

Report on	Community Development Report
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Community Grants - to approve the Council grants policy 2022 – 2023; to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries
1.2	Emergency Support funding – to approve the final allocation of the Emergency Support funding.
1.3	Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions Allocation) – to approve the allocation from DfC for its Financial Inclusion initiative to the affiliated network of Credit Unions across the district.
1.4	Charlie Donnelly Winter school – to approve cooperation with the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and Council to Council linkages between Mid Ulster and Madrid with the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, and Taranco region.
1.5	Development - to update on Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers an open call for its main grants; and then delivers a number of rolling community grant programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals. Council also annually delivers the Decade of Anniversaries Grant.
2.2	Emergency Support funding – DFC has allocated Council emergency Covid 19 support funds to help the community remobilise in light of the Covid 19 pandemic, and support people with regard to the impact of Covid 19.
2.3	Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions) – DfC has allocated Council support funds under its Financial Inclusion initiative to underpin financial education for people. Its purpose is to help build financial resilience and improve overall financial wellbeing through access to good quality advice and skills to support effective money

	management, linking into holistic debt advice services. As part of the delivery of the Poverty Plan and stakeholder engagement workshop with members and local Credit Unions from across the district representative of all the affiliated federations (Irish League, Ulster Federation & The Tyrone Zone) it was recommended if resources became available they could be allocated to Credit Unions to undertake this work.
2.4	Charlie Donnelly Winter school – Council established linkages with the Charlie Donnelly Winter school and region of Rivas Vaciamadrid during the legacy Council of Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council. Continued linkages to the Winter School have taken place annually (due to Covid 19 this has not taken place last 2 years). The Municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid has formally written to the Chair of Mid Ulster District Council to re-establish links between the regions through the Charlie Donnelly Winter school and other commemorations in Madrid.
2.5	Development includes the following areas: Community Support, Good Relations, Culture, Arts, Heritage, Strategic Community Development, and PCSP.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Good Relations grant is a rolling programme – 1 application received and recommended for awards total £840 Community Festival – no application submissions See grant award recommendations in Appendix 1 for approval.</p> <p>The Council opens its main community grants each year in January/February and closes in March. The grants policy is attached at Appendix 2 for approval. Areas to note: Criteria for sports development to give consideration to encouraging people who are not actively involved in sport to participate. Strategic grants will open but applicants must follow guidance as per the NI Executive Office and regulations relating to Covid 19. Schools Sports -Access Grant; delivered in partnership with Leisure; to note a number of updates - the focus of the grant is for minority community sports groups that do not have access to their own facilities, a pro rata process for sports groups accessing the same school facility, and focus on provision of sports pitches.</p>
3.2	<p>Emergency Support funding – In partnership with DFC, the remainder of the emergency support funding of £16,565, is to be allocated to (original budget £134,621 with £118,056 allocated to facilities).</p> <p>It is proposed to work in partnership with the charity Save the Children and the Northern and Southern Trusts to provide support for families with young children in financial hardship under their Family Support Initiative. The referrals to the programme would be via the Mid Ulster Advice Service STEP. The programme was piloted in Antrim and Newtownabbey Council which has proved very positive regarding support to families in need. A support worker will engage the families in need and provide a wrap around service of support with provision for early learning educational toy packs for children, support re accessing services, and support for basic provision such as food and essential household vouchers and support on engaging children early on worries etc. (up to a</p>

