to his request under Chair's business to consider agenda item 34 in open business and stated that he was withdrawing the request following discussion with the Chief Executive. The Chair, Councillor Burton agreed.

Matters for Information

D076/16 Leisure Services Progress Report

The Head of Leisure drew attention to 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.

The Head of Leisure advised that there had been an incident the previous day at Meadowbank Swimming pool when a pane of glass had fell from the viewing gallery onto the floor below and the pool itself. The Officer advised that the glass had

landed in a constricted place and that no one had been injured. The Officer stated that as the pool was only open just over three years that the original consultant and contractors had been contacted; the pool had been closed and would not be open until assurance could be given that none of the other glass panes would fall; and that guidance was being sought. The Officer further advised that the issue as to why the glass fell would be investigated and independent advice sought from the Glass Federation.

In response to question from the Chair Councillor Burton as to whether the glass shattered the Head of Leisure advised that a female attendant had heard a crack and at that the glass shattered and fell and whilst there was people in the pool they were further down the pool. The Officer also advised that whilst there was some CCTV coverage you could not see what happened. The Chair also asked if the pool had to be drained to which the Officer advised it was currently being vacuumed and guidance at this stage would imply the pool did not need to be emptied but if this process was required it could take up to two weeks. The Officer also stated that advice and guidance was ongoing.

In response to Councillor McEldowney's query with regard to the safety glass and previous issues in the Magherafelt area about providers the Head of Leisure stated that Council was following guidelines and had to await consultants response.

Councillor Dillion asked if the Health and Safety Executive was involved and the Head of Leisure advised the Health and Safety Officer was handling this.

Councillor McAleer asked if other leisure centres had similar viewing galleries, the Head of Leisure advised that he was not involved with the centre when works had been carried out but stated that Health and Safety Officer would advise on all issues. The Head of Leisure clarified that the incident had happened at 7.30pm on 9 March.

The Chair, Councillor Burton stated that a report should be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that

- (i) Members note the report on Leisure Services Progress; and
- (ii) Report be presented to April committee regarding incident at Leisure Centre.

D077/16 Parks Service Progress Report

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to update members on progress to date on Lough Fea, Ballyronan Marina, Dredge Bridge – Caledon, Dunamore Riverside Walk, Glencull Public Path, Ballygawley, Killymerron Park, Dungannon and Lisnamuck Public Path Inquiry.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the report on Parks Service Progress.

D078/16 Culture and Arts Progress Report

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to 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 month of February. Also to identify events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that will be occurring in the future.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the report on Culture and Arts Progress.

D079/16 Corporate Strategic Events

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Members of the programmed strategic events planned for the next 12 months and recommendations to improve their delivery.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the report on Corporate Strategic Events.

D080/16 Easter Events

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Members of the proposed Easter Events planned for the five towns.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members notes the report on Easter Events.

D081/16 Tourism Business Engagement Event

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on the Tourism Business Engagement Event held in Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown on Tuesday 23 February 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the report on Tourism Business Engagement Event and that the Council Business Engagement Officer organise this annually for tourism

businesses. Familiarisation trips for businesses are included in the tourism workstreams and would be hosted throughout the year in partnership with Tourism NI.

D082/16 Networked Visitor Information Centre at Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House Visitor Centre

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report on the repositioning of a Visitor Information Centre into Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre to Tourism NI standards.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon

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

- (i) Commencement of works immediately in preparation for the tourism season
- (ii) Ensuring all businesses in the Dungannon Town are aware that the Centre has increased the Tourism/Visitor Information offering.

D083/16 Staff Hard Hat Familiarisation Trip to the Seamus Heaney Centre and Surrounding Area

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to educate and inform the Council Staff on the Seamus Heaney product and its potential for the Mid Ulster area.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Dillon

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the report on Staff Hard Hat Familiarisation Trip to the Seamus Heaney Centre and surrounding area.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved: That items (D084/16 to D091/16) be taken as confidential business.

D089/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.10 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Subject Conferences & Seminars - March 2016

Reporting Officer P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

Contact Officer E Forde, Member Support Officer

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.

2	Background
2.1	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
2.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance
2.1.1	<i>AOIFE Conference (Association of Irish Festivals and Events)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 1 & Saturday 2 April 2016 at Ballinasloe, Galway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events Officer to attend
2.1.2	<i>Awarding Public Contracts Lawfully and Skilfully within NI's Procurement Rules</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 1 May 2016 at Hilton Waterfront, Belfast (10.00am – 4.30pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council Solicitor to attend ○ Principal Procurement and Insurance Officer to attend
2.1.3	<i>Housing in NI: meeting market demand and reforming social housing sector</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 14 September 2016 Central Belfast (8.30am – 1.00pm)

3	Key Issues
3.1	N/A

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>
4.1.1	AOIFE Conference The annual Membership fee of €200 (approximately £155) includes the conference fee. Also accommodation costs are €158 (approximately £122) for 2 nights.
4.1.2	Awarding Public Contracts Lawfully and Skilfully within NI's Procurement Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £169 +VAT per person
4.1.3	Housing in NI: meeting market demand and reforming the social housing sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £210 + VAT per person

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Costs associated will be set against 15-16 member Conference and Seminar allocations.

6	Recommendations
6.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details

AOIFE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2016

Conference Date: April 1st & 2nd, 2016

The Conference programme is currently being crafted

For a taster of what to expect from this year's conference, see last year's programme below

Friday – Festivals and Events Driving Local Economies

Saturday – New Tools for New Times – Money, Marketing and Management.

1-to-1 Professional Advice Clinics

One -to- One professional clinics will be available over the two days of conference. They are 20 minutes long. Pre-booking is essential and can be booked at registration desk.

Clinics are available in the following areas:

- Tax and legal issues
- Sponsorship & commercial revenue
- Facebook/Twitter clinic for beginners
- Advanced Integrated Social Marketing
- Marketing & PR
- Street performance programming
- Health & safety
- Volunteering

Friday

9.30-a.m. *Registration Opens*

10:15-10.30 Welcomes

10.30 – 11:15 Dr. Patrick Collins, Director of Whitaker Institute NUI Galway, Co – author of The Creative Edge Policy Tool Kit “Supporting the Development of the Creative Economy – policy prompts for Festival and Events”.

Patrick Collins is an economic geographer that has published in areas of regional development, the Information Society, and the impact of telecommunications provision. More recently in he has turned his attention to the development of the Irish economy within a global framework. This has involved focusing on multinational companies operating out of Ireland, and the place of Irish affiliates within their respective networks of global production. Alongside this work, Patrick has investigated the economic contribution of Creative and Cultural industries to Galway and the West of Ireland more generally.

11:15-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:30 **‘The Hospitality Trade and Festivals & Events Delivering Growth’**

Representatives from the Restaurateurs, Hotels, Publicans and the Tour Operators discuss noticeable trends in the past season and look at emerging consumer / attendee behaviour patterns that will impact on how we produce, market and measure our impact on growth.

12.30 – 13.30 **“Begging From Brussels – many avenues of approach for the Festival and Event sector: NOT just culture.”**

Geoffrey Brown is a renowned consultant providing European and international advisory and information services, especially regarding funding to enable arts & culture organisations to undertake trans-national projects. He is Director of EUCLID which founded in 1993. Geoffrey provides a range of advice & guidance to applicants to EU funding programmes – including briefings & seminars, online materials & resources, and direct consultancy. EUCLID regularly organises conferences and seminars on European and international topics across the UK, and also in Europe – he has recently undertaken seminars in Belgrade, Copenhagen, Bucharest and Genoa and specialises in successful EU funding bids.

13:30 **Lunch sponsored by O Driscoll O’ Neill Insurances**

14:00-14:25 **Speed Dating – Growing Your Peer Network**

Geoffrey Kane, Director with the Wicklow Arts Festival, will facilitate this session, targeted for conference newcomers who wish to practice their ‘elevator four minute presentation’ and meet some new fellow practitioners.

14:30 **Workshop Sessions**

a) Commercial Revenues

Finding More Money in Challenging Times.

1. b) Communications for Your Event

For busy festival producers – getting your message out in a crowded media market place.

1. c) Volunteering

Where can we find more & how we can keep the few loyal ones we have?

15:30 **Festivals and Cultural Events, Season 2014 – Sector Snapshot**

Presented by Colm Croffy, Executive Director at AOIFE.

15:45 Challenges, Wins, Successful Partnerships with Events and economy...

A series of personal reflections from some of Ireland's & European significant festival and event producers on their career engagement with the economic elements to the sector.

Moderated panel-discussion chaired by Miriam Dunne, Freelance Festival and Events Producer. With over 20 years of involvement in the festival and events sector, Miriam Dunne can be considered an expert in the field. As Programme Director with Spraoi in Waterford for almost two decades Miriam has clocked up many miles of experience both at home and abroad. She has also played a very active part at executive level for the Waterford Tallships Festival, Dublin Docklands Festival, and most recently the Waterford Festival of Architecture and Winterval, the inaugural Christmas Festival in Waterford last year.

16:30 Tea/ Coffee

16:40 Festivals and Events – Re – juvinating villages, neighbourhoods, streets, towns and Cities.

Presentation and Panel discussion on the hoary chestnut of economic impact studies and the reality of working with retailers, business people, officials and some local authorities in the current climate.

17:30 Festivals and Events – Assisting Rural Recovery

Minister For Rural Affairs Ann Phelan T.D.

The CEDRA report published this summer has re – awoken the need for Government and Policymakers to review with some urgency the advancing decline of rural villages and towns. Festivals and Events have a key role to play in underpinning some of this. Recently appointed Minister for Rural Affairs will share some key insights into emerging policy and actions in this area.

18:15 Welcome Reception hosted by the Mayor of Galway

20:45 Dine Around (delegates can dine uptown or at the hotel at their own leisure) –Speaker Supper in Hotel available with supplement.

22:30 Showcase in Hotel Bar Music sing – song in Marina Bar till late.

Saturday

9.15 a.m Registration Desk Opens (One to One Clinics Commence)

9:30 a.m Opening Remarks and Review of Day One, Chair Jan Rotte

9:45 a.m Constructing and Driving A Successful Social Media Campaign for Your Festival / Event –

Rebecca Kemp Festival Co – ordinator with Rose of Tralee International Festival will explain how over a couple of seasons the Rose has expanded it's digital footprint to engage with the next generation of participants and visitors.

10:30 a.m Geoffrey Brown – Making Successful Funding Bids – 10 Top Tips

Euclid Founder and Director with a career of dealing and supporting complex European grant aid applications will give a quick rundown on the Dos and Don'ts with engaging with FUNDERS .

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:15 Workshop Sessions

1. a) The Visitors' Profile – Who is Coming to Our Events and Why?

How do you compile data, track visitor numbers; what do you bench mark them against? Find out how you can track and map simply and effectively and see how you could work to your advantage.

1. b) Sponsorship Pointers –

Sponsors are harder to find, tougher to contract and trickier to keep – what are the new trends and work arounds for hassled Festival and Event organisers in the current environment.

1. c) Press Releases and Copy Writing

Increase the chances of your press release standing out from the crowd and getting noticed focusing on the writing techniques required to compose a great media release.

d) Social Media – The Shortlisted Few

Let's meet and view what this year's Festival and Event Short listed for Best Social Media campaign were up to and how it drove attendance and reach for their stakeholders and programmes.

1. e) Lifestyle

Everyone is fried! Finding greater life balance through time management: How can we translate the time lines, deadlines and production strategies into a successful blueprint to add more personal time and balance into our lives? Focusing on tactics that yield the greatest returns; planning versus reacting; procrastination roadblocks and achieving the elusive 'balance'; are examples of the tips to be covered.

12:15-13:00 AOIFE Extraordinary General Meeting

For Members Only

12:15-13:00 Social Media – The Shortlisted Few

Let's meet and view what this year's Festival and Event Short listed for Best Social Media campaign were up to and how it drove attendance and reach for their stakeholders and programmes.

13:00-14:00 Lunch & Best of Marketing Awards

Enjoy meeting your Festival and Event Colleagues and finding out who has got the gongs in this years.

14:15-15.15 A.O.I.F.E Annual General Meeting – ALL Welcome

The Association and the sector face new challenges and competing priorities – let's see if we can learn how our festival and events community can help each other by continuing to build one of the strongest and significant sectors in Europe.

Includes a 20 minute Overview Briefing on Funding Outlook for 2015 – North and South

15.15-16.00 Volunteering For Events – A New Approach

Stuart Garland Training and Programmes Manager for Volunteer Ireland details a new exciting project which is all about finding new volunteers for a range of events , training them and having them come back for more!

16.00-16:15 Tea & Coffee

16:15-17.00 Low Friends in High Places – the legacy of Garth and what new changes to Licensing Regulations could impact on the sector.

The debacle of Dublin being ridiculed with this summer 's "Bay of Gigs "and the real meaning of "subject to licence" brought into sharp focus just what these regulations do or indeed don't provide for . A Panel discussion of leading experts Chaired by Mark Breen MD of Cuckoo Productions will examine what should be on the shopping list for change.

Awarding Public Contracts Lawfully and Skilfully within NI's Procurement Rules",

Hilton Waterfront, 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

Tuesday, 10th May 2016

This is the strongest conference on public procurement to be held yet; building on your knowledge, this year's innovative NI conference adopts a totally new focus.

Listen to clear-sighted, tangible and solution-driven answers to 14 thorny questions.

These answers come directly from 10 of the Europe's best-rated public procurement practitioners: all with live, authentic and transferable experience to share.

The conference is taking place in Belfast on Tuesday, 10th May 2016: "Awarding Public Contracts Lawfully and Skilfully within NI's Procurement Rules", at the Hilton Waterfront, 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

Of the 14 thorny questions to be answered at the upcoming conference, here are 7 (plus speakers - all speaker quotes are taken from Chambers Directory, Who's Who Legal and Legal 500):

**** Contract Changes:** What are the "magic words" and review mechanisms which generalise and extend your options when it comes to making changes mid-contract?

Answered by: Nigel Giffin QC, who is "outstandingly good for procurement - a total class act and a brilliant advocate".

**** Exclusion:** What is a tangible methodology for excluding a bidder for significant or persistent deficiencies? What evidence, beyond criminal convictions, can you rely upon?

Answered by: Mary Dunne of Maples and Calder, who is an expert adviser on procurement to the European Commission and OECD.

**** Lawful Negotiation:** Using real-life examples, how do you create a golden opportunity for lawful negotiation following a final tender in the case of the new competitive procedure with negotiation?

Answered by: Stuart Cairns of Pinsent Masons, who is one of two external members of the Procurement Board for NI.

**** Social Value:** How do you build social value into the procurement process and carry out a compliant evaluation of a bidder's response? How do you score the "Green Element", "living wage" or "aesthetics"?

Answered by: Bruno Herbots of Noble Solicitors, who is renowned for "his highly creative procurement solutions".

**** Performance:** How do you expose the culture of the bidder's organisation and the capability of its senior management? How do you evaluate pitches, references, interviews and the team members who will perform the contract?

Answered by: Michael Humphreys QC, one of NI's go to public procurement silks.

**** FOI Requests:** What is and is not disclosable in FOI requests at all stages of a competition, from market engagement prior to tender to the outcome? Should you ever disclose the evaluator's comments?

Answered by: Sarah Hannaford QC, a procurement "star" who is "undoubtedly the preferred choice for any dispute".

**** SMEs:** How can you reduce the burden on SMEs and encourage SME involvement without breaking the rules, for instance specifying exact financial criteria thresholds within a PQQ or Capability Assessment?

Answered by: Graeme Palmer of Burness Paull, a regular and highly sought after commentator, who has "excellent knowledge of public procurement".