	<p>maximum of £340 per family). The programme will support a minimum of 150 families across Mid Ulster.</p> <p>The investment breakdown is Northern Trust £10,000 Southern Trust £10,000 Council £20,000 (DFC emergency support funding £16,565) Save the Children facilitation and running costs Mid Ulster Advice Service STEP referrals</p>
3.3	<p>Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions) – DfC have allocated a resource of £46,740 for the primary purpose to help build financial resilience and improve overall financial wellbeing through access to good quality advice and skills to support effective money management, linking into holistic debt advice services. Following a stakeholder engagement workshops with the Credit Unions network to develop greater collaboration between the local CUs and Council especially in the area of financial support, it is proposed to allocate the available funding to the network of CUs based on a membership pro-rata basis as detailed in Appendix 3.</p>
3.4	<p>This funding will go towards updating and modernising service provision with a partner engagement on outreach to children and young people and schools to encourage greater financial awareness, savings and planning ahead.</p> <p>Charlie Donnelly Winter school – It is proposed to re-establish links between Mid Ulster and Madrid; the region of Rivas Vaciamadrid and Tاراcon through the Charlie Donnelly Winter school and other commemorations in Madrid. The proposed Charlie Donnelly Winter school will be at Hill of The O'Neill and will include following: Host and engage with representatives and officials from Ayuntamiento Rivas Vaciamadrid. A series of cross community activities on poetry, art, tours for Charlie Donnelly (Killybrackey) and Ben Murray (Aughnacloy), a film showing, a music event, a keynote address, talks, update talk by Gearóid Ó Machail (FIBI) and Rev Mark Gray (Bannside Presbyterian Church) on the work in Banbridge to commemorate International Brigaders from the area.</p> <p>It is proposed to support the Winter school with a contribution of £4000 to their programme under Arts and Culture and Good Relations.</p>
3.5	<p>Pending Covid 19 it is proposed to host representatives from the above municipalities during the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and to consider future visit of Mid Ulster officials to the region.</p> <p>Development</p> <p>Community Support The Community Support team is currently working with groups in the delivery of their grants and in other development activity.</p>

	<p>Good Relations</p> <p>Good Relations is continuing to deliver the Plan for 2021 – 2022. Programmes are being delivered across the three themes of engaging young people together, promoting and delivering shared space and cultural development working with BME and migrant communities, section 75 groups and supporting cultural expression.</p> <p>Peace IV Local Action Plan – the programme is complete a part from the Shared Space Towns Project. Follow up activity re finalising claims and monitoring with SEUPB is taking place.</p> <p>PCSP –Ongoing as guided by the PCSP Partnership. Please see attached minutes in Appendix 4.</p> <p>Arts & Culture – the venues are continuing to deliver their arts, heritage and literary programmes, based on Covid 19 guidance.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Grants – budgets as per table in Appendix 2.</p> <p>Good Relations - £840</p> <p>Emergency Support funding - £20,000, with £16,565 of DFC emergency support funding and the remainder within the community development budget.</p> <p>Financial Inclusion funding - £46,740</p> <p>Charlie Donnelly Winter School - £4000 (Arts and Culture and Good Relations)</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Community Grants - to approve the Council grants policy 2022 – 2023; to agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations.
5.2	Emergency Support funding – to approve the final allocation of the Emergency Support funding and participate in the partner project to support families in need.
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5.4	Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions Allocation) – to approve the allocation from DfC for its Financial Inclusion initiative to the affiliated network of Credit Unions across the district.
5.5	<p>Charlie Donnelly Winter school – to approve cooperation with the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and Council to Council linkages between Mid Ulster and Madrid with the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, and Tarancón region.</p> <p>Development - to update on Development.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals Grant Awards</p> <p>Appendix 2 Community Grants Policy 2022 – 2023</p> <p>Appendix 3 Financial Inclusion Funding to Credit Unions</p> <p>Appendix 4 PCSP Minutes</p>

Appendix 1

Good Relations Grant - December 2021 (Maximum £1200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Belle of Mid Ulster Association	Community	International Women's Day Event	4	£1,200	£840
					Total	£840

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Appendix 2 Grants Policy 2022– 2023