To see the full speaker line-up, bios and all 14 thorny questions simply follow the link to the conference home-page where you can also book your place online:

www.whitepaper.co.uk/conferences/procbel16pd

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar

Housing in Northern Ireland: meeting market demand and reforming the social housing sector

with

Jim Wilkinson, Director of Housing, Department for Social Development
and

Professor Paddy Gray, *Ulster University*; **Janet Hunter**, *Housing Rights Service*; **Clare McCarty**, *Clanmil Housing Association*; **Colm McDaid**, *Supporting Communities Northern Ireland*; **Richard Ramsey**, *Ulster Bank* and **Ricky Rowledge**, *Council for the Homeless Northern Ireland*

Morning, Wednesday, 14th September 2016
Central Belfast

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| 8.30 - 9.00 | Registration and coffee |
| 9.00 - 9.05 | <u>Chair's opening remarks</u>
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly |
| 9.05 - 9.35 | <u>Addressing the policy challenges of housing in Northern Ireland</u>
Jim Wilkinson , Director of Housing, Department for Social Development
Questions and comments from the floor |
| 9.35 - 9.45 | <u>Northern Ireland's Housing Market: the current state of play</u>
Academic |
| 9.45 - 10.45 | <u>Meeting the demand for housing: next steps for the private rental sector and the housing market</u>
Janet Hunter , Director, Housing Rights Service
Richard Ramsey , Northern Ireland Economist, Ulster Bank
Senior representative, construction
Senior representative, planning
Senior representative, estate agent
Questions and comments from the floor with academic |
| 10.45 - 10.50 | <u>Chair's closing remarks</u>
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly |
| 10.50 - 11.20 | Coffee |
| 11.20 - 11.25 | <u>Chair's opening remarks</u>
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly |
| 11.25 - 11.55 | <u>The impact of welfare reform on the social housing sector</u>
Senior speaker to be announced |

Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 - 12.55

Social housing reform: regulating providers, the Tennant Participation Strategy, tackling waiting lists and developing new social housing

Professor Paddy Gray, Professor of Housing, Ulster University

Ricky Rowledge, Director, Council for the Homeless Northern Ireland

Clare McCarty, Chief Executive, Clanmil Housing Association

Colm McDaid, Chief Executive, Supporting Communities

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00

Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks

Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly

Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland

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Subject	Timetable for the production of Mid District Council Ulster Local Development Plan
Reporting Officer	Chris Boomer Planning Manager
Contact Officer	Sinead McEvoy

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide members with a Timetable for the production of the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for Mid Ulster District Council Area. This timetable details the key stages, actions and timescales in the plan preparation process.

2	Background
2.1	Legislation, namely the Planning (NI) Act 2011, requires the council to produce and review such a timetable when preparing and adopting a LDP. Regulation 7 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires that the timetable is approved by resolution of the council prior to submission to the Department for its agreement.

3	Key Issues
3.1	The timetable sets out Mid Ulster Councils programme for the production of its LDP and includes details of the key stages in the process. It will help ensure that the plan process is efficiently managed and that key stakeholders such as consultation bodies and the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) are kept informed and can manage their own resources to facilitate their involvement in the LDP process.
3.2	The timetable contains <i>indicative</i> dates as well as actions for the various stages of the plan preparation process. A number of assessments are required to be carried out in the preparation of the LDP, including a Strategic Environmental Assessment, a Sustainability Assessment, a Habitats Regulations Assessment and an Equality Impact Assessment. These are factored into the various key stages in the timetable.
3.3	Members will note that the timeframe within the timetable extends beyond the 40 months suggested by the Department in their guidance. This extended timeframe is considered to be a realistic reflection of the actions necessary to ensure the production of a sound and robust LDP for the District and reflective of the timescale that would be necessary to address any issues that may arise during the process. Under the Planning Act 2011 the Council has the power to publish a revised timetable in the event that progress is not in line with this timetable
3.4	Members should note that a draft of the Timetable was presented to the Planning Committee on 19 th January 2016 who agreed that the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) be consulted on its contents. The PAC responded to advise that they do not anticipate any difficulty in accommodating a development plan examination within the timeframe set out in the timetable.

3.5	At the same time informal consultation was undertaken with the Department who advised that the dates offered in the timetable were more specific than indicative which could lead the council to having to amend its timetable regularly even for modest slippage. Members should therefore note that the Timetable attached has been amended to take account of the Departments comments and the dates have been amended from a specific month to the relevant quarter/season.
3.6	The next step in finalising the Timetable following resolution of the council is to then formally consult with the Department for their agreement within four weeks of the date of the consultation. Following agreement of the Timetable an advertisement will then be placed in the local press advising the public that it is available for inspection at the council offices and a copy of the Timetable will also be published on the council website.

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>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are requested to consider and agree the attached Timetable which will then be submitted to the Department for its agreement.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	- Mid Ulster Council Local Development Plan Timetable



MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TIMETABLE

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This timetable sets out Mid Ulster Council's programme for the production of its local development plan (LDP) and includes details of the key stages in process. The timetable will help ensure that the plan process is efficiently managed and that the key stakeholders such as the consultation bodies and the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) are kept informed and can manage their own resources to facilitate their involvement in the LDP process. In relation to public consultation this timetable should be read alongside the Mid Ulster Statement of Community Involvement.
- 1.2 Under **Section 7 of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Act 2011** a council has a duty to prepare, and keep under review, a timetable for the preparation and adoption of the local development plan. Sections 8(4)(a) and 9(4)(a) require both the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan to be prepared in accordance with the timetable.
- 1.3 **Regulations 5 to 8 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015** (LDP Regulations) sets out the requirements for the preparation, form and content, agreement and availability of the timetable.

2.0 Purpose and Status of the Local Development Plan

- 2.1 The purpose of the Mid Ulster Council Local Development Plan, comprising the Plan Strategy and Local Policies, is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested bodies of the policy framework and land use proposals that will implement the strategic objectives of the Regional Development Strategy and guide development decisions within Mid Ulster District Council up to 2030.
- 2.2 The preparation of the LDP will take account of the Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan so that there is a shared vision for the council area and communities and it will set out the long term social, economic and environmental objectives for the district. The LDP will also take account of regional policy context set by the Northern Ireland Executive and Central Government Departments. This includes, amongst others, the Sustainable Development Strategy, the Regional Development Strategy, the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Planning Policy Statements.
- 2.3 The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will replace the Cookstown Area Plan 2010, Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 and the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The Plan will be produced in two stages consisting of two separate documents which will shape development within our district in the period to 2030. The first stage will be a Plan Strategy followed by Local Policies Plan.
- 2.4 Prior to the preparation of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan the Council will identify the key issues in the plan area and will formulate a series of options for dealing with them. This information will be published as a Preferred Options Paper which will indicate a Council's preferred options for

growth and development in their area and will be the basis for consulting with the public and stakeholders who will have an opportunity to put forward views and influence the local development plan from the outset.

- 2.5 The Plan Strategy will establish the strategic direction of the plan in order to provide a level of certainty on which to base key development decisions in the area as well as the necessary framework for the preparation of the local policies plan. The Strategy will set the aims, objectives, overall growth strategy and associated generic policies applicable to the Plan Area.
- 2.6 The Local Policies Plan (LPP) will be consistent with the plan strategy. In contrast to the Plan Strategy the LPP will deal with site specific policies and proposals associated with settlement limits, land use zonings and environmental designations required to deliver the council's vision, objectives and strategic policies.
- 2.7 A Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) of the Local Development Plan will run in parallel with the preparation of various stages of the plan and will be an ongoing process. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of the Local Development Plan. Reports from the various stages of the Sustainability Appraisal will be published at the key stages of the plan preparation as detailed in the Timetable at Appendix 1.

3.0 Timetable of Actions

- 3.1 The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan Timetable is set out at Appendix 1. In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 the Timetable contains indicative dates for the various stages of the plan preparation process.
- 3.2 The timetable details the various actions at the key stages of the preparation of the Plan. The timetable also includes those actions that also relate to the Sustainability Assessment and other assessments that are required to be carried out in the preparation of the plan including a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment.
- 3.3 In accordance with **Regulation 5 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**, in preparing the timetable, consultation has been undertaken with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) and those consultation bodies represented on Local Development Plan Multi-Disciplinary Steering Group.
- 3.4 There are a number of factors that may impact on the delivery of the Local Development Plan within the indicative timescales indicated. Annual monitoring of the plan will take place and a report will be produced to inform Members and the Department of the Environment on progress in meeting the timetable and on the land availability for housing and employment. In the event that progress is not in line with the timetable the Council has the power under

the Planning Act 2011 to publish a revised timetable.

4.0 Project Management

- 4.1 Meeting the attached timetable is dependent upon Member involvement, adequate resourcing of the Local Development Plan and risk management.

Member Involvement

- 4.2 Progress on the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will be reported to the Planning Committee on a monthly basis. In addition to the attached timetable there are a number of critical dates for Council involvement:

- The Preferred Options Paper will be presented for Council agreement in June 2016 to allow for Autumn 2016 publication.
- The findings from the public consultation exercise, the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) and Draft Plan Strategy will be presented for Council agreement in January 2017 to allow for publication in Spring 2017.
- Council authorisation will be sought in October 2017 to forward the Plan with any representations to the Department of the Environment to request an Independent Examination. Any counter representations will be forwarded eight weeks later.
- Council authorisation will be sought in November 2017 on whether to accept or rebut the representations and submissions made to the Independent Examination by the date set.
- The binding report from Department of the Environment will be presented to Council to allow adoption in Spring 2018.
- The Draft Local Policies Plan will be presented to Council in October 2018 for authorisation of publication.
- Council authorisation will be sought in November 2019 to forward the Plan with any representations to the Department of the Environment to request an Independent Examination. Any counter representations will be forwarded eight weeks later.
- Council authorisation will be sought in January 2020 on whether to accept or rebut the representations and submissions made to the Independent Examination by the date set.
- The binding report from Department of the Environment will be presented to Council to allow adoption in Spring 2020.

Risk Management

- 4.3 The timetable is challenging and there are a number of risks that could slow down the Plan Programme. In order to manage risk, a Risk Management Log (Table 1) assesses a variety of risks, processes countermeasures to mitigate delay.

Area of Uncertainty/Risk	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Response/Counter measure	After response Likelihood	After response Impact
Member Involvement	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delays	Ongoing member engagement	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
PAC involvement in terms of delivery	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delays	Liaise closely with PAC	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
Legal Challenge	3. Medium	Likely	Long term delay	Meaningful consultation and ongoing legal audit	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
Adequate team resources	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delay	Seek additional resources	2. Unlikely	Short term delays

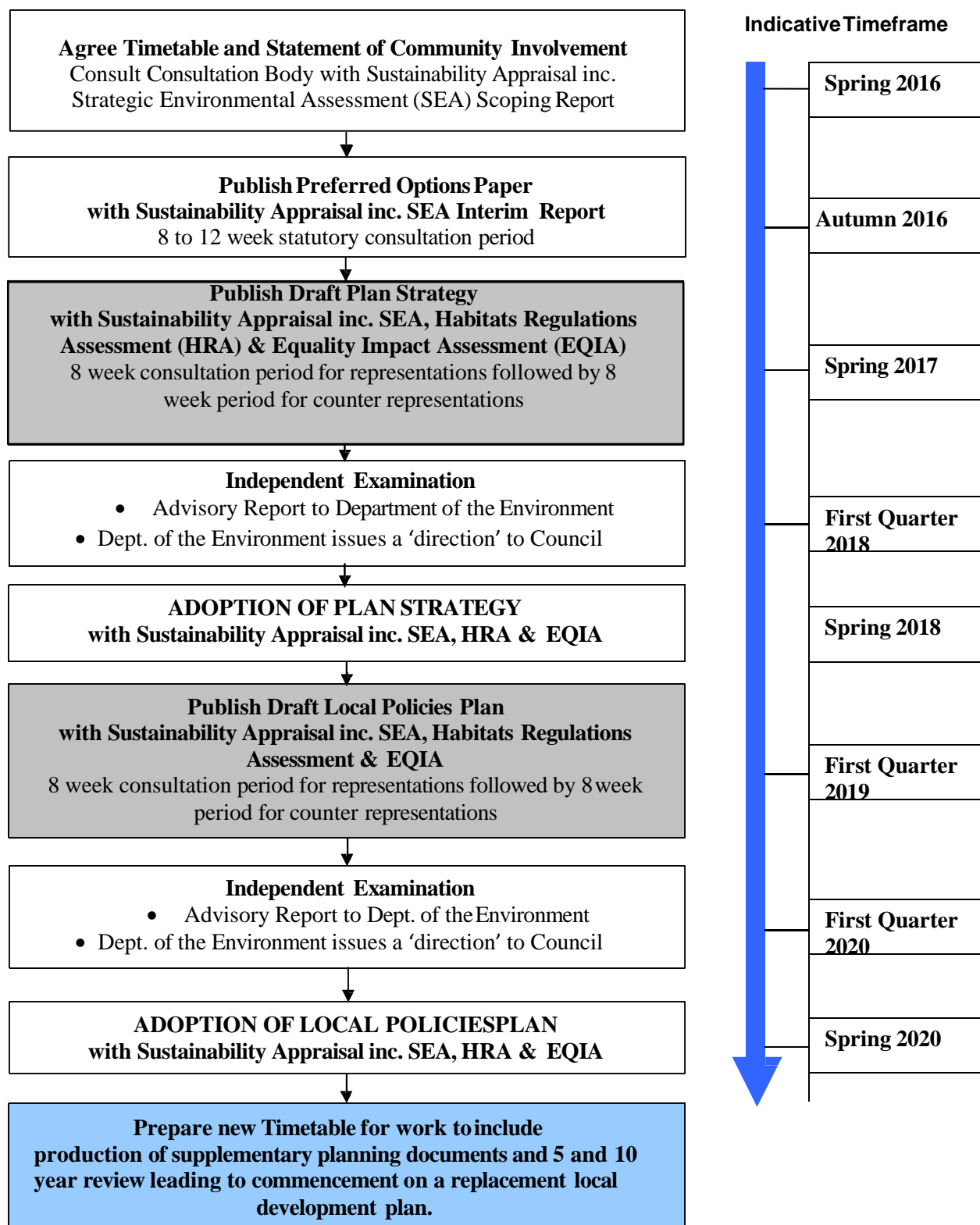
Table 1: Risk Management Log for Mid Ulster Local Development Plan

5.0 Annual Monitoring

- 5.1 An annual monitoring report will be produced to inform Council and the Department of the Environment on progress in meeting the timetable and on the land availability for housing and employment. If progress on plan production has slipped, the timetable will need to be revised and agreed with the Department in accordance with the Development Plan Regulations.

Mid Ulster Council Local Development Plan Timetable

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Subject	Mid Ulster District Council Statement of Community Involvement for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management Functions
Reporting Officer	Chris Boomer Planning Manager
Contact Officer	Sinead McEvoy

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide members with a Statement of Community Involvement for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management Functions for Mid Ulster.

2	Background
2.1	Section 4 of the 2011 Planning Act requires a council to prepare a SCI. The SCI Regulations set out the requirements for the preparation, form and content and publicity for the SCI. Regulation 6 of the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires that the SCI is approved by resolution of the council prior to submission to the Department for its agreement.
2.2	The purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is to outline how a council proposes to engage the community and stakeholders in exercising its planning functions. The SCI should set out a council's policy as to the involvement, in the exercise of a council's functions under the development management and local development plan provisions of the 2011 Act, of persons who appear to a council to have an interest in the matters relating to development in its area.

3	Key Issues
3.1	In preparing the attached SCI a draft was presented to Planning Committee in June 2015. Following that that a notice was placed in local press advising the public of the draft SCI and inviting their comment and it was published on the Mid Ulster Council Website for a period of 3 months. In addition letters were issued to all groups/bodies held on the Council database asking if they wish to be included in the final version and seeking clarification that we have their correct contact details. The Department were also informally consulted on the draft SCI.
3.3	In response to the public consultation and informal engagement with the Department the SCI has been updated to reflect some of the comments made.
3.4	The next step in finalising the SCI following resolution of the council is to then formally consult with the Department for their agreement within four weeks of the date of the consultation. This consultation will take place alongside the consultation

	on the LDP Timetable. Following agreement of the SCI an advertisement will then be placed in the local press advising the public that it is available for inspection at the council offices and a copy of the Timetable will also be published on the council website.
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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>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are requested to consider and agree the attached SCI which will then be submitted to the Department for its agreement.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement of Community Involvement - Appendix 1: Groups to be consulted when preparing the new Local Development Plan - Appendix 2: Groups to be consulted when determining a planning application



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**STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) FOR THE NEW
MID ULSTER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030 AND
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS**

MARCH 2016

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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) FOR THE NEW MID ULSTER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030 AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

1.0 What is the purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement?

Purpose of the Statement

- 1.1 The purpose of this SCI is to set out policy for involving and engaging with the community in the production of the new Mid Ulster Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030, in the consideration of planning applications and in planning enforcement. It is required to ensure compliance with the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. It describes who, how and when the community will be invited to participate in the different stages of the Local Development Plan formulation, the determination of planning applications, in planning enforcement and a range of other planning matters.

A Vision of Participation

- 1.2 *“A sustainable society must be instilled with democratic values. Its citizens must share a sense of effective participation in the decision making process. They must feel they have a say in their society’s development and the skills, knowledge and ability to assume responsibility for that development” – The Sustainable Development Strategy for Northern Ireland. First Steps Towards Sustainability (DOE 2006)*
- 1.3 This is a shared vision of participation in decision making and it is therefore aimed to ensure that:
- Everyone has an early and informed opportunity to express their views on the development of the area and have it considered before decisions are made;
 - All groups in our community, regardless of religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, sex, marital status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and those with and without dependents are enabled and empowered to participate;
- 1.4 The Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019 sets out the visions, values and priorities for Mid Ulster District Council up to 2019. At the centre of these visions, values and priorities is the community. Accordingly, this SCI will ensure that the community is at that heart of all planning related matters in the district.
- 1.5 It is intended to adopt a proactive and timely approach to community involvement through a process of providing clear information and encouraging participation during plan preparation and planning application submission, assessment and determination. The process must therefore be informative, user friendly, as inclusive as possible, and conducted in an open and transparent way. Every effort is to be made to engage the community, record views and provide feedback.

Principles of Community Involvement

- 1.6 It is vital that the Council is committed to uphold the following principles of community involvement and that these are reflected in the methods of consultation described throughout this SCI.
- **A culture of engagement.** People should know that they are encouraged to take part in the planning process and that decision makers are really interested in their views.
 - **Early involvement or “frontloading”.** The community should be involved at an early stage in the preparation of local development documents and major development proposals.
 - **Continuing involvement.** The community should be involved throughout the process, both formally and informally, of preparing local development documents and major development proposals.
 - **Reaching out.** Methods used to encourage involvement should be appropriate to people’s experience and needs.
 - **Fit for purpose.** Arrangements for consultation need to be appropriate for the type of document or application being considered and being realistic in terms of available resources.
 - **Clarity.** The planning process and timetables for producing or reviewing local development documents should be clear so that people are able to participate in a timely and effective manner.

2.0 Local Community involvement in the preparation of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030

Purpose and structure of the Local Development Plan

- 2.1 The purpose of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan, comprising the Plan Strategy and Local Policies, is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested bodies of the policy framework and land use proposals that will implement the strategic objectives of the Regional Development Strategy and guide development decisions within Mid Ulster up to 2030.
- 2.2 The preparation of the Local Development Plan will take account of the Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 and the Community Plan so that there is a shared vision for the Council area and communities and it will set out the long term social, economic and environmental objectives for the district. The Local Development Plan will also take account of regional policy context set by the Northern Ireland Executive and Central Government Departments. This includes, amongst others, the Sustainable Development Strategy, the Regional Development Strategy, the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Planning Policy Statements.
- 2.3 The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will replace the Cookstown Area Plan 2010, Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 and the Magherafelt Area

Plan 2015. The Plan will be produced in two stages consisting of two separate documents which will shape development within our district in the period to 2030. The first stage will be a plan strategy followed by Local Policies Plan.

- 2.4 Prior to the preparation of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan the Council will identify key issues in the plan area and will formulate a series of options for dealing with them. This information will be published as a Preferred Options Paper which will indicate a Council's preferred options for growth and development in their area and will be the basis for consulting with the public and stakeholders who will have an opportunity to put forward their views and influence the plan from the outset.
- 2.5 The Plan Strategy will establish the strategic direction of the plan in order to provide a level of certainty on which to base key development decisions in the area as well as the necessary framework for the preparation of the local policies plan. The Strategy will set the aims, objectives, overall growth strategy and associated generic policies applicable to the Plan Area.
- 2.6 The Local Policies Plan (LPP) will be consistent with the plan strategy. In contrast to the Plan Strategy the LPP will deal with site specific policies and proposals associated with settlement limits, land use zonings and environmental designations required to deliver the council's vision, objectives and strategic policies.
- 2.7 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Local Development Plan will run in parallel with the preparation of various stages of the plan and will be an ongoing process. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of the Local Development Plan. Reports from the various stages of the Sustainability Appraisal will be published at the key stages of the plan preparation.

Who can get involved?

- 2.8 Mid Ulster Council will involve the community at an early stage in the planning process and anyone who wishes to get involved is encouraged to do so at the opportunities provided. In particular the views of the following groups of people will be sought however this list is not intended to be exhaustive and in no way restricts other individuals, groups and organisations from participating in the planning process.

- People living within the Mid Ulster area
- Elected Representatives
- Voluntary Groups
- Community Forums/Groups/Umbrella Organisations
- Environmental Groups
- Residents Groups
- Business Interests
- Developers/Landowners

- All individuals and groups with an interest in the area
- 2.9 Elected members, forums, community and residents groups provide a voice for the local community. Other voluntary and interest groups also bring a special knowledge and can ensure that important concerns are addressed. Lists of community groups and elected representatives are contained within Appendix 1.

Empowering disadvantaged and under-represented groups

2.10 Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires a public authority, in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between:

- between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- between men and women generally
- between persons with a disability and persons without; and
- between persons with dependents and persons without

2.11 In addition, without prejudice to the above obligations, public authorities are required to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or race. The above “Section 75 groups” are important participants within the planning process and include people who traditionally have been under represented or disadvantaged. These groups will be targeted through the consultation process on the local development plan in order to obtain their views and contribute to the consideration of equality issues under Section 75. Their views on any equality screening documents or draft Equality Impact Assessments will also be sought within the specified period for comment along with the draft Plan Strategy and draft Local Policies Plan. A list of Section 75 groups is also contained within Appendix 1.

2.12 To ensure the Local Development Plan and consultation documents are accessible to everyone they will be made available upon request in different formats, including braille, large text print and audio cassette. Plain English will be used for all publications. A telephone and fax number will be stated on each document for people with hearing or speech impairments. If for any reason, a request for a document in a particular alternative format cannot be met, other solutions will be explored.

How and when will the community be involved?

2.13 A Local Development Plan is made in different stages, each presenting opportunities for community involvement. Each of these stages are identified below with the actions that are to be taken to involve the community. The actions will fulfil and in some cases exceed the statutory requirements on public consultation. The Timetable for when the different stages are to be reached will be obtainable from the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt at the addressed detailed below and also on the Council website www.midulstercouncil.org

Cookstown Office
Burn Road
Cookstown
BT80 8DT

Dungannon Office
Circular Road
Dungannon
BT71 6DT

Magherafelt Office
Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Developing Evidence Base

- 2.14 Surveying and information gathering will be an ongoing function of the Council, however, it will be particularly important at this early stage of plan preparation. Information obtained at this stage will be used to establish the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the plan area and enable the Council to determine the issues which need to be addressed and the options for addressing them. This will be undertaken using a topic based approach accompanied with a Countryside Assessment.

Actions/Governance

- Formation of a **Steering Group** comprising the Mid Ulster Planning Committee, the Chief Executive and the Planning Manager. This will be the high level co-ordinating body that will ensure an overview and strategic input on behalf of the whole community, as well as from the planning professionals
- Formation of a **Project Management Team (Multi-Disciplinary Steering Group)** comprising Mid Ulster Council Planning Manager, Principal Planning Officer, Chair of the Planning Committee, Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, Mid Ulster Council Director of Business and Communities, Director of Culture and Leisure, Director of Environment and Property, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure, Shared Environmental Service and representatives from the relevant Northern Ireland Government Departments. The Project Management team will be consulted on and will act as the screening and scoping group for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EIA);
- **Key Consultees** will receive written invitation requesting them to participate in the plan making process by providing information on the key strategic issues that the Local Development Plan should address.
- **Under represented (section 75) groups** will be invited to identify whether there are any types of planning policies which are likely to have significant impact on the groups they represent. They will also be provided opportunity to identify any particular issues or needs which they feel the plan should address. Where requested this can be done through a face to face meeting with a planning official. Any comments received will be taken into account when screening and scoping the EIA.
- The scoping report of the SA incorporating SEA will be sent to the statutory consultation body and if necessary, the **Department of Environment (DOE)**

may be requested to undertake trans-boundary consultation with the Republic of Ireland.

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier confirming the publication of the Mid Ulster Council Timetable for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan as well as other supporting information. The notice will state that the agreed timetable and supporting information will be made available for inspection during normal office hours in all three Council Offices and such other places within the district considered appropriate as well as being available on the Council website www.midulstercouncil.org
- The SCI will be kept under review and any new groups or bodies wishing to be included or added to the lists contained in the appendices may request to have their details added. This will be subject to Council agreement.

Preferred Options Paper

- 2.15 This is the first formal stage in the preparation of our Local Development Plan. This stage commences with the publication of the Preferred Options Paper (POP). The POP is a consultation paper to promote debate on issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the shape of future development within Mid Ulster. The intention is to stimulate a wide-ranging, yet focused, debate and encourage feedback from a wide variety of interests. Any representations or views received as a consequence of its publication will be considered whilst formulating the Draft Plan Strategy.
- 2.16 The POP is subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), including the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessments (EIA). The SA is a continual process which runs parallel with the preparation of the POP and Local Development Plan (LDP). An SEA Interim Report (consisting of SA Scoping Report and assessment of alternatives) will be published with the POP.

Actions/Governance

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state:
 - i) The intention to prepare a Local Development Plan, accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal, including Strategic Environmental and Equality Impact Assessments;
 - ii) Publication of the Prepared Options Paper inviting comment within 12 weeks;
 - iii) Details of community meetings, exhibitions and pop-in information sessions;
 - iv) Publication of the initial stages of Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating SEA and EIA, and invite comment as considered necessary.

- Publish the POP on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org and invite comments within 12 weeks.
- Issue a **Press Release** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Gazette about the intention to prepare a new plan, drawing attention to the Preferred Options Paper and the public consultation. This will allow individual residents, developers, landowners and any other person with a stake in the LDP to make representation.
- Hold a **Launch and Exhibition** to announce the publication of the Preferred Options Paper;
- Hold **Public Meetings and Exhibitions** with drop in sessions in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt. Other locations will be identified.
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** providing them with a copy of the Preferred Options Paper and invite them to attend the launch, provide comments within 12 weeks, inform them of the public meetings, exhibition and drop-in information sessions;
- Write to **local community groups** and **section 75 groups** advising them that the POP has been published and that it is available to view on the Council's website and that hard copies can be obtained from the Planning Department (Tel: 03000 132 132) where requested. The opportunity of a meeting with a planning officer to record their views will also be given. They will be asked to provide comments within 12 weeks.
- A **Public Consultation Report** will be presented to elected members following the 12 week consultation. This will contain a summary of each representation and professional comment, recording where members take a different view and rationale for that view. This will be taken into account whilst formulating the Draft Local Development Plan;
- The **Project Management Team** will be given opportunity to comment on emerging policy for inclusion in the Draft Plan Strategy and will be an integral part of testing emerging policy through the Sustainability Appraisal, including Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Equality Impact Assessment process.

Publication of Draft Plan Strategy

2.17 The draft Plan Strategy is a public consultation document and is not the final plan. It is an indication of the Council's intentions regarding the future development of the area, and is a key part of the public participation process.

Actions/Governance

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state:
 - i) Publication of Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including the SEA, EIA, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Environmental Quality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and how to view or obtain copies;
 - ii) The dates and locations of Public Exhibitions;
 - iii) The 8 week period and closing date for receipt of representations to the Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including SEA, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Environmental Quality Impact Assessment (EQIA). This will be followed by an 8 week period for counter representations.
- Make the Draft Plan Strategy, the Sustainability Appraisal including the SEA, EIA, HRA and EQIA and the Public Consultation Report available on the website www.midulstercouncil.org and on disc, at the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and provide hard copies upon request at a specified price;
- Hold **Launch and Exhibition** to announce the publication of the Draft Plan and **Issue Press Releases**;
- Hold **Public Exhibitions** in Mid Ulster Towns, Villages and Settlements. Planning Officers will be available to answer any questions;
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them of; the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and providing them a copy; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Write to all who submitted a representation and counter-representation to the POP informing them of the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying documents advising how they can view or obtain copies; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Representations will be reported to the Elected Members

Public Inspection of Representations

- 2.18 All representations which are made to the Draft Plan Strategy will be made available for public inspection as part of the public consultation process. Interested parties may also comment on the site specific representations that have been received (counter-representations). Counter-representations must not propose any changes to the development plan document. Both the representations and counter-representations will be considered at the Independent Examination (IE).

Actions/Governance

- Make copies of representations available for inspection in the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and on the website www.midulstercouncil.org. Hard copies of representations can also be provided upon request at a specified price.
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them that representations are available for inspection and the places and times at which they can be inspected;
- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Gazette for two weeks, and on the Mid Ulster Council website of the availability of representations for inspection and the eight week period including closing date for counter- representations;
- Make the counter-representations available on website, on disc and at the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon for inspection;
- Representations and counter-representations will be fully considered by the Council before it submits the Draft Plan Strategy to the Department of Environment for Independent Examination (IE)

Independent Examination

- 2.19 The Council will not submit the Draft Plan Strategy to the Department unless it considers that it is ready for IE. The purpose of the Independent Examination is to determine the soundness of the Draft Plan Strategy, taking into account representations or counter representations. The Council will be available to answer any question of the Independent Examiners and provide comment on the representations and counter representations. Following the IE, the examiner will issue a report of its findings to the Department which will in turn consider this and issue a binding report to a Council. On this basis, a Council must incorporate any changes outlined in the binding report and subsequently adopt the Plan Strategy.

Actions/Governance

- Continue to make the Draft Plan, and all accompanying documentation available on the website www.midulstercouncil.org;
- Advertise dates, times and venues for the Independent Examination at least 4 weeks before the Examination is to be held indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection; and
- Notify all persons who submitted representations and counter representations of the arrangements for the Independent Examination indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection;

- Request Key Consultees to provide comment on the representations and counter-representations for consideration at the Independent Examination.

Adoption of Plan Strategy

2.20 Following the Independent Examination, the Department of Environment will issue a Direction to the Council, requiring it to adopt the draft Plan Strategy as originally prepared or with modifications. The Council may also be directed to withdraw the draft Plan Strategy. In either scenario, the Department will be expected to give reasons for their decisions.

Actions/Governance

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org for two consecutive weeks. This notice will confirm:
 - i) adoption of the Plan Strategy;
 - ii) where to get copies of the Plan Strategy, the Department of Environment Direction and the accompanying Independent Examiner's Report;
- Make the Plan Strategy and any accompanying documents, the Department of Environment Direction and accompanying Independent Examiner's Report available on the website www.midulstercouncil.org and on disc. A hard copy will be available on request (Tel: 03000 132 132) for a specified price;
- Write to key consultees and those submitting representations and counter-representations advising of the adoption of the Plan Strategy, and where to obtain copies together with the Department of Environment Direction and the Independent Examiner's Report. Also advise them of the commencement of work on the Local Policies Plan.

Local Policies Plan

2.21 The Local Policies Plan is the second document comprising the Local Development Plan. The Draft Local Policies Plan is a public consultation document and is not the final part of the plan. The Draft Local Policies Plan will be consistent with the adopted Plan Strategy and will be the Council's detailed land use proposals regarding the future development of the area; this draft document is a key part of the public participation process. The Plan Strategy must be adopted before the Draft Local Policies Plan is published for consultation, subjected to IE and adopted.

Actions/Governance

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail. The Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Telegraph and on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org for two consecutive weeks. This notice should confirm:
 - i) Publication of Draft Local Policies Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including SEA, HRA and EQIA and how to view or obtain copies;
 - ii) The dates and locations of Public Exhibitions;
 - iii) The 8 week period and closing date for receipt of representations to the Draft Plan Local Policies Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including SEA, HRA and EQIA. This will be followed by an 8 week period for counter representations.
- Make the Draft Local Policies Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal including the SEA, EIA, HRA and EQIA available on the website and on disc, at the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and provide hard copies upon request (Tel: 03000 132 132) at a specified price.
- Hold **Launch and Exhibition** to announce the publication of the Draft Local Policies Plan and **Issue Press Releases**;
- Hold **Public Exhibitions** in Mid Ulster Towns, Villages and Settlements. Planning Officers will be available to answer any questions;
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them of; the publication of the Draft Local Policies Plan and providing them a copy; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Write to all who submitted a representation and counter-representation informing them of the publication of the Draft Local Policies Plan and accompanying documents and advising how they can view or obtain copies; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Representations will be reported to the Elected Members

Public Inspection of Representations

- 2.22 All representations to the Draft Local Policies Plan will be made available for public inspection as part of the public consultation process. Interested parties may also comment on the site specific representations that have been received (counter-representations). Counter-representations must not propose any changes to the development plan document. Both the representations and counter-representations will be considered at the Independent Examination (IE).