Category 1 One Grant in Category Community Groups	Category 2 One Grant in Category	Category 3 Sports Groups One Category with exception of *	Category 4
1. Small Grant in Arts & Culture, Heritage Community Dev. Maximum £1200 Budget proposed £130,000 2. Community Venue Grant (incl. activity) Maximum £3000 Budget £80,000 80% Community development & greater than 10 hours weekly activity – 3 year funding 3. Strategic Arts & Culture Grant Maximum £20,000 Budget £85,000 80% arts & culture group & dedicated performance space -3 year funding 4. Strategic Community Development Grant Maximum £8,000 Budget £45,000 3 year funding	5. Strategic Events Grant Maximum £8,000 Minimum 1000 people attending Budget £75,000 (£10,000 GR TBC annually) 3 year funding 6. Good Relations Grant Maximum £1200 Rolling programme Budget £35,000 Rolling Programme 7. Community Local Festival Grant Maximum £1200 Rolling programme Budget £90,000 Rolling Programme	8. *Sports Development Maximum £1500 Budget £30,000 9. *Sports Capital Grant Maximum grant £5000 To be matched 50% One call each year – can only apply every 2 years Budget £120,000) 10. Strategic Sports Development Grant Maximum £15,000, Budget £75,000 (Governing Bodies only-Salary) 3 year funding 11 *Sports Representative Individual & Team Maximum £250-£500 Budget £15,000 Selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national, all Ireland or international level (outside of NI)	12. Capital Discretionary Grant Up to £50,000 as funder of last resort Budget TBC 13. Festive Lights Allocation as per settlement Budget £105,000 (3 year funding) 14. Schools Sports - Access Grant Maximum £4500 Schools providing sports facilities to minority sports that do not have their own provision in areas Budget £10,000

Grant allocation -

Community (Community Development, Arts, Culture & Heritage, general) Groups can only apply to one programme per year to Categories 1 and 2. Sports groups can apply to Category 3 and 2. Category 4 grants are limited to groups meeting very specific conditions with a requirement to contact grants team to discuss.

Council also seeks for annual calls for strategic partnership projects in line with PCSP Action Plan and Good Relations Action Plan and partners on Regional Minority Languages support activities. Publicity of strategic partner projects to be issued January/February 2022 in line with plans.

Grants Process

1. Application and criteria set through Committee and Council.
2. Public Advertisement for all grants.
3. Applications will be online or if required a hard copy can be requested.
4. There will be points of contact for queries on each grant area.
5. Applications will be submitted on line or returned to one central office which will then oversee the allocation to relevant teams for administration.
6. Eligibility will be confirmed upon receipt of applications, with 2 days' notice for ensuring all documentation is in place, telephone and email notification recorded.
7. Grants that meet eligibility will proceed to assessment to be carried out by officer teams, all declarations of interest are monitored.
8. Grants will be presented to Committee for consideration and approval, all declarations of interest are monitored.
9. Grants will be presented to Council for ratification.
10. Letters of Offer (standard template) will be issued to all groups.
11. Claims will be received as previous and verification undertaken.
12. Report to Council on investment of grant funding and groups supported.
13. Publicity of Council must be received for grant support in line with the LOO.
14. Advance payments will be provided, 50% up to £1500 and 25% up to £10,000.

Grant Eligibility Conditions

1. Groups applying for a grant must be a not for profit constituted community or voluntary organisation with an annual AGM, individuals can apply to the sports representative grant only.
2. Funding cannot be allocated for a project or venue where an existing SLA exists with Council for a project, building or facility.
3. Groups will only be able to apply for a grant as per the categories, this is to maximise the funding allocation to as many groups as possible.
4. The same project cannot be split across different grant categories.
5. Statutory and 'for profit' organisations, activities and recipients (incl. activities that receive statutory core provision are not eligible for grant, note exception schools facilities in the community grant).
6. Regional groups/organisations are not eligible to apply.
7. Applications that are not completed accurately and in full will not be considered.
8. Religious or political activity cannot be funded under any grant.
9. All applicants must present a project that will take place within the MUDC area (except Sports Representative Grant as detailed within this section).
10. Applicants must present a project that will be delivered between 1st April - 31st March
11. Evidence of good governance; including annual AGM, Group bank account, financial management practice, insurances, etc. will be required.
12. Successful applicants will draw down grants retrospectively based on vouched expenditure, with procurement adhered to. Advance payments will be 50% up to £1500 and 25% up to £10,000 with final verification of all expenditure.
13. Group recipients should not have a membership charge for its users accessing its community provision greater than £250.
14. Group recipients should have no element of profit gain to any member or individual of its Committee (community interest companies not included due to director contribution).

The following items are not eligible for funding:

Hospitality greater than 20% of the grant threshold	Bad debt, loans, bank charges, deficits or arrears in payments of any organisation	Flags or bunting Alcohol	Groups or activities that discriminate against any section of the community
Activities, equipment or events that duplicate what already exist or that are covered by other funding	Salaries are available for strategic sports grants only (up to 50% of grant award)	Retrospective funding applications	Residential courses or training greater than 20% of funding sought
Celebrity appearances	Sports kits	Gifts or donations	Reclaimable VAT or other costs

Grant Criteria: Category 1

Strategic Arts & Culture Grant

To support strategic arts and culture organisations that play a key role across the Mid Ulster District Council area in the development and delivery of arts & culture activity through the delivery of their own programmes utilising their own dedicated arts & culture performance spaces. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual arts and culture programme within the organisations own performance space/theatre.
2. Provide accessible arts and culture development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
3. Provide 100% dedicated arts & culture activity & be delivered by a dedicated arts & culture group.
4. Provide at least bi weekly arts and culture activities.

Strategic Community Development Grant

To support strategic community development organisations that provide for the Mid Ulster area. Groups delivering to the same area should submit a partner application to avoid duplication.

1. Level of Community Support Activity
2. Level of benefit – number of beneficiaries
3. Targeting of deprivation and social need
4. Quality and level of provision
5. Level of geographic coverage
6. Value for Money

Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Small Grant

To support local communities deliver a range of local arts, culture, heritage, community projects for their local area.

1. Arts, Cultural, Heritage, Community activity and participation
2. Contribution to arts, culture, heritage, community development in the area
3. Increase and widen participation, addressing social inclusion and diversity
4. Contribution to volunteering and volunteer development

Community Venue Grant

To support local communities to make available their premises and community centres for the use of the wider community. Venues applying to the grant must be used for a minimum 80% community development activities.

1. Beneficiaries (number of beneficiaries and groups)
2. Level of community usage per week
3. Level of community provision – number of rooms and size etc.
4. Shared space usage
5. Value for Money – contribution of grant to overall costs

The venue must be open greater than 10 hours per week and the grant can be used for community development projects at 20% of the funding allocation.

Grant Criteria: Category 2

Strategic Events Grant

To support a number of strategic events that are providing for the whole of Mid Ulster District and are of a significant nature to bring people to the area and to promote the area at a regional level.

1. Social, Regeneration and Economic Return
2. Event Development
3. Promotion of Mid Ulster & Council
4. Event Management Experience
5. Level of promotion of good relations and Inclusion
6. Value for Money

Note events with a target audience under 1000 people or events that are not receiving regional tourism attendance and coverage would be a local community festival event.

Community Local Festival Grant

To support local communities deliver a local festival in their area bringing people from across the area together.

1. Level of Community Benefit and Participation (number of days, activities)
2. Number of beneficiaries (local and neighbouring areas)
3. Promotion of Good Relations and Social Inclusion
4. Festival Development

Good Relations Grant

To support local communities deliver on good relations in line with the Government Together Building United Communities Strategy.

1. Contribution to the Good Relations TBUC themes : Our Shared Community, Safe Community, Cultural Expression through increased use of shared spaces and services
2. Contribution to Core Good Relations, addressing sectarianism, racism and prejudice through provision of increased shared space
3. Level of Community Benefit and Participation in existing shared space through increased activity
4. Targeting of Social Inclusion and deprivation through access to shared space and improved access to activities/events.

Grant Criteria: Category 3

Sports Representative Individual and Team Competitive Grant

To support Individuals who have been selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national, all Ireland or international level, with eligible costs (accommodation, travel, food), to a maximum of a £250 grant may be available. Applicants must be resident within the Mid Ulster District Council area for a period of 6 months prior to the period of the grant application.