Actions/Governance

- Make copies of representations available for inspection in the Council Offices at Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon and on the website. Hard copies of representations can also be provided upon request at a specified price.
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them that representations are available for inspection and the places and times at which they can be inspected;
- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state the availability of representations for inspection and the eight week period including closing date for counter representations;
- Make the counter-representations available on website, on disc and at the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon for inspection. Hard copies of counter representations can also be provided upon request at a specified price.
- Representations and counter-representations will be fully considered by the Council before it submits the Draft Local Policies Plan to the Department of Environment for Independent Examination (IE)

Independent Examination

- 2.23 Again, the Council will not submit the Draft Local Policies Plan to the Department unless it considers that it is ready for IE. The purpose of the Independent Examination is to determine the soundness of the Draft Local Policies Plan taking into account representations and counter representations. The Council will be available to answer any question of the Independent Examiners and provide comment on the representations and counter representations. Following the IE, the examiner will issue a report of its findings to the Department which will in turn consider this and issue a binding report to a Council. On this basis, a Council must incorporate any changes outlined in the binding report and subsequently adopt the Local Policies Plan.

Actions/Governance

- Continue to make the Draft Local Policies Plan, and all accompanying documentation available on the website;
- Advertise dates, times and venues for the Independent Examination at least 4 weeks before the Examination is to be held indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection; and

- Notify all persons who submitted representations and counter representations of the arrangements for the Independent Examination indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection;
- Request Key Consultees to provide comment on the representations and counter-representations for consideration at the Independent Examination

Adoption of Local Policies Plan

- 2.24 Following the Independent Examination, the Department of Environment will issue a Direction to the Council, requiring it to adopt the Draft Local Policies Plan as originally prepared or with modifications. The Council may also be directed to withdraw the Draft Local Policies Plan. In either scenario, the Department will be expected to give reasons for their decisions.

Actions/Governance

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website www.midulstercouncil.org for two consecutive weeks. This notice will confirm:
 - i) adoption of the Local Policies Plan;
 - ii) where to get copies of the Local Policies Plan, the Department of Environment Direction and the accompanying Independent Examiner's Report;
- Make the Local Policies Plan and accompanying documents, the Department of Environment Direction and Independent Examiner's Report available on the Council website with hard copies available on request for a specified price;
- Write to key consultees and those submitting representations and counter-representations advising of the adoption of the Local Policies Plan, and where to obtain copies together with the Department of Environment Direction and the Independent Examiner's Report.

Next Steps

- 2.25 Following the adoption of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan the Council will identify its work priorities for the next five years in a new timetable. It may also issue a new Statement of Community Involvement if considered appropriate. In addition the Council will engage in monitoring and review which are essential in establishing how the objectives in the Local Development Plan are being achieved and whether any changes are required. This should be done every five years.

3.0 Local Community involvement in Mid Ulster Development Management Functions

Purpose

- 3.1 The Council as the local planning authority for the area deals with the majority of planning applications in the district. Planning applications are now categorised on receipt as local, major or regionally significant. The council are responsible for the local and major applications whilst the Department of the Environment processes those applications that are regionally significant. The Council also deals with Listed Building applications and applications for works in Conservation Areas, works to Protected Trees and Advertising Consent. Development management is the process through which such applications are considered. An important part of the process is to provide information and advice to applicants and to seek and take into account the views of the general public and statutory consultees on all planning applications. The statutory requirements for consultation on planning applications are set out in legislation. These requirements vary according to the type of proposal but include notification to specified bodies and general publicity. It also worthy of note that there is provision within the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 for the Department to call in a planning application, an application for Listed Building Consent and an application for Hazardous Substance Consent; although this is to be the exception.
- 3.2 The Council receives a wide variety of planning applications and therefore needs to involve the community to differing degrees, according to the scale and complexity of the application.

This section of the SCI looks at:

- how the public can become involved at the various stages of the application process; and
- how the level of community involvement will depend on the scale of the application.

Pre-Application Stage

Pre-Application Discussions (PADs)

- 3.3 Pre-application discussions are encouraged for a range of types of applications, both major and local. The objective of pre-application discussions should be to confirm whether the principle of development is acceptable and to clarify the format, type and level of detail required to enable the council to determine an application. For major applications it will also enable the applicant to discuss with the council details of how the community should be involved in the decision-making process.

Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC)

- 3.4 The council strives to inform and involve the wider community in helping to create better quality developments and place making. Applicants submitting major applications to the council or as the case may be the Department must undertake community consultation before submitting their application.

The Council will require the following actions to be undertaken before the application is submitted:

- **Notify the Council** by way of a “proposal of application notice” (PAN), at least 12 weeks in advance, that an application for a major planning application is to be submitted.
 - Hold at least one **public event** where the community will be afforded the opportunity to make comment.
 - **Publish details** of the proposal in the local press, outlining where further details can be obtained and the date, time and location of a public event.
 - Submit a pre-application community consultation report to accompany the application.
- 3.5 Pre-application consultation is likely to be more successful if the applicant makes significant efforts to open lines of communication with, and provide feedback to local communities and work with them to secure development proposals which are acceptable to everyone.
- 3.6 As previously stated the Council would recommend all applicants considering submitting development proposals that fall within the definition of major development to seek a Pre-Application Discussion with planning officers.

Where applicants fail to fully meet the pre-application community consultation requirements the Council will decline to determine the application.

Application Stage

- 3.7 When a planning application is submitted for determination the Council will involve the community in the decision making process. If you feel you will be affected by development proposals you will have an opportunity to consider what is proposed and how it will affect you. You will also have the opportunity to make your views known before a final decision is made on the application.

Advertising and Neighbour Notification

- 3.8 The Council undertakes statutory publicity in accordance with current legislation. Government may change the statutory publicity requirements and our future approach will reflect any changes that are made.

Advertising

- 3.9 The Council will advertise all new applications on a weekly basis in at least one local newspaper (in accordance with **Section 41 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011**). The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council. The weekly list of all new applications received by the Council can also be viewed on our website www.midulstercouncil.org. The advertisement will advise that any representations that are made should be received within 14 days of the publication. This will assist in the efficient processing of the application, however, material representations will be considered up until a decision on the proposal is reached.

EIA Development

- 3.10 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a method for ensuring that the likely effects of new development on the environment are fully understood and taken into account before consent is given for the development to proceed.

The Environmental Statement (ES) produced as part of an environmental impact assessment, brings together in a single document or series of documents information about a proposed development and its effects on the environment.

- 3.11 In most cases it will fall to the council to determine if the application is an EIA application. It should be noted that if an application is an EIA application it cannot be processed until the ES is received. When a developer submits an ES in support of a planning application, the Council will publish a notice of its receipt in a local newspaper (The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council) and indicate where it may be purchased and the address of the Council Office where it may be inspected. The Council will also allow 4 weeks from the date the notice is first published for representation to be made.

Neighbour Notification

- 3.12 **The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011** states that any affected occupier of land neighbouring the land to which the application relates shall be notified by serving a notice on them. Under the Council's Neighbour Notification Scheme, the Council will ensure that planning applications are brought to the individual attention of the occupiers of buildings on neighbouring land which are within 90m of the boundary of the application site.

Neighbouring land is defined as 'land which directly adjoins the application site or which would adjoin it but for an entry or road less than 20m in width'.

- 3.13 The Case Officer when carrying out a site inspection will also check the accuracy of the neighbour notification details supplied on the application form and may add details as considered appropriate.

- 3.14 The period for responding following receipt of a neighbour notification letter is 14 days, though any late representations received before a decision is made will still be considered.

Obtaining further information and getting involved in planning applications

- 3.15 The weekly lists of planning applications received within Mid Ulster council area are also available on the Northern Ireland Planning Portal (www.planningni.gov.uk). Planning applications including supporting documents and corresponding plans can be viewed online as well at the council offices during normal office hours. Planning Officers are available to give advice on current or proposed applications (you are advised to make an appointment if you wish to speak to a particular officer).

Public Register

- 3.16 The Council will make the application, plans and any associated environmental statement available on a public register in accordance with **Section 242 of the Planning Act**. Each register will contain the following information:
- a copy(which may be photographic) of each application together with copies of plans and drawings submitted in relation thereto;
 - the decision notice, if any, in respect of the application, including details of any conditions subject to which permission or consent was granted;
 - the reference number, the date and effect of any decision of the PAC in respect of the application; and
 - brief details of any revocation or modification relating to any permission or consent, including date of issue.

File Inspection

- 3.17 The Council will make the application file available for inspection at the Councils Planning Department at the Magherafelt Office, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, BT45 6EN, by appointment which can be made at Tel: 03000 132 132. The amount of information on the file, will of course, be dependent on the stages the application has completed.

Submitting Comments

- 3.18 Individuals, groups and organisations can comment on a planning application even if they have not been neighbour notified by the Council. All comments will be carefully considered. Care should be taken when making comments to the Council to ensure that no personal data is included.
- 3.19 When a decision is made on a planning application only certain issues are taken into account, these are often referred to as 'material planning considerations'. Material considerations must be genuine planning considerations. The basic

question is not whether owners and occupiers of neighbouring properties would experience financial or other loss from a particular development, but whether the proposal would unacceptably affect amenities and the existing use of land and buildings that ought to be protected in the public interest.

- 3.20 Generally greater weight is attached to issues which are supported by evidence rather than solely by assertion. If an identified problem can be dealt with by means of a suitable condition the Council is required to consider this as an alternative to refusing an application.
- 3.21 You can make comments in a variety of ways, these are as follows-
Online at: www.midulstercouncil.org
By email: planning@midulster.org (Please quote the application number)
By post to: Mid Ulster Development Management Team, Mid Ulster District Council, Magherafelt Office, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, BT45 6EN
- 3.22 All written comments on an application will be acknowledged within five working days, however the Council may be unable to respond to each comment made due to the large number it receives. All comments will be summarised and fully considered within the Planning Officer's report. The acknowledgement letter will set out who is dealing with the application and who to contact if there are any questions. The Council will not normally contact the respondent again until after a decision is made unless the application is to be determined by the Planning Committee, is significantly altered or is withdrawn.
- 3.23 The Council may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, stage public exhibitions, Issue press releases or arrange public meetings to provide information about major developments or proposals which are particularly significant or have wide-spread effects on communities.
- 3.24 You may also wish to contact your local councillor, who has the ability to request that the application is determined by the relevant planning committee. Oral, anonymous or defamatory comments cannot be taken into account. You should ensure that your comments relate to relevant planning matters.
- 3.25 The Council will consult with Statutory Consultees where appropriate (**see Appendix 2**) to assist in the determination of an application. If a representation raises issues that are relevant to the responsibilities of the consultee (e.g. road safety) the representative will be copied to the appropriate consultee for consideration and comment. The Council will carefully take any comments made into account before a decision is made. All comments are scanned and added to the web site once email addresses and hand written signatures have been removed (it should be noted that typed names and addresses remain visible).
- 3.26 The council may negotiate changes to applications where these are expedient. Re-consultation (for 14 days) will take place on minor changes if the Council considers that they raise new issues that could lead to further comment. If any

change is considered to be substantive, the council may decline to treat it as an amendment and a new application may be invited.

Community Involvement at the Planning Committee Stage

- 3.27 Planning applications are usually determined by officers using delegated powers. The circumstances under which an application can, or cannot, be determined using delegated powers are set out in the Council's **Scheme of Delegation**, which is subject to regular review.

Pre-determination hearings and speaking at the Planning Committee

- 3.28 For those major applications that have been notified to the Department but have been returned to the Council for determination the Council will afford the applicant the opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Council. If a planning application goes before a planning committee, the Council will also offer people who have made representations the opportunity to speak and make direct representation to elected members.
- 3.29 Arrangements and requirements for speaking at the Planning Committee are set out in the Protocol for Planning Committee. This Protocol is available on the Council website or upon request.

Community Involvement after a Planning Application has been determined (Post Application Stage)

- 3.30 A notification of the decision is sent to the applicant/agent and to those who have responded to the consultation on the planning application. The decision is recorded in the statutory Planning Register. The reasoning behind the decision will be set out in the Planning Officer's report which will be available on the Council website or upon request. Where a committee has disagreed with the officer's recommendation the justification will be available to view in the minutes of the planning committee.

Involving the Community when an Appeal is made against a Planning Refusal/Granted Conditions/Enforcement Notice

- 3.31 Only applicants and those upon whom notices have been served have the right of appeal. There are no third party rights of appeal. Where an applicant is unhappy with the Council's decision on an application or a condition attached to a permission, he/she may appeal to the PAC. An applicant may also appeal to the PAC where the Council has not determined an application within the relevant period prescribed by the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (NI) 2015, where such an appeal is lodged, the application is deemed to have been refused. Appeals must be lodged with the PAC within four months from the date of notification of the Council's decision, or expiry of the prescribed period as the case may be.

- 3.32 Copies of representations will be forwarded to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). For hearings and public inquiries, the interested parties have the opportunity to make their views known verbally to the PAC. The guidance on Planning Appeals and the rights of applicants and objectors can be found on the PAC website www.pacni.gov.uk

Community Involvement in Planning Enforcement

- 3.33 The council encourages the community to report cases where they believe there has been a breach of planning control. A breach of planning control occurs when development or other certain activities take place without the necessary planning permission or consent from the Council or the Department. This may also include failure to carry out development in accordance with the approved plans or conditions.
- 3.34 All planning enforcement related complaints are treated confidentially. If the complaint results in a planning application being submitted, then this will be publicised in the normal manner and adjoining neighbours notified.
- 3.35 In cases where planning enforcement action is taken, complainants are informed of the action. Where no action is taken the Council will also notify the complainant.
- 3.36 The Council's priorities for enforcement action are contained within the Council's Enforcement Strategy which can be viewed on our website www.midulstercouncil.org and can be obtained in hard copy by contacting the Planning Department at 03000 132 132. The Enforcement Strategy is subject to regular review.

Community Involvement in Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)

- 3.37 The Council will also prepare non-statutory planning guidance to support its development plan. Supplementary planning guidance includes for example design guides and advice notes. Consultation on SPG will take place in a proportionate manner where the Council feels it will be beneficial to give additional regard to the opinions of stakeholders and the general public. Any comments received will be considered by the Planning Committee. It is not necessary for SPG to go through the public examination process.

Community Involvement in Conservation Area Designation

- 3.38 A Conservation Area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve and enhance. The Council considers that consultation with, and the involvement of local people is important when undertaking work associated with Conservation Areas. This will help encourage greater ownership of the concept and greater co-operation and commitment to achieving the aims of the designation. The Council will involve the community in the designation, variation or cancellation of a Conservation Area. This will entail formal consultation with the Historic Buildings Unit and Department for Regional Development. Any alterations to existing

Conservation Areas or designation of new Conservation Areas will be advertised through local press (The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council). Where appropriate public meetings will be held to discuss and present proposals.

Community Involvement in the Designation of a Simplified Planning Zone

- 3.39 If the Council proposes to commence work on a simplified planning zone it will undertake consultations with the neighbouring District Council, the land owner and occupier, the Department for Social Development and will notify the Department of the Environment.
- 3.40 Once details of a scheme have been prepared the Council will make copies available for inspection at the Council's office, give notice by way of an advert in the local press (The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council) and on the Council's website www.midulstercouncil.org, and will serve a notice on those it has consulted with.
- 3.41 Following advertising of the proposed planning zone(s) details there will be an eight week period when representations can be made to the Council. If the Council subsequently decides not to proceed with the proposed planning zone it will publish a further advertisement to that effect and will notify all those have made representations.
- 3.42 The Council may cause an independent examination to be held to consider the representations received. Where it is proposed to hold an independent examination details including the time and place of the examination will be published in the local press. Where it is decided not to hold an independent examination the Council will notify all those who have made representations.
- 3.43 Following the independent examination the Council will produce a report and statement detailing its decision and outlining reasons for its decision. Notice of publication will be advertised in the local press and the report and statement will be available for public inspection in the Council offices.

Review of the Council's SCI

- 4.0 The body of the SCI will also be reviewed annually to ensure fitness of purpose and to take account of major Legislative changes where relevant.
- 4.1 Where groups or bodies want to be added to the lists of consultees included in Appendix 1 they are advised to make a submission in writing or by email to the planning Department in the Council:

By email: planning@midulster.org

By post to: Mid Ulster Development Plan Team, Mid Ulster District Council, Magherafelt Office, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, BT45 6EN.

Any requests received will be considered.

APPENDIX 1

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MID ULSTER STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GROUPS TO BE CONSULTED WHEN PREPARING THE NEW LDP

LIST 1: STATUTORY CONSULTATION BODIES

LIST 2: LOCAL COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY GROUPS IN MID ULSTER

LIST 3: SECTION 75 GROUPS

NOTE: The Council's consultation list is reviewed on a biennial basis to ensure it remains relevant to our functions and policies. At any time individuals and organisations can request to be added or removed from our list of consultees.