To assist recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) who are travelling to compete in a recognised (by Governing body) representative (of District/County) sporting competition. A grant for eligible costs (travel, accommodation, food) to a maximum of £500 may be available. The team must have qualified in a recognised competition by the governing body of this sport, and must be representing the District / County. For both grants the event/competition must take place outside of NI.

Sports Small Grant

To support recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) to develop and promote their sports and recreation provision within their club and to seek to increase participation through a range of activity including; Women & Girls, People with Disabilities and Areas of Social Need. It will also support lifelong participation in

sport, health & wellbeing and the non-competitive side of sport that characterises the added value of what many clubs involve themselves in (e.g. Club Health Plans)

1. Level of sports activity and beneficiaries
2. Level of benefit targeting of Women & Girls, People with Disabilities & Areas of Social Need, older people back to fitness and others not in sport and fitness.
3. Contributes to promoting fitness and wellbeing
4. Other general activity provided to the community to engage and increase participation of those not traditionally participating in sports

Sports Capital Grant

To support local sports clubs/groups develop their sporting facilities and provision through capital and equipment funding support. It will also support lifelong participation in sport, health & wellbeing and the non-competitive side of sport that characterises the added value of what many clubs involve themselves in (e.g. Club Health Plans)

Eligibility:

1. The fund is for not for profit constituted sports groups with the primary objective of providing sports for the Mid Ulster District.
2. All statutory consents and public procurement is in place.
3. Actual project cost quotations are provided with the application.
4. A maximum contribution of £5,000 is available per project, with a minimum match contribution of 50% (e.g. if seeking £5000 it must be a minimum £10,000 project).
5. For sports capital items or a one off piece of equipment of a value greater than £1000.
6. Groups can only apply to this grant once every 2 years.

The Sports Capital Grant is to provide a significant benefit to the local community:

Sports Development– supporting the development and enhancement of sports and sports groups across Mid Ulster.

Sports Wellbeing /Provision– increasing the number of beneficiaries of sport, and contributing to the physical fitness and wellbeing of people across the District.

Social Need/Social Inclusion – targeting those most vulnerable and people not currently active in sports to support lifelong participation in sport.

Sustainability – supporting the long term sustainability of sporting facilities & groups.

Council Corporate Plan – contributing to the Council's Corporate Objectives.

Strategic Sports Development Grant

To support Governing Bodies that play a key strategic role across the MUDC area in developing their affiliated Clubs. It aims to provide Grant Aid to those Governing Bodies that provide direct support to Clubs across the area in increasing participation rates and improving playing standards through the employment of a Sports Coach. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual sports development programme of a main sport.
2. Be delivered through a recognised NI Sports organisation; through or in partnership with a sporting governing body; with no duplication of coverage within the same area or targeting of the same groups.
3. Provide accessible sports development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
4. Provide the programme through a partnership approach with local clubs and groups.
5. Provide a minimum of 50% dedicated sports officer to the area of coverage in Mid Ulster. Funding for salary development only.
6. Provide match funding of a minimum 50% to the sports development programme targeted within the Mid Ulster District.
7. Provide for an active sport within Mid Ulster.
8. Liaise with Mid Ulster District Council Leisure Development Unit.

Grant Criteria: Category 4

Capital Discretionary Grant

To recognise that there are times when a modest amount of capital investment in our community can create the potential for a much larger project to happen. In such circumstances Council could potentially be a discretionary funder of last resort to allow projects to happen and maximise investment to our areas and communities. Any contribution would be a small percentage towards a much larger project.

Criteria:

Capital funding – Council will consider providing financial support for capital projects, which are defined as projects which will provide benefit to the community for a period in excess of five years, examples of which may include a new building or

refurbishment/renovation of an existing building. It will not provide support for acquisition of land, buildings or other assets such as equipment other than fixed plant for example permanently installed elevators/lifts.

a.The project funded must be in community ownership (satisfactory evidence of legal title or an appropriate long term lease will be required.

b.Not for Profit - Funding will only be considered for not for profit constituted community and voluntary groups which are involved in progressing a major community capital project which will provide significant benefit to the community within the Mid Ulster District Council area -Groups/organisations must able to demonstrate that the majority of project beneficiaries (>80%) live within the Mid Ulster District Council area.