LIST 1: STATUTORY CONSULTATION BODIES

1. Northern Ireland Government Departments.
2. Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
Derry City & Strabane District Council
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
3. A water or sewerage undertaker.
4. The Northern Ireland Housing Executive.
5. Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3) of the Communications Act 2003(1).
6. Any person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 10(1) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(2).
7. Any person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(3).

LIST 2: LOCAL COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY GROUPS IN MID ULSTER

ARTS ORGANISATIONS

1. 1st Tyrone Scout Group
2. 5th Element
3. Agape Dramatic Society
4. Allen School of Dancing
5. Alpha
6. Altmore Open Farm
7. An Carn
8. An Clochar Éire Óg
9. An Mhaigh GFC
10. Annaghmore Star and Crown Flute Band
11. Annaginny Farm
12. Aodh Ruadh Ladies GFC
13. Ardboe Central Youth Flute Band
14. Ardboe Comhaltas / Ardboe Partnership
15. Ardboe Heritage
16. Ardboe Literary, Photographic & Historical Association
17. Ardboe Traditional Music Society
18. Aughagaskin Flute Band Organisation
19. Augher St Macartans GFC
20. Aughintober Pipe Band
21. Aughnacloy Angling Club
22. Aughnacloy Cub Scouts
23. Aughnacloy and Ballymagrane Girls Brigade
24. Aughnacloy Golf Club
25. Aughnacloy Race Committee
26. Aughnacloy Youth Club
27. Aughrim Fife and Lambeg Drumming
28. Aughrim LOL 711
29. Aughrim Rose of Derry Accordion Band
30. Aw-Some Knits
31. Ballinacross Accordion Band
32. Ballinascreen Historical Society
33. Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group
34. Ballinderry AOH
35. Ballinderry Bridge Pipe Band
36. Ballinderry Community Choir
37. Ballybriest Pipe Band
38. Ballygawley Ju Jitsu Club
39. Ballygawley Parish Bowling Club
40. Ballygawley Tennis Club
41. Ballymoughan Flute Band
42. Ballyneal Accordion Band
43. Ballynenagh Cultural Dev Association
44. Ballynougher Pipe Band
45. Ballyronan District Cultural Group

46. Ballyronan Orange Cultural Group
47. Bardic Players
48. Bardic Theatre Group
49. Bellaghy Branch Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann
50. Bellaghy Historical Society
51. Bellaghy Pipe Band
52. Benburb Flower Festival
53. Birches Vintage Club
54. Brackaghreilly & Community Ceili Group
55. Brackaghreilly Tin Whistle Group
56. Brackaville Owen Roes GAA
57. Brantry Bard Sessions Group
58. Brocagh GFC
59. Bruces True Blues Accordion Band
60. Cairdeas Eoghan
61. Caledon Vintage Club
62. Campa Chormaic
63. Canny Man Community Arts CMCA
64. Carland Indoor Bowling
65. Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society
66. Castledawson Boys Brigade
67. Castledawson Cultural Group
68. Castledawson Flute Band
69. Castledawson Girls Brigade
70. Castledawson Homing Pigeon Society
71. Castledawson Orange Order
72. Castledawson Pipe Band
73. Castlehill Cycle Club
74. Clogher Dance Club
75. Clogher Valley Agricultural Show
76. Clogher Valley Angling
77. Clogher Valley Bee Keeping Society
78. Clogher Valley Outdoor Bowling Federation
79. Clogher Valley Rugby Football Club
80. Clogher Valley Wheelers
81. Clonmore GFC Club
82. Clonoe Independent Pipe Band
83. Clonoe O'Rahillys GFC
84. Cloughfin Pipe band
85. Coagh Ladies Time & Talent Group
86. Coalisland Fianna GFC
87. Coalisland Golf Club
88. Coalisland International Music Festival
89. Coalisland Parochial Bowling Club
90. Coalisland/Clonoe CCE
91. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann- Coalisland/Clonoe
92. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann
93. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann - Clogher
94. Competing Soloists Organisation
95. Cookstown Cultural Development

96. Cookstown Drama Group
97. Cookstown Folk Club
98. Cookstown in Harmony
99. Cookstown Youth Choir
100. Coolstock
101. County Derry Centenaries Committee
102. Craic Arts Theatre
103. Cranny Cultural & Community Group
104. Cranny Pipe Band
105. Crossdernott Bowling Club
106. Cullenfad Pipe Band
107. Culnady Girls Brigade
108. Curragh Hall Development Association
109. Curragh Silver Band
110. Curran Flute Band
111. Dance Dynamics
112. Derganagh Training & Development Association
113. Derrygortreavy Vintage Club
114. Derrylaughan GFC
115. Derryloran Boyne Defenders
116. Derryloran Flute Band
117. Derryoghill Flute Band
118. Derrytresk GFC
119. Desertcreat Scottish Country Dancers
120. Desertmartin Accordion Band
121. Donaghmore GFC
122. DRFC Mini Support Group
123. DU Dance NI
124. Dunamoney Community Group
125. Dunamoney Flute Band
126. Dungannon & District Motorcycle Club
127. Dungannon & District Rambling Club
128. Dungannon Amateur Swimming Club
129. Dungannon Borough Arts Forum
130. Dungannon Choral Society
131. Dungannon Clay Target
132. Dungannon/Cookstown Camera Club
133. Dungannon Cricket Club
134. Dungannon District Rambling Club
135. Dungannon Film Club
136. Dungannon Golf Club
137. Dungannon Ladies Hockey Club
138. Dungannon Ladies Outdoor Bowling Club
139. Dungannon Music & Drama Festival Association
140. Dungannon RFC
141. Dungannon RFC Squash Club
142. Dungannon Set Dancing
143. Dungannon Silver Band
144. Dungannon St Teresa's Camogie Club
145. Dungannon Sub aqua Club

146. Dungannon Swifts Football Club
147. Dungannon Swimming Club
148. Dungannon Tomas Clarkes GFC
149. Dungannon United Youth
150. Dungannon Vintage Club
151. Dungannon West Com Bowling
152. Eden Accordion Band & Concert Music Society
153. Edendork Camogie Club
154. Edendork St Malachys GAC
155. Edentilone Bowling Club
156. Eglish Camogie Club
157. Eglish Cross Community Group
158. Eglish Football Club
159. Eglish St Patrick's GAC
160. Eglish Theatre Group
161. Emerald Dancing Club
162. Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club
163. Eugene Smith School of Irish Dancing
164. Fallaghloon Vintage Association
165. Fardross Pipe Band
166. Feis Dhún Geanainn
167. Feis Oileain agus Cluaine
168. Fermanagh/Tyrone Ploughing Soc
169. Fit 4 U Dungannon Club
170. Fivemiletown British Legion
171. Fivemiletown United Football Club
172. Friends of Ardboe Cross Ltd
173. Gael Gheanainn
174. Galbally Pearses GAC
175. Geordie Hanna Traditional Singing Society
176. Gig in the Bann Festival
177. Glen AOH
178. Glenageeragh Pipe Band
179. Gortagilly Musical Society
180. Gran Quilters
181. Greenlough AOH
182. Hampsey School of Dancing
183. Hilltop Stables
184. Hope 'N' Glory Scooter Club NI
185. Hospital Road 1899 Association
186. Howard Memorial Pipe Band
187. INF Cookstown
188. Innishrush Orange Heritage Society
189. Institute of Irish Leadership
190. Irish Language Group
191. Irish National Foresters Dungannon
192. Island Hill AOH
193. Island Wheelers Cycling Club
194. Joseph Mary Plunkett Accordion Band
195. Ju Jitsu Club

196. Kildress Dramatic Society
197. Kileeshil GFC
198. Killyman Craft & Leisure Club
199. Killyman Parish Flower Festival
200. Killyman St Marys GFC
201. Killymuck Accordion Band
202. Killymuck Sons of the North
203. Kilnaslee Bowling Club
204. Kinturk Cultural Association
205. Knockloughrim Accordion Band
206. Knockmany Running Club
207. Leckagh Cultural Group
208. Leo's Boys Tug of War Club
209. Linen Green Art Group
210. Lisbeg Pipe Band
211. Lissan House Trust
212. Logue's Hill Clay Pigeon Club
213. Lough Fea Grouse Conservation Trust
214. Loup Comhaltas
215. Loup Comhaltas Eireann
216. Lower Bann Watersports Club
217. Maghera & District Gardening Group
218. Maghera Flute Band
219. Maghera Historical Society
220. Maghera Lambeg Drumming Club
221. Maghera Musical Appreciation Society
222. Maghera Sons of William Flute Band
223. Maghera Vintage Rally Club
224. Magherafelt Arts Society
225. Magherafelt Highland & Country Dance Group
226. Magherafelt Pipe Band
227. Magherafelt Youth Drama
228. Mayogall AOH Hall
229. McKenna School of Irish Dancing
230. Meenagh Flying Club
231. Megargy & District Game & Conservation Society
232. Megargy Accordion Band
233. Megargy Cultural Community Group
234. Mid Ulster Culture & Heritage Association
235. Mid Ulster Floral Art Society
236. Mid Ulster School of Music
237. Mid Ulster Section RSPBA
238. Mid Ulster Victims Empo
239. Mid-Ulster Water Ski Club
240. Moneymore Art Group
241. Moneymore Herritage Trust
242. Moneymore Variety Group
243. Moy & District Ploughing Association
244. Moy Circle of Friends
245. Moy Cosy Club

246. Moy Ploughing Society
247. Moy Riding School
248. Moy Tirnanog GFC
249. Muintirevlin CCE
250. Naiscoil Mhachaire Ratha
251. Naomh Colum Cille CLG
252. Naomh Tresa Camogie Club
253. Need a Hobby
254. Newmills Vintage Club
255. Newtownkelly Flower Festival
256. North West Mountain Rescue
257. Northern Ireland Fishing Tours
258. Ochill Cultural Group
259. Off The Cuff Community Theatre Group
260. On Home Ground
261. Pomeroy & District Sports Association
262. Pomeroy Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann
263. Pomeroy Players
264. Rén-Bu-Kan Judo Club
265. Riverdale Football Club
266. Rocktown AOH
267. Roughan Silver Band
268. Royal British Legion - Dungannon and Moy Branch
269. Royal British Legion, Cookstown
270. Salterstown Flute Band
271. Sarsfields Accordion Band
272. Sixtowns Drama Group
273. Sons of William Flute Band
274. South & East Tyrone Welfare Support
275. South Derry Cultural & Heritage Society
276. Sperrin Choir
277. Sperrin Vintage Club
278. Sporting Hearts
279. St Brigid's Camogie Club Brockagh
280. St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshill
281. St Mary's GFC Killeeshil
282. St Patricks Gaelic Football Club
283. ST. Swithins Craft Class
284. Steering Committee East Tyrone Pheonix
285. Stevenson's Projects
286. Stewartstown & District Sports & Cultural Initiative
287. Stewartstown Harps Gaelic Athletic Club
288. Stewartstown Sports & Cultural Initiative
289. Tamlaghmore Silver Band
290. Tamlaght O'Crilly Parish Vintage Group
291. Tamlaght O'Crilly Pipe Band
292. Tamlaghtmore Flute Band
293. Tamlaghtmore Silver Band
294. Tamnamore Arts Club
295. Tamnamore Cosy Corner Craft Club

- 296. The Bridge Singers
- 297. The Forge Players
- 298. The Poetry House
- 299. The Sports Complex Management Group
- 300. The Three Spires Craft Club
- 301. The Upbeat Agency
- 302. Tobermore Girls Brigade
- 303. Tobermore Loyal Flute Band
- 304. Torrent Angling
- 305. Tri-County Schools
- 306. Tullylagan Pipe Band
- 307. Tullylagan Pipeband
- 308. Tyrone Camogie Association
- 309. Tyrone Towers Basketball Club
- 310. Ulster Cycle Promotions Club
- 311. Ulster Vintage Commercial Vehicle Club Ltd
- 312. Upperlands Community Development Association
- 313. Upperlands Festival Park Committee
- 314. Valley Voices Community Choir
- 315. Washingbay Gun Club
- 316. William Carleton Summer School

BUSINESS INTERESTS

- 1. Cookstown Chamber of Commerce
- 2. Cookstown Town Centre Forum
- 3. Dungannon Chamber of Commerce
- 4. Dungannon Enterprise Centre
- 5. Dungannon Regeneration Partnership
- 6. EE
- 7. Magherafelt Town Centre Forum
- 8. Magherafelt Chamber of Commerce
- 9. O2
- 10. Three

CHARITABLE GROUPS

- 1. Action for Access
- 2. Armagh & Dgn Foster Care Group
- 3. Ballinderry River Trust
- 4. C.O.R.E
- 5. Cancer Choices
- 6. Charles Shiels Charity
- 7. Choral Society Dungannon
- 8. Citizen Advice Bureau
- 9. Clogher Carers Group
- 10. Clogher Valley Rural Centre
- 11. Clogher Valley Sure Start
- 12. Coalisland Heritage Trust

13. Community & Voluntary Services
14. Complimentary Health Foundation
15. Cookstown & Dungannon Women's Aid
16. Cookstown Gateway Club
17. CRUSE - Bereavement Centre
18. Disability Action
19. Dungannon & District Housing Association
20. Dungannon Area Churches Forum
21. Dungannon Beacon Centre NIAMH
22. Dungannon Enterprise Centre
23. Dungannon St Vincent De Paul
24. Dungannon Vintage Club
25. Heartbeat Omagh & Dgn Group
26. Home Accident Prevention Dgn
27. Home Start Armagh & Dungannon
28. IMPACT
29. Kileeshil Community Centre
30. Lilac Cancer Support
31. Local Head Teachers Association
32. Marie Curie - Funding Office
33. Molly & Mia Foundation
34. Niamh Louise Foundation
35. NSPCC
36. National Autistic Society
37. Oakridge Social Education Centre
38. Olive Branch Centre & Charity Shop
39. Order of Malta Ambulance Corps (C'land)
40. Order of Malta Ambulance Corps (Dgn)
41. Parkanaur College
42. Probus Club
43. River Blackwater Trust
44. Royal British Legion - Coalisland Branch
45. South Tyrone Action Committee
46. South Tyrone Voluntary Welfare Group
47. Southern Area Hospice Service
48. Speedwell Trust
49. St John's Ambulance
50. STH Local Comforts
51. Sure Start (Dungannon and Coalisland)
52. The Rotary Club of Dungannon
53. Tinnitus Support Group
54. Tyrone East Phoenix Group
55. Valley Medical Equip Fund
56. Vineyard Church Dungannon
57. Vineyard Together

CLERGY

1. An Invitation to Love Jesus/The Gathering Place Cookstown
2. Ballinderry Parish Church Coagh Cookstown
3. Baptist Church Ballygawley
4. Baptist Church Lisnagleer Rock
5. Baptist Church Magherafelt
6. Baptist Church Maghera
7. Baptist Church Magherafelt
8. Baptist Church Tobermore
9. Church of Ireland Ballygawley
10. Church of Ireland Brackaville
11. Church of Ireland Caledon & Brantry
12. Church of Ireland Carnteel/Aughnacloy
13. Church of Ireland Castlecaulfield
14. Church of Ireland Castledawson
15. Church of Ireland Clonfeacle Benburb
16. Church of Ireland Desertmartin
17. Church of Ireland Drumglass
18. Church of Ireland Fivemiletown
19. Church of Ireland Killyman
20. Church of Ireland Maghera
21. Church of Ireland Magherafelt
22. Church of Ireland Moy
23. Church of Ireland St McCartans, Clogher
24. Church of Ireland Tobermore
25. Church of Nazarene Desertmartin
26. Dungannon Independent Methodist Church Moygashel
27. Free Presbyterian Clogher Valley Fivemiletown
28. Free Presbyterian Dungannon
29. Free Presbyterian Magherafelt
30. Independent Methodist Church Fivemiletown
31. Independent Methodist Cookstown
32. Jehovah's Witness Dungannon
33. Life Boat Mission Centre Dungannon
34. Light 'n' Life Tabernacle Dungannon
35. Lissan Parish Church Cookstown
36. Methodist Church Aughnacloy
37. Methodist Church Dungannon
38. Methodist Church Fivemiletown
39. Methodist Church Moy/Blackwatertown
40. Presbyterian Church Aughentaine Fivemiletown
41. Presbyterian Church Aughnacloy
42. Presbyterian Church Ballygawley/Ballyreag
43. Presbyterian Church Bellaghy
44. Presbyterian Church Caledon
45. Presbyterian Church Carland