c.Community Benefit – A Project Plan must be in place to show community need and benefit and to avoid any potential issues of duplication.

d.Funder of Last Resort - The majority of funding at least 70% should be in place and that all funding avenues have been exhausted. Evidence of this will be required.

e.Statutory Requirements - The project must be at a state of readiness 6 months after letter of offer; with planning permission, land acquisition or lease agreement (if required), and other statutory permissions in place along with accurate costings.

f.Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Aims – The project must clearly demonstrate how it is achieving on Council corporate aims and objectives.

g.The project is a minimum value of £300,000, with Council funding to a maximum contribution of £50,000.

h.The Project must complete within 18 months of letter of offer; phased delivery and invoicing of expenditure can be accommodated.

A Group can only submit one call per project for this Capital Discretionary funding

Support and a submission will only be considered by a Group once every 3 years.

Groups/Organisations would be required to formally present to a Special Development Committee of Council.

Festive Lights Fund (award as per village settlement population - Area Plan)

Direct provision of festive lighting will be provided in the main towns of Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Coalisland and Maghera.

A grant programme (revenue and capital funding) will be delivered across the remaining settlements under the following criteria -

- I. The grant will be revenue (small items of capital applicable) and will support the supply, installations, maintenance, running cost of providing festive lights and any associated switch-on/launch event. The lights will be in a predominant village location visible to the wider community.
- II. The village settlements and populations will be as per the Mid Ulster Development Plan 2020 - 2030. The grant allocation will be based on village settlement size and range from £1,250 - £3,000:
Up to £3,000 settlements greater than 1000
Up to £2,000 settlements greater than 500
Up to £1,500 all other listed village settlements
Up to £1,250 all other listed smaller settlements
- III. Technical support will be available to groups and communities from Council Technical Unit.
- IV. The grant can only be issued to one group per area and the main overall development/regeneration/Chamber group will be given priority.
- V. All grant aid will be paid retrospectively to those successful applicants who submit appropriate paid invoices to Council as vouched expenditure.
- VI. Provision, installation and insurance, liability of lighting and any activity will be the responsibility of the Group applying.
- ix. Small settlements listed in the Area Plan that are not classified as villages will be considered for inclusion within the fund; if they have previously provided festive lights in their area.
- x. Letters will be issued to the main Development Group within the designated settlement with an offer of funding.

School Sports Access Grant (Threshold £4,500.00)

Mid Ulster District Council recognises the importance of participation in physical activity and sport and the need to maximise access to facilities which encourage and support this.

Council recognises that a few underrepresented sports may be constrained by lack of access to suitable facilities, yet these may exist in local schools.

Specifically targeted at clubs using / planning to use a schools synthetic pitch or schools wanting to offer access to their synthetic pitch outside curriculum times.

To increase access for sports clubs to an under-utilized school synthetic pitch.

To contribute to the cost to schools of opening up and maintaining schools synthetic pitch.

To enhance access to team sports activities which are under-resourced or underrepresented.

The maximum amount available to access a school synthetic pitch is £4,500.00 – 1 application per school / club and where 2 or more clubs apply to use the same school synthetic pitch the grant offered will be on a pro rata basis ie 2 clubs up to 50%, 3 clubs up to 33.3% and 4 clubs up to 25%, etc

Eligibility

Be a sports club using or planning to use a school owned synthetic pitch or be a school which plans to provide access to a school owned synthetic pitch by sports clubs.

Incur actual documented costs in accessing / providing a schools synthetic pitch or provide documentary evidence of voluntary work or maintenance costs involved in maintaining a school synthetic pitch.

Not have benefited from Council's: Sports Strategic Development Grant or Sports Capital Grant.

The programme is primarily aimed at team sports.

Council may consider applications by schools on behalf of, and supported by evidence of agreement with, a constituted sports club.

In addition for sports clubs:

Be a constituted and not for profit sports club participating in a sport recognised by Sport NI, located in the Mid Ulster District Council area or a minimum of 80% of members must be resident in the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Sports club should evidence a letter of support/commitment from School Principal that includes agreed hire charges.