46. Presbyterian Church Castlecaulfield
47. Presbyterian Church Castledawson
48. Presbyterian Church Clogher
49. Presbyterian Church Culnady and Swatragh
50. Presbyterian Church Dungannon
51. Presbyterian Church Maghera
52. Presbyterian Church Magherafelt
53. Presbyterian Church Moy
54. Presbyterian Church Newmills
55. Presbyterian Church Tobermore
56. Presbyterian Church Upperlands
57. Reformed Baptist Magherafelt
58. Roman Catholic Church Ackinduff Dungannon
59. Roman Catholic Church Altmore Pomeroy
60. Roman Catholic Church Aughnacloy
61. Roman Catholic Church Ballygawley
62. Roman Catholic Church Ballinderry
63. Roman Catholic Church Ballinascreen
64. Roman Catholic Church Bellaghy
65. Roman Catholic Church Brockagh
66. Roman Catholic Church Caledon
67. Roman Catholic Church Castledawson
68. Roman Catholic Church Clady
69. Roman Catholic Church Clogher
70. Roman Catholic Church Clonoe
71. Roman Catholic Church Coagh
72. Roman Catholic Church Coalisland
73. Roman Catholic Church Cookstown
74. Roman Catholic Church Desertmartin
75. Roman Catholic Church Donaghmore
76. Roman Catholic Church Draperstown
77. Roman Catholic Church Drummullan
78. Roman Catholic Church Dungannon
79. Roman Catholic Church Dunnamore
80. Roman Catholic Church Edendork
81. Roman Catholic Church Eglish
82. Roman Catholic Church Fivemiletown
83. Roman Catholic Church Galbally
84. Roman Catholic Church Killeeshill
85. Roman Catholic Church Killeenan
86. Roman Catholic Church Knockloughrim
87. Roman Catholic Church Loup
88. Roman Catholic Church Moy
89. Roman Catholic Church Maghera
90. Roman Catholic Church Magherafelt
91. Roman Catholic Church Moneymore
92. Roman Catholic Church Moortown
93. Roman Catholic Church Mullinahoe
94. Roman Catholic Church Pomeroy
95. Roman Catholic Church Stewartstown

96. Roman Catholic Church The Rock
97. Vineyard Church Dungannon

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

1. Acheson Development Group
2. Ackinduff Park Residents Committee
3. Aghaloo and Blackwater Community Association
4. An Tearmann
5. AOH
6. Ardboe Community Projects Ltd
7. Ardboe Credit Union
8. Ardboe Parish Centre/ Social Club
9. Association of Portuguese Community Dungannon
10. Augharan Development Group
11. Augher Clogher Com Partnership
12. Augher Development Association
13. Aughintober Regeneration Group
14. Aughnacloy Development Association
15. Ballinascreen Community Association
16. Ballinderry Bridge Post Office
17. Ballinascreen Community Group
18. Ballygawley Area Dev Assoc.
19. Ballygawley Community Initiative Group
20. Ballymacall & District Community Association
21. Ballymaguigan Development Association
22. Ballynakelly CPLC
23. Ballyronan Marina Complex
24. Ballyronan Post Office
25. Ballysaggart Area Com Association
26. Ballysaggart Environmental Group (BEG)
27. Bann Valley Community Group
28. Bawn Development Association
29. Bellaghy Development Association
30. Bellaghy Village Regeneration Group
31. Bellaghy Womens Group
32. Benburb & District Community Association
33. Blackwater Enhancement Association
34. Bloomhill Rural Development Association
35. Bonn and District Community Association
36. Brackaghreilly & District Comm Association
37. Brantry Area Farmers Association Ltd
38. Brantry Area Rural Dev Association
39. Brantry Bard
40. Breakthru
41. Brocagh & District Regeneration Group Ltd
42. Broughderg Area Development Association
43. CAB
44. Caledon Community Centre
45. Caledon Regeneration Partnership

46. Cappagh Village Regeneration
47. Carland Community Group
48. Carntogher Community Association
49. Castlecaulfield & District Com Association
50. Castledawson Development Enterprises Ltd
51. Castledawson Masonic Lodge
52. Castledawson Royal British Legion
53. CDM Community Transport
54. Churchtown Post Office
55. Clady and District Angling Club
56. Clogher Cathedral Parish (COI)
57. Clogher Development Association
58. Clogher Valley Community Centre Ltd
59. Clogher Valley Steering Group
60. Clommore Regeneration Group
61. Cloneen Com Association
62. Clonoe Community Centre
63. Clonoe Community Regeneration Group
64. Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd
65. Club Áige Luraigh
66. Coagh Community Crossroads Club
67. Coagh Crossroads Community Group
68. Coagh Post Office
69. Coalisland & District Development Association
70. Coalisland Canal Branch IWAI
71. Coalisland Residents & Community Forum
72. Cookstown & District Motor Cycle Club
73. Cookstown & Western Shores Area Network
74. Cookstown Community Police Liaison Committee
75. Cookstown and Magherafelt Volunteer Centre
76. Cookstown Community Allotments
77. Cookstown Enterprise Centre
78. Cookstown Gardening Club
79. Cookstown Gingerbread Group
80. Cookstown Library
81. Cookstown North Community Group
82. Cookstown Volunteer Centre
83. Cookstown & Magherafelt Volunteer Centre
84. Cornamuckla & Kilclay Regeneration
85. Costa
86. CPLC
87. CRAFT
88. Craigmore & District Community Association
89. Cunningham's Lane Cross Community Residents Association
90. Curlough Rural Society
91. Curragh Community Group
92. Curragh Young Farmers
93. Curran Hall Development Association
94. Curran Heritage Culture Community Association
95. CWSAN

96. Derganagh Training and Development Association
97. Derryhirk Rural Development Association
98. Derryloran Community Association
99. Derrytresk Community Association
100. Desertmartin AOH
101. Desertmartin Community Development Ltd
102. Desertmartin Community Group
103. Disenchanted Events
104. Donaghmore Village Imp Group
105. Draperstown Busking Festival
106. Drummullan Community Group
107. Drumreagh Crescent Resident Association
108. Dunamoney Community Group
109. Dunamore Community Association
110. Dunavon Residents Association
111. Dungannon & District Clergy Forum
112. Dungannon Area Churches Forum Treasurer
113. Dungannon CR Group
114. Dungannon Enterprise Centre
115. Dungannon LT
116. Dungannon Regeneration Partnership
117. Dungannon West Community Forum
118. Edentilone Bowling Club
119. Eglisk Cross Community Group
120. Fairhill & District Credit Union Ltd
121. Fairhill Development Association
122. Fairmount Park Tenants Association
123. Fardross Heritage & Vision Society
124. First Steps Women's Centre
125. Fivemiletown Chamber Of Commerce
126. Fivemiletown Community Development Association
127. Fivemiletown Community Support Association
128. Fivemiletown District Cultural & Sports Association
129. Fivemiletown Estate's Group
130. Fivemiletown Methodist Hall
131. Friends of Lough Patrick
132. Galbally CCE
133. Glenburn Community Group
134. Gold Surestart
135. Gort Kids Afterschools Club
136. Gortalowry House Projects Ltd
137. Gortalowry Park Residents Association
138. Granville Dev Association
139. Greenvale Residents Community Group
140. Helen Keys Business & Community
141. Innishrush Clay Pigeon Club
142. Innishrush Community Group
143. Innishrush Development Group
144. Kernal
145. Kerrigan Community Association

146. Kilcronaghan Community Association
147. Kildress Credit Union
148. Killealagh and St John's Community Association
149. Killeeshil Community Centre
150. Killowen Neighbourhood Group
151. Killylea & District Dev Committee
152. Killyman Community Association
153. Killyman Development Association
154. Killyman District & Cultural Association
155. Killymoon Community Group
156. Kilnaslee Community Development Association
157. Kingsmills Coordinating Committee
158. Leckagh Neighbourhood Group
159. Lisnagleer Community Group
160. Lissan GO
161. Lissan Leisure Club
162. Lissan Men's Parish Group
163. Lissan Rural Development Association
164. Lough Neagh Ltd
165. Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd
166. Lough Neagh Rescue
167. Loughans Cultural Development Association
168. Loughlinsholin Community Group
169. Loughshore Open Door Club
170. Lougview Partnership Association
171. Loup Sub Post Office
172. Lower Castledawson Community Association
173. MACADA
174. Maghera Community Forum
175. Maghera Cross Community Partnership
176. Maghera Development Association
177. Maghera Parish Caring Association
178. Maghera Vintage Rally
179. Maghera Youth Connect
180. Magherafelt and District Road Safety Committee
181. Magherafelt Community Support Centre
182. Magherafelt Parish Centre
183. Meet and Eat
184. Megargy and District Game & Conversation Society
185. Megargy Cultural and Community Group
186. Mid Ulster Community Network
187. Mid Ulster Floral Society
188. Mid Ulster Truckers
189. Mid Ulster Vintage Rally Association
190. Mid Ulster Vintage Vehicles Club
191. Milltown Area Community Association
192. Milltown Community Group
193. Monday Club
194. Moneymore Activity Group
195. Moneymore Community Group

196. Moneyneena Community Development Grp
197. Moortown Community Development Group
198. Moree Community Association
199. Mountforrest Cultural Development Association
200. Mowillian Hall Development Association
201. Moygashel Bonfire Association
202. Moygashel Community & Cultural Association
203. Moygashel Park Residents
204. Moygashel Residents Association
205. Muintir Na Mointeach Ltd
206. New Meadows Community Partnership
207. Newmills Cultural Group
208. Newmills Development Association
209. NI Ex Firefighters Association
210. NI Fire & Rescue Service
211. Northern Counties Development Association
212. Northern Ireland ex- firefighters
213. Old School Steering Group
214. Omagh West Dev Association
215. Oonagh Valley Community Association
216. Open Doors Club, Swatragh
217. Orritor St Community Group
218. Out & About Community Transport
219. Parkview Community Group
220. Peace Impact Programme (PIP)
221. Polish House in Mid Ulster
222. Pomeroy Afterschool
223. Pomeroy Community Projects
224. Pomeroy Credit Union
225. Pomeroy Development Projects
226. Pomeroy Resource Centre
227. Pomeroy Social Activity Group
228. Protestant Unionist Loyalist Network (PUL)
229. Putting Others First
230. Ratheen, Greenvale and Sullenboy Residents Ass.
231. Rhone Valley Community Group
232. Riverside and Blackhill Community Group
233. Rock Community Association
234. Royal British Legion
235. RUC GC Association East Tyrone Branch
236. Rural Community Network
237. Rural Community Transport
238. Rural Development Council
239. Sandholes Community Group
240. SELB Transport Depot
241. Select Vestry Tullanisken Parish Church
242. Servite Order NI
243. Simpson Grant Association
244. Sixtowns Cross Community Group
245. Slatequarry Community Association

- 246. Slievegallion Active Retirement Association
- 247. Slievegallion Community & Sports Development
- 248. South Derry Empowerment Partnership
- 249. South Lough Neagh Regeneration
- 250. Speedwell
- 251. Speedwell Trust
- 252. Sperrins Forum
- 253. Sperrins Gateway Landscape Partnership
- 254. St Colman's Parish Community Group
- 255. St John Bosco Community Association
- 256. St Johns Swatragh & Killeagh Church of Ireland
- 257. STEP (South Tyrone Empowerment Program)
- 258. STEPS
- 259. Stevenson Community Outreach
- 260. Stewartstown Community Group
- 261. Sunnyside Community Association
- 262. SVDP
- 263. Swatragh Wednesday Club
- 264. TABBDA
- 265. Tamlaght
- 266. Tamlaght O'Crilly Development Association
- 267. Tamlaght O'Crilly Historical Society
- 268. Tamlaght O'Crilly Parish Vintage Group
- 269. Tamnamore Community Development Association
- 270. TARGET
- 271. Termoneeny Community Association
- 272. The Compassionate Friends NI
- 273. The Hub BT80
- 274. The Rural Centre/Europe Direct NI
- 275. Tirgan Community Association
- 276. Tobermore Community Developments
- 277. Tobermore Community Projects
- 278. Tobermore Community Safety Forum
- 279. Tobermore Village Hall Development Association
- 280. Tobin Youth Centre Ltd
- 281. Tullyhogue Post Office
- 282. Tullylagan Vintage Owners Association
- 283. Tullylagan Vintage Owners' Association
- 284. Tyrone Orange Vision
- 285. Ulster-Scots Community Network
- 286. Upperlands Community Development Association
- 287. Upperlands Luncheon Club
- 288. Valley Fold Tenants Association
- 289. Willowbank Resource Centre
- 290. Workspace Draperstown

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

- 1. Ancre Somme

2. Annahoe Historical & Cultural Society
3. Annahoe Historical Society
4. Annahoe Historical, Cultural & Sports Society
5. Aughnacloy & District Cultural Development Ass.
6. Aughnacloy & Truagh Historical Association
7. Ballinderry Historical Association
8. Ballygawley Historical Society
9. BARD Association
10. Brocagh Heritage Group
11. Bush Community Cultural Group
12. Caledon & Killylea District Cultural Society
13. Carricklongfield Cultural group
14. Castlecaulfield District LOL 4
15. Clogher Historical Society
16. Coagh & District Local History Group
17. Coalisland & Clonoe Cultural & Historical Society
18. Cookstown Local History Group
19. Crannog Cultural & History Group
20. Donaghmore Historical Society
21. East Tyrone Cultural Association
22. Edendork Historical Society
23. Fairmount Park/Union Place Events Association
24. Fardross Heritage and Vision Socieity
25. FAST
26. Fivemiletown District Cultural Association
27. Friends of the Somme
28. Killeeshil Clonaneese Historical Society
29. Killyman District Cultural Group
30. Lissan Local History Group
31. Loughans Historical & Cultural Society
32. Moygashel Historical Group
33. Moygashel Ulster Scots
34. Muintirevlin Historical Society
35. Newmills Cultural Group
36. O'Neill Country Historical Society
37. O'Neill Historical Society
38. Rock and District Historical Society
39. Rock, Pomeroy and Donaghmore Historical Societies
40. Rowan Tree Centre
41. Simpson Grant Association
42. South Lough Neagh Historical Society
43. Stewartstown & District Local History Society
44. Stewartstown Historical Society
45. Tyrone Ancre Somme Association
46. Tyrone Somme Memorial Association
47. UAHS
48. William Carleton Society
49. William Carleton Summer School

HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUPS

1. Alzheimers Society
2. Arthritis Care
3. Beacon Woodlands
4. Breakthru
5. Buddy Bear Trust
6. Carers NI
7. Charis Integrated Cancer Care
8. Chest, Heart & Stroke Association
9. Community Learning Disability Team
10. Cookstown & Dungannon Women's Aid
11. Cookstown Day Centre
12. Cookstown Gateway Club
13. Cookstown Stroke Club
14. Disability Action
15. Disabled Christian Fellowship
16. Downs Children's Association
17. Downs Syndrome Association
18. Downs Syndrome South Derry Group
19. Dungannon Beacon Centre NIAMH
20. Dungannon Diabetic Association
21. Dungannon Disabled Christian Fellowship
22. Dungannon Talking Newspaper
23. Emergency Medical Care
24. EMS Training Group
25. Fort Riding Centre for Disabled
26. Galbally & District Disabled Association
27. Gateway Club - Benburb
28. Gateway Club - Dungannon
29. Insight
30. Irish Travellers
31. Kildress Kare
32. Lilac Cancer Support
33. Living and Learning Together
34. Maghera Cancer Research Committee
35. Magherafelt District Advice Services
36. Marie Curie Cancer Care
37. Mid Ulster Carers Support Group
38. Mid Ulster Dementia Support Group
39. Mid Ulster Talking Newspaper
40. Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment
41. Mindwise
42. MS Support Group
43. NI Agrophobia Society
44. Niamh Louise Foundation
45. NICHI

46. Northern Ireland Action Mental Health
47. Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities
48. Oakridge Social Education Centre
49. Open Door Club
50. Parkanaur College
51. Parkinsons Society
52. Path to Recovery
53. Praxis
54. Riding for the Disabled
55. Shopmobility Cookstown
56. St Vincent de Paul
57. Superstars
58. The Real Fathers For Justice
59. TIPSA
60. Volunteer Centre
61. William Keown Trust
62. Willowbank Resource Centre
63. Woodlands Beacon
64. Work with Hard of Hearing and Deaf Clients

OLDER PEOPLES GROUPS

1. 60+ Club
2. Age Care
3. Age Concern
4. Age Concern Wise & Wonderful
5. Agewell Partnership
6. Alzheimer's Society
7. Ardtrea & Desertcreat Senior Citizens Group
8. Arthritis Care Cookstown
9. Ballygawley Seniors Citizens Club
10. Ballylifford Primary School
11. Ballymaguigan Senior Citizens
12. Brigh Senior Citizens Fellowship
13. Clogher & Augher Thursday Club
14. Coalisland Learn & Leisure Club
15. Cookstown over 50s Club
16. Culnady Young at Heart
17. Donaghmore Open Door Club
18. Dungannon & District 50+ Club
19. Dungannon Senior Citizens Forum
20. Dungannon West Re-Cycled Teenagers
21. Eat 'n Meet Friendship Club
22. Eglisn Open Door Club
23. Evergreen Club
24. Evergreen Club Coalisland
25. Fivemiletown Halfdoor Club
26. Galbally Country Club

27. Killeshill Senior Citizens
28. Killyman Craft & Leisure Club
29. Lavey Young At Heart Club
30. Loughshore Senior Citizens
31. Lower Castledawson Senior Citizens Group
32. Maghera Luncheon Club
33. Moneyneena Senior Citizens Group
34. Moy Circle of Friends
35. Moy Cosy Club
36. Moygashel Senior Citizens
37. O4O
38. Recycled Teenagers Club
39. Senior Citizens Umbrella Group
40. St Elizabeths Senior Citizens Club
41. SuperAdults (Milltown Community Association)
42. Swatragh Wednesday Club (over 50's)
43. Tamlaght O'Crilly Senior Citizens Group
44. The Evergreens
45. The Monday Club
46. The Tuesday Club
47. Tobermore Craft Class
48. Tobermore Senior Citizens
49. Tuesday Club
50. Tuesday Fold Club
51. University of The Third Age (U3A)
52. Upperlands Senior Citizens Group

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

1. Magherafelt High School
2. Northern Regional College (Magherafelt)
3. Rainey Endowed School
4. Sperrin Integrated College
5. St Colm's High School Draperstown
6. St Mary's College Clady
7. St Mary's Grammar School Magherafelt
8. St Patrick's College Dungannon
9. St Pius X High School Magherafelt
10. CAFRE
11. Cookstown Adult Learning Centre
12. Cookstown High School
13. South West College (Dungannon and Cookstown)
14. Holy Trinity College Cookstown
15. Royal School Dungannon
16. Drumglass High Dungannon
17. St Patricks Academy Dungannon
18. Augnacloy College
19. Fivemiletown College
20. St Ciaran's Ballygawley
21. St Joseph's Coalisland

22. St Patrick's Maghera
23. Dungannon Integrated College
24. Sperrin View Dungannon
25. Tamnamore Learning Centre
26. Integrated College Dungannon

PRESCHOOLS

1. After Schools Club Draperstown
2. After Schools Club Knockcloghrim
3. Aughnacloy Parent & Toddler
4. Aughnacloy Playgroup
5. Ballinascreen Early Years
6. Ballinascreen Mother and Toddler Group
7. Ballygawley Early Years Ltd
8. Ballygawley Parent & Toddler Group
9. Ballymaguigan Playgroup
10. Beacon Playgroup
11. Belcoo Com Playgroup
12. Bellaghy Nursery Unit
13. Benburb Playgroup
14. Brocagh Playgroup
15. Bunscoil Naomh Brid
16. Busy Bee Community Playgroup
17. Cairde Ui Neill
18. Caledon Afterschool Playgroup
19. Caledon Playgroup
20. Clady Playgroup
21. Clintyclay Parent Teacher Association
22. Clogher Valley Playgroup
23. Club Eachtra (Adventure Club)
24. Club Iarscoile After Schools club
25. Coalisland Mother & Toddler
26. Cookstown Controlled Nursery School
27. Culnady Parent and Toddler Group
28. DELTA Project Dungannon
29. Discovering Kids Playgroup
30. Donaghmore Parent & Toddler Group.
31. Dungannn Controlled Nursery
32. Forever Friends Playgroup
33. Fivemiletown Controlled Nursery
34. Gaelscoil an tSeanchai Nursery Unit
35. Galbally Parent & Toddler Group
36. Glencabin Playgroup
37. Glenview Playgroup
38. Gran Tots Playgroup
39. Greenlough Playgroup
40. Happy Days Playgroup
41. Holy Family Play Group
42. Home-Start Armagh & Dgn

43. Humpty Dumpty Playgroup
44. Jack & Jill Pre School
45. Jollytots Parent & Toddler Group
46. Jumping Jack P & T Group
47. Kiddies Castle Playgroup
48. Kidd-z-Play Nursery Ltd
49. Killyman Playgroup
50. King Street Parent and Toddler Group
51. Laughterland
52. Laughterland Out of School Club
53. Lavey Early Years Group
54. Lavey Parent and Toddler Playgroup
55. Lissan Cross Community Play Group
56. Little Acorns - C'town Leisure Centre
57. Little Acorns Playgroup
58. Little Acorns Playgroup, Coagh
59. Little Amps Playgroup
60. Little Flower, Clonoe
61. Little Rainbow Playgroup
62. Little Stars P & T Group
63. Little Wombles, Draperstown
64. Lollipop Playgroup
65. Maghera Mother & Toddler Group
66. Magherafelt Controlled Nursery School
67. Magherafelt Parish Centre Creche
68. Moneymore Nursery School
69. Moortown Playgroup
70. Naiscoil Charn Tochair
71. Naiscoil Mhachaire Ratha
72. Newmills Parent and Toddler Group.
73. Newmills Playgroup
74. NIPPA - Dgn & District Branch
75. Noah's Ark Mothers & Toddlers
76. Paddington Playgroup
77. Panda Playgroup
78. Parents & Toddlers @ First
79. Parent and Toddler Group
80. Pomeroy Pre-School Playgroup
81. Portglenone Community Play Group
82. Rainbow Community Childcare Centre
83. Slievegallion Community Playgroup
84. Slievegallion Community Pre-school
85. St Macartans Mothers & Toddlers
86. St Marys Nursery Unit, Bellaghy
87. St Marys Nursery Unit, Portglenone
88. STARS Playgroup
89. Stepping Stones Playgroup
90. The Happy Days Nursery
91. The Kidz Lodge
92. The Little Wombles Cross Community Playgroup

93. The Little Wombles Cross Community Playgroup
94. Tiny Stars Playgroup
95. Tiny Steps Creche
96. Tiny Tots Pre-School Education Centre
97. Tiny Tots Cross Community Playgroup
98. Tober Tiny's Community Playgroup
99. Torrent Tots
100. Twinkle Play Group
101. Union Road Mums and Tots Magherafelt
102. Windmill Integrated Primary & Nursery School
103. Woodland Adventure Playgroup
104. Young Mums Getting on with it!

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

1. Altayaskey Primary School
2. Ampertaine Primary School
3. Anahorish Primary School
4. Aughamullan Primary School
5. Augher Central Primary School
6. Aughnacloy Primay School
7. Ballylifford Primary School
8. Ballynease Primary School
9. Bellaghy Primary School
10. Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Primary School
11. Bush Primary School
12. Carntal, Primary School
13. Castledawson Primary School
14. Churchill Primary School
15. Churchtown Primary School
16. Clintyclay Primary School
17. Coagh Primary School
18. Cookstown Primary School
19. Crievagh Primary School
20. Cross Roads Primary School
21. Culnady Primary School
22. Derrychrin Primary School
23. Derrylatinee Primary School
24. Desertmartin Primary School
25. Donaghey Primary School
26. Donaghmore Primary School
27. Dungannon Primary School
28. Edendork Primary School
29. Fivemiletown Primary School
30. Gaelscoil an tseanchi
31. Gaelscoil Aodha Rua
32. Gaelscoil Eoghan
33. Gaelscoil Na Speirni
34. Gaelscoil Ui Neill
35. Glen Primary School

36. Glenview Primary School
37. Holy Family Primary School, Castledawson
38. Holy Family Primary School, Magherafelt
39. Holy Trinity Primary School
40. Howard Primary School
41. Kilronan School
42. Kilross Primary School
43. Killyman Primary School
44. Knockagin Primary School
45. Knockloughrim Primary School
46. Laghey Primay School
47. Lisferty Primary School
48. Lissan Primary School
49. Maghera Primary School
50. Magherafelt Primary School
51. Moneymore Primary School
52. Moy Regional Primary School
53. Naiscoil
54. Naiscoil Mhachaire Ratha
55. Naiscoil Na Speirini
56. Newmills Primary School
57. New Row Primary School
58. Orritor Primary School
59. Our Ladies Primary School, Benburb
60. Phoenix Integrated Primary School
61. Portglenone Primary School
62. Primate Dixon Primary School
63. Queen Elizabeth II Primary School
64. Richmond Primary School
65. Roan St Patricks Primary School
66. Sacred Heart Primary School, Rock
67. Spires Integrated Primary School
68. Stewartstown Primary School
69. St Bridgid's Primary School, Augher
70. St Bridgid's Primary School, Brocagh
71. St Bridgid's Primary School, Tirkane
72. St Columbs Cullion Primary School
73. St Columb's Primary School, Desertmartin
74. St Columba's Primary School, Draperstown
75. St Eoghan's Primary School
76. St John's Primary School, Kingsisland
77. St John's Primary School, Moy
78. St John Bosco's Primary School, Ballynease
79. St Joseph's Primary School, Galbally
80. St Joseph's Primary School, Killeenan
81. St MacCartan's Primary School, Clogher
82. St Malachy's Primary School, Drummullan
83. St Mary's Primary School, Aughnacloy
84. St Mary's Primary School, Ballygawley
85. St Mary's Primary School, Cabra

86. St Mary's Primary School, Dunamore
87. St Mary's Primary School, Glenview
88. St Mary's Primary School, Greenlough
89. St Mary's Primary School, Fivemiletown
90. St Mary's Primary School, Lisbuoy
91. St Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy
92. St Mary's Primary School, Portglenone
93. St Mary's Primary School, Stewartstown
94. St Patrick's Primary School, Annaghmore
95. St Patrick's Primary School, Aughnadarragh
96. St Patrick's Primary School, Donaghmore
97. St Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon
98. St Patrick's Primary School, Loup
99. St Patrick's Primary School, Maghera
100. St Patrick's Primary School, Moneymore
101. St Patrick's Primary School, Mullinahoe
102. St Pete's Primary School, Moortown
103. St Trea's Primary School
104. Tirkane Primary School
105. Tobermore Primary School
106. Walker Memorial Primary School
107. Windmill Primary School
108. Woods Primary School

PTA/PARENT SUPORT GROUPS

1. Blessed Patrick O'Loughran PS Parent Support
2. Bush Primary School PTA
3. Churchill PS Parent Support Group
4. Coagh Primary School Parents Association
5. Donaghey Primary School Parents' Association
6. Drumglass High School PTA
7. Edendork Primary School PSG
8. Friends and Parents of Cookstown PS
9. Friends of Crevagh/Lissan Cross Comm Group
10. Friends of Stewartstown Primary School
11. Naiscoil Eoghain PTA
12. Parent Teacher Association Fivemiletown
13. Parents and Friends of Cookstown Primary School
14. Parents, Teachers & Friends of Dungannon PS
15. Phoenix Parents Council
16. Queen Elizabeth II P.S. Parent Teacher Association
17. Richmond Parent Support Group
18. Roan St Patrick's PS Parent Support Group
19. St Josephs PS Fundraising Group
20. St Patrick's Academy Parent Support Group
21. St Patrick's College Parent Support Group
22. Woods PS PTA

SPORTS GROUPS

1. 1st Cookstown Mens Indoor Bowling Club
2. Ardboe Bowling Club
3. Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC
4. Ardtrea Ladies GFC
5. Athletics Sports Hall
6. Ballinascreen Camogie Club
7. Ballinderry Angling Club
8. Ballinderry Bridge Parochial Centre Bowling Club
9. Ballinderry Camogie Club
10. Ballinderry Shamrocks GAC
11. Ballygoney Angling Club
12. Ballymooghan Clay Pigeon Club
13. Ballyronan Boat Club
14. Bancran Tug of War
15. Bellaghy Presbyterian Bowling Club
16. Blood Sweat and Tears
17. Brigh Bowling Club
18. Carn Wheelers Cycling Club
19. Church Island Cycling
20. Coagh & Unipork Angling Club
21. Coagh Badminton Club
22. Coagh Bowling Club
23. Coagh Sports Centre
24. Cookstown Tai-Chi Club
25. Cookstown & Magherafelt Motocross
26. Cookstown & Magherafelt Motor Club
27. Cookstown 100
28. Cookstown Badminton Club
29. Cookstown Basketball Club
30. Cookstown Boxing Club
31. Cookstown Celtic F. C.
32. Cookstown Cricket Club
33. Cookstown Darts League
34. Cookstown High & Outdoor Bowling Club
35. Cookstown High School Badminton Club
36. Cookstown Hockey Club
37. Cookstown Ju Jitsu Club
38. Cookstown Karate Club
39. Cookstown Olympic FC
40. Cookstown Parochial Bowling Club
41. Cookstown Rugby Club
42. Cookstown Social Homing Pigeon Society
43. Cookstown Squash Club
44. Cookstown Swimming Club
45. Cookstown Tai Chi Club
46. Cookstown Volley Ball Clubs

47. Cookstown Yoga Club
48. Cookstown Youth FC
49. Cookstown Youth Football Club
50. Culbann Clay Pigeon Club
51. CYFC
52. Derry GAA
53. Derryloran Badminton Club
54. Derryloran Bowling Club
55. Desertlyn Bowling Club
56. Desertmartin Football Club
57. East Tyrone Cycling Club
58. Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club
59. Erins Own GAC Lavey
60. Fairhill Bowling Club
61. Fallaghboan Dance Club
62. Field Hockey Club
63. Fr Rocks GFC
64. Fr Rocks Ladies GFC
65. Gaelic Project
66. Harps Cycling Club
67. Henry Joy McCrackens Moneymore
68. Northern Ireland Under 15 Girls Football Team
69. Northern Ireland Under 18 Boys Hockey
70. Ulster Under 17 Badminton Team
71. Australian Rules Football
72. NI Netball
73. Ulster Under 15 Badminton Team
74. Innishrush Clay Pigeon Club
75. Innishrush Gun Club
76. Irish Indoor Bowling Association
77. Kildress Angling Club
78. Kildress Bowling Club
79. Kildress Wolfe Tones GFC
80. Killymoon Golf Club
81. Killymuck Clay Pigeon Club
82. Kingsbridge Angling Club
83. Knockloughrim Parish Bowling Club
84. Lafarge Bowling Club
85. Lissan Badminton Group
86. Lissan Bowling Club
87. Lissan GAC
88. Lissan Horse Riders
89. Loup Bowling Club
90. Loup Boxing Club
91. Loup GFC
92. Maghera Leisure Centre
93. Maghera Snooker Club
94. Magherafelt & District Cage Birds Society
95. Magherafelt & District Motor Club
96. Magherafelt & District Road Safety

97. Magherafelt Girls Soccer Club
98. Magherafelt Reds FC
99. Magherafelt Sky Blues
100. Magherafelt Sports Federation
101. Magherafelt Squash Club
102. Magherafelt Titans Junior Basketball Club
103. Michael Davitt GAC Swatragh
104. Mid - Ulster Cycling Club
105. Mid - Ulster Vintage Car Club
106. Mid Ulster Amateur Swimming Club
107. Mid Ulster Angling Club
108. Mid Ulster Canoe and Kayak
109. Mid Ulster Indoor Bowls Convener
110. Mid Ulster Ladies FC
111. Mid Ulster Netball Club
112. Mid Ulster Special Olympics
113. Mid Ulster Walking Club
114. Mid Ulster Water Ski Club
115. Mid-Ulster Athletic Club
116. Mid-Ulster Show Jumpers
117. Mid-Ulster Walking Club
118. Molesworth Indoor Bowling Club
119. Moneymore Badminton Club
120. Moneymore Gaelic Football
121. Moneymore Presbyterian Bowling Club
122. Moneymore Youth Club
123. Moortown Bowling Club
124. Moortown St Malachys GAC
125. Motocross
126. Moyola Clay Target Club
127. Moyola Park Football Club
128. Moyola Park Golf Club
129. Moyola Park Youth Football Club
130. Mu-Gen-DO
131. Newferry Waterski Club
132. NI Special Pool Club
133. O'Donovan Rossa GAC
134. Ogra Colmcille GFC
135. Orritor Bowling Club
136. Pearses GAC Kilrea
137. Pomeroy Badminton Club
138. Pomeroy Ladies GFC
139. Pomeroy Plunketts GAC
140. Rainey Old Boys R.F.C
141. Rainey Rugby Football Hockey Club
142. Robert Emmets GAC Slaughtneil
143. Rock Cycle Club
144. Rock GFC
145. Rock St Patricks GAA
146. Ronan Valley Golf Club

147. Royal British Legion Bowling Club
148. Sean O'Leary Newbridge
149. Sperrin Harriers
150. Spires Cycling Club
151. St Colms GAC Ballinascreen
152. St Columba's Camogie Club, Greenlough
153. St Johns Boxing Club Swatragh
154. St Joseph's Bowling Club
155. St Malachy's GAC Castledawson
156. St Martins GAC Desertmartin
157. St Mel's Camogie Club
158. St Michael's GAC Lissan
159. St Oliver Plunketts GAC
160. St Patricks Snooker Club
161. St Swithin's Mixed Bowling Club
162. St Trea's Bowling Club
163. St Trea's GAC Ballymaguigan
164. Stewartstown Harps GFC
165. Take a Bow Archery Club
166. Tamlaght Bowls Club
167. Tobermore United Football club
168. Tobermore Youth Football Academy
169. Toddler & Mini Soccer
170. Tullylagan Branch of the Pony Club
171. Tullylagan Pony Club
172. Tyrone Milk Cup
173. Watty Graham's GAA Club Glen
174. Wolfe Tones GAC Bellaghy
175. Woods Bowling Club
176. Ulster Angling Federation

VICTIMS GROUPS

1. MUVE Project
2. Stewartstown & District Support Group

WOMENS GROUPS

1. Acorn Women's Group
2. Aughnacloy Womens Institute
3. Ballinderry Women's Group
4. Ballygawley Women's Institute
5. Ballymaguigan Womens Group
6. Ballyronan Womens Group
7. Bellaghy Presbyterian Bowling Club
8. Bellaghy Womens Group
9. Bellaghy Womens Institute
10. Brantry Women's Group
11. Bush Womens' Group
12. Caledon Womens Institute

13. Castledawson Ladies Group
14. Clogher Mothers Union
15. Coalisland Women Learn & Leisure
16. Cookstown & District Women's Group
17. Country Roads Womens Group
18. Coyles Cottage Womens Group
19. Curlough Ladies Group
20. Donaghmore Women's Institute
21. Drumglass Mother's Union
22. Dungannon Ladies Probus Club
23. Eglis Presbyterian Womens Association
24. Ethnic Women's Organisation
25. Federation of Women's Institutes
26. First Steps Womens Centre
27. Galbally Women's Group
28. Girls Allowed Stewartstown Womens Cross Community Group
29. Gran Quilters
30. Granaghan and District Womens Group
31. Granaghan Womens Group
32. Greenlough Womens Group
33. Kilcronaghan Mothers Union
34. Kildress Mothers Union
35. Killycurragh Women's Institute
36. Killyman Women's Institute
37. Ladies Probus Group
38. Legion of Mary
39. Loup Womens Group
40. Maghera Womens Institute
41. Magherafelt Ladies Association
42. Magherafelt Womens Group
43. Magherafelt Womens Institute
44. Magheraglass Womens' Group
45. Mid-Ulster Women's Aid
46. Moneymore Women's Institute
47. Moy Circle of Friends
48. NI Womens Network
49. NIRWN
50. Northern Regional College
51. Pomeroy WI
52. Positive Steps / Cookstown & district
53. RBL- Women's Section
54. Royal British Legion Womens Section
55. Sixtowns Womens Group
56. Slievegallion Womens Group
57. Soroptimist International
58. Tobermore Womens Institute
59. Traad & Ballyronan Womens Group
60. TRAAD & Ballyronan Womens Group
61. Upperlands Womens Group
62. Womens Aid Maghera

63. Womens Resource Centre

YOUTH GROUPS

1. 14th Tyrone Scouts, Pomeroy
2. 190th Bellaghy Presbyterian Girls Brigade
3. 1st Ballygawley Beavers & Cubs Scouts
4. 1st Ballygawley Cubs
5. 1st Ballygawley Guides
6. 1st Castlecaulfield Boys Brigade
7. 1st Dungannon Boys Brigade
8. 1st Tyrone Scouts Group
9. 4H20 Kids
10. 6th Tyrone Scouts
11. All Set Cross Cultural Projects
12. Ar Ais Aris
13. Aughnacloy Youth Club
14. Ballygawley & Ballyreagh Youth Clubs
15. Ballygawley/Ballyreagh Group
16. Ballyronan Community Playgroup
17. Ballytree Parent Support Group
18. Big 5 Youth Club Programme
19. Caledon Parish Youth Fellowship
20. Castlecaulfield Presbyterian Church Guides
21. Castlecaulfield YFC
22. Castledawson Boys Brigade
23. Claggan Youth Club
24. Clogher & District Young Farmers
25. Clonaneese Youth Club
26. Cookstown & District Youth Forum
27. Cookstown High School Youth Club
28. Cookstown Town Centre Project
29. Cookstown Youth Resource Centre
30. Cornstore Draperstown
31. Crilly Cultural Group
32. Derryloran Cub Scout Pack
33. Derryloran Scouts
34. Desertcreat Cubs
35. Drumglass Youth Club
36. Dungannon & District Scout Fellowship
37. Dungannon Girl Guides
38. Dungannon Youth Resource Centre
39. Dungannon Youth Resource Centre
40. Fairhill Youth Group
41. First Cookstown Scout Group
42. Fivemiletown United Youth
43. Footlights Youth Group
44. Galbally Youth & Community Association
45. Junior Tennis Club

46. Kilcronaghan & Ballinascreen GFS
47. Kildress Area Youth & Community Club
48. Kildress Youth Club
49. Killeeshill Youth Club Summer Scheme
50. Killyman Youth Group
51. Krafty Kidz
52. Maghera Boys Brigade
53. Magherafelt Girls Soccer Club
54. Magherafelt Titans Junior Basketball Club
55. Magherafelt Youth Centre
56. Methodist Youth Club
57. Mid Ulster Child Contact Centre
58. Mid Ulster District Cub Scouts
59. Molesworth Street Summer Club
60. Molesworth Youth Club
61. Moyola Community Youth Committee
62. OGRAS
63. Pomeroy Play Group
64. Pomeroy Scouts
65. Road Engines Youth Club
66. Seal Spraoi
67. SELB Cookstown Youth Resource Centre
68. SELB Youth Executive Committee
69. Seskinore YFC
70. St Anne's 1st Dungannon Scouts
71. St Colmicilles Guides
72. St Eoghains Youth Club
73. St Johns Junior Youth Club
74. St Macartans Youth Club
75. St Malachy's C.B.S.I
76. St Swithins Church Girls' Brigade
77. Stewartstown Girls Brigade
78. Three Spires Scout Group
79. Tobermore Boys Brigade
80. Tobermore Girls Bridage
81. Tullanisken Youth Club
82. Woodschapel Beaver Scouts
83. Young Farmers Club
84. Youth Action NI
85. Youth Explosion

OTHER

1. Colm Donaghy Chartered Architect
2. Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) (DCAL)
3. Education Authority, North Eastern Region
4. Heaton Planning
5. Inaltus
6. TC Town Planning
7. Renewable Energy Systems Limited

LIST 3: SECTION 75 GROUPS

1. Action on Hearing Loss
2. Age UK – Northern Ireland
3. An Tearman
4. Aware NI
5. Barnardos
6. British Deaf Association
7. Business in the Community
8. Cara-Friend
9. Carer's & Friends Mentally Handicapped
10. Carer's National Association NI
11. Children's Law Centre
12. Children in Need
13. Citizens Advice
14. CINI
15. Chinese Welfare Association
16. Coalition on Sexual Orientation
17. Commissioner for Older People in NI
18. Committee on the Administration of Justice
19. Community Disabled & Retired Association
20. Community Foundation Northern Ireland
21. Community Relations Council
22. Contact Northern Ireland
23. Cookstown Benefits Uptake Campaign
24. Cookstown Chamber of Commerce
25. Cookstown PCSP
26. Cookstown Enterprise Centre
27. Cookstown St Vincent de Paul
28. Cookstown Clergy
29. Co-Operation Ireland
30. COSTA
31. CWSAN
32. Council for the Homeless Northern Ireland
33. Cruse Bereavement Care (NI)
34. Democratic Unionist Party
35. Disability Action
36. Down's Syndrome Association
37. Dungannon SVDP
38. Dungannon Art Disability Stakeholder Forum
39. Dungannon Vineyard
40. Dungannon Churches Forum
41. Dungannon Clergy Forum
42. Dungannon First Steps Women's Group
43. Dungannon & Cookstown Women's Aid
44. Dungannon STEP Migrant Forum
45. Dungannon Clergy Forum

46. Dungannon LARG Disability Group
47. Dungannon Youth Forum
48. Dungannon Regeneration Partnership
49. Early Years
50. Employer's for Disability NI
51. Employers for Childcare
52. Equality Coalition
53. Equality Commission for Northern Ireland
54. Foster Care Support Group
55. Foras na Gaelige
56. Gay Lesbian Youth NI
57. General Consumer Council
58. Gingerbread NI
59. GMB
60. Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
61. Housing Rights Service
62. Information Commissioners Office
63. Irish Congress of Trade Unions
64. Law Centre NI
65. Lesbian Advocacy Services Initiative
66. Lesbian Line
67. Local Government Staff Commission
68. Loup Women's Group
69. Mencap
70. Men's Action Network
71. Mid-Ulster Women's Network
72. Mind Wise
73. Muslim Family Association NI
74. National Children's Bureau
75. NIACRO
76. NIPSA
77. Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network
78. NIAMH
79. NICCY
80. ICTU
81. NICEM
82. NICVA
83. Northern Ireland Dyslexia Association
84. Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
85. NIPSA
86. Northern Ireland Youth Forum
87. NSPCC NI
88. OFMDFM – Equality Unit
89. Older People's Advocate
90. Parenting NI
91. Parents Advice Centre
92. Parents & Professionals & Autism
93. Participation Network
94. Playboard
95. Play NI

96. Polish Association NI
97. Praxis Care
98. Probation Board Northern Ireland
99. Queer Space
100. Rainbow Project
101. Royal National Institute for Blind
102. Royal National Institute for Deaf People
103. Rural Community Network
104. Rural Development Council
105. Samaritans
106. Save the Children
107. Sense NI
108. Simon Community NI
109. Sinn Féin
110. Social Democratic and Labour Party
111. Sperrins Tourism Ltd
112. Talking Newspaper Association
113. The Cedar Foundation
114. The Consumer Council
115. Training for Womens Network
116. Ulster Scots Agency
117. Ulster Supported Employment Ltd
118. Ulster Unionist Party
119. UNISON
120. Unite
121. Victim Support NI
122. Volunteer Now
123. William Keown Trust
124. Women into Politics
125. Women's Resource and Development Agency
126. Women's Support Network
127. Women's Network NI
128. Women's European Platform
129. Women's Aid NI
130. Youth Action
131. Youth Council for Northern Ireland
132. Youth Link Northern Ireland
133. Youth Net
134. Youth Forum NI

APPENDIX 2

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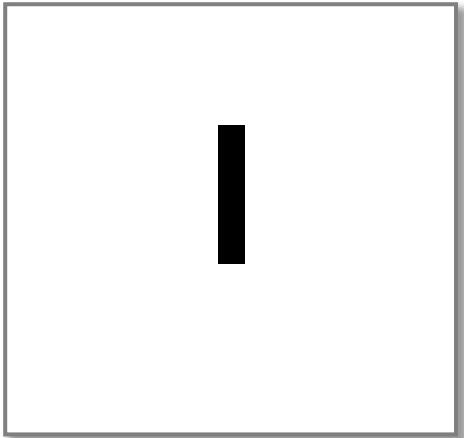
MID ULSTER STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

GROUPS TO BE CONSULTED WHEN DETERMINING A PLANNING APPLICATION

LIST 1: STATUTORY CONSULTEES

1. Department of Environment (DOE)
2. Health and Safety Executive NI (HSENI)
3. Department of Regional Development (DRD) or Water Undertaker as defined under Article 13 of the Water and Sewerage (NI) Order 2006
4. Licensed Aerodomes
5. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)
6. Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)
7. Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)

Note: There will be cases where non-statutory consultees may need to be consulted. Non-statutory consultees are not bound by the 21 calendar days for a response.





Subject Revised Council & Committee Meeting Schedule 2016-17

Reporting Officer P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval to change dates of scheduled meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council 2016 AGM date to Tuesday 7 June 2016, and• March 2017 Development Committee to Wednesday 15 March 2017.

2	Background
2.1	The February Policy & Resources Committee considered a Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017. This was subsequently agreed by the Council at its February meeting.

3	Key Issues
3.1	A need has been identified to reschedule the 2016 AGM and it is proposed that the meeting now take place on Tuesday 7 June. As a consequence the Planning Committee which was scheduled for the same evening will now take place on Monday 13 June 2016.
3.2	The March 2017 Development Committee is currently scheduled to take place on the evening before St Patrick's Day 2017 it is proposed that this meeting be now held on Wednesday 15 th March 2017.

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

5	Other Considerations
5.1	A revised meeting schedule will be re-issued.

6	Recommendations
6.1	That the 2016 Council AGM take place on Tuesday 7 June, the June Planning Committee take place on Monday 13 June and the March 2017 Development Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 15 March.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A Council & Committee Meeting Schedule 2016-2017 (Revised)



Council & Committee Meeting Schedule April 2016 - June 2017

MONTH	COMMITTEE	DATE	LOCATION
April	Planning	Tues 5 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 7 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 12 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 14 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 28 th at 7pm	Dungannon
May	Planning	Tues 3 rd at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Environment	Tues 10 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy and Resources	Wed 11 th May	
	Development	Thurs 12 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 26 th at 7pm	Dungannon
	Audit	Tue 31 st at 7pm	Cookstown
June	AGM	Tues 7th at 7pm	Dungannon
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 9 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Planning	Monday 13th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 14 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 16 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 23 rd at 7pm	Dungannon
	Special Council: Infrastructure	Thurs 30 th 7pm	
July	Environment	Mon 4 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Planning	Tues 5 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Development	Wed 6 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy & Resources	Thurs 7 th at 7pm	
	Audit	Tues 26 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 28 th at 7pm	Dungannon
August	Planning	Tues 2 nd at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Council	Thurs 25 th at 7pm	Dungannon
Sept	Planning	Tues 6 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 8 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 13 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 15 th at 7pm	
	Audit	Tues 20 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 22 nd at 7pm	Dungannon
	Special Council: Housing	Thurs 29 th at 7pm	

MONTH	COMMITTEE	DATE	LOCATION
October	Planning	Tues 4 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 6 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Environment	Tues 11 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 13 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 27 th at 7pm	Dungannon
November	Planning	Tues 1st at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 3rd at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 8th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 10 th at 7pm	
	Special Council: Health	Thurs 17 th at 7pm	Dungannon
	Council	Thurs 24 th at 7pm	
December	Environment	Mon 5 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Planning	Tues 6 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Development	Wed 7 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Policy & Resources	Thurs 8 th at 7pm	
	Audit	Tues 13 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 15 th at 7pm	Dungannon
January 2017	Planning	Mon 9 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Environment	Tues 10 th at 7pm	
	Policy & Resources	Wed 11 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 12 th at 7pm	
	Special Council: Education	Thurs 19 th at 7pm	Dungannon
	Council	Thurs 26 th at 7pm	
February	Planning	Tues 7 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 9 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Environment	Tues 14 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 16 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 23 rd at 7pm	Dungannon
March	Planning	Tues 7 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 9 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 14 th at 7pm	
	Development	Wed 15 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 23 rd at 7pm	Dungannon
	Audit	Tues 28 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Special Council: Economy	Thurs 30 th at 7pm	Dungannon

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	Policy and Resources	Thurs 6 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Environment	Tues 11 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 13 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 27 th at 7pm	Dungannon
May	Planning	Tues 2 nd at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 4 th at 7pm	
	Environment	Tues 9 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 11 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 25 th at 7pm	Dungannon
June	AGM	Thurs 1 st at 7pm	Dungannon
	Planning	Tues 6 th at 7pm	Magherafelt
	Policy and Resources	Thurs 8 th at 7pm	Cookstown
	Environment	Tues 13 th at 7pm	
	Development	Thurs 15 th at 7pm	
	Council	Thurs 22 nd at 7pm	Dungannon
	Special Council: Infrastructure	Thurs 29 th at 7pm	

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Subject Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Reporting Officer Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.

2	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.

3	Key Issues																								
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	Documentation on the aforementioned consultations may be provided on request.
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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

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Not applicable

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members review and note the notified consultations.

7	List of documents attached
7.1	Not applicable.