In addition for schools: Be located in the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Appeals Process

An appeals process will be available for unsuccessful applicants. There will be no right of appeal in relation to the level of funding granted however appeals can be made on the basis of:

- That the stated process has not been followed.
- That the application has been rejected on the basis of eligibility criteria which had been applied incorrectly.
- That the scoring against the criteria for the programme has not been undertaken correctly.

Appeals can be undertaken in two stages if required:

Stage 1—an appeal must be lodged in writing within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a rejection letter. In the first instance the appeal should be submitted to the Grants Unit who will take responsibility for allocating this to the relevant senior officer. In all cases the appeal will be reviewed by the senior officer and a determination reached within one week of receipt of the appeal. If the appeal is upheld the project will be reassessed and an appropriate letter of offer issued. If the appeal is not successful the applicant will be informed and given the right to take the appeal to Stage 2 if required.

Stage 2 – if the applicant is still not satisfied he or she can request a review by the Chief Executive who will review the process and application and present their recommendation.

Grant Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation seek to ensure that funding delivers the required outcomes, that it is used as agreed and to provide a feedback mechanism to improve decision making.

Monitoring should seek to ensure that;

Value for money is achieved.

The predicted outcomes are delivered.

Council has received adequate communication/promotion

Procurement has been met

Where instances arise where outcomes are not being met, the officer will support the Group to address any issues.

Monitoring will include completion of an evaluation and monitoring form. A visit by an officer will be undertaken to 10% of projects that receive funding over £1500 threshold. This will complement the verification visit and will include the same random selection of groups.

Grants applicable – Strategic grants: Culture, Arts and Sports, Strategic Community Development, Strategic Events, and Venues.

10% of small grants will have a project evaluation upon random sample. This will be undertaken by an officer of the Community Development Team, led by the Community Services Manager.

Capital projects; up to £5000 will have to issue evidence (e.g. photographs) of the capital and equipment investment alongside their expenditure return. A 20% monitoring visit will be undertaken on site to view expenditure items.

Discretionary Capital Grants will all be vouched on site for delivery of the capital development.

Grant Verification

Reference DFP Guidance on Grants and Reducing Bureaucracy in funding the community and voluntary sector - The Code applies to revenue grant funding only.

Micro Grants will be paid when valid receipts are received & checked. A 50% advance will be issued to groups with final verification of all invoices before the balance of the grant is paid.

Small grants £1500 - £10,000 financial verification will take place based on valid receipts being checked against agreed project expenditure. A 25% advance will be issued to groups with final verification of all invoices before the remainder of the grant is paid.

Verification will include completion of a claim form, signed by relevant people within the organisation, along with valid receipts and invoices.

Appendix 3

Credit Unions					
Name	Credit Union Network	Adult Membership	Minors	Total Membership	Allocation £
Cookstown	Irish League of CUs	6,102	1175	7,277	3,254
Dungannon	Irish League of CUs	10,011	1521	11,532	5,157
Magherafelt	Irish League of CUs	3,426	304	3,730	1,668
Coalisland	Irish League of CUs	10,120	1798	11,918	5,329
Moy	Irish League of CUs	2,840	510	3,350	1,498
Moyenir	Irish League of CUs	1,909	475	2,384	1,066
Torrent	Irish League of CUs	3,296	1013	4,309	1,927
Clogher Valley	Irish League of CUs	3,472	686	4,158	1,859
Pomeroy	Irish League of CUs	2,282	633	2,915	1,303
Moyola and Toome	Irish League of CUs	4,710	890	5,600	2,504
Desertmartin	Irish League of CUs	1,084	287	1,371	613
Bannvale	Irish League of CUs	5,736	1372	7,108	3,178
Carn Glen	Irish League of CUs	6,798	1615	8,413	3,762
Ballinascreen	Irish League of CUs	5,669	1699	7,368	3,295
Kildress	Irish League of CUs	1,939	652	2,591	1,159
Ardboe	Irish League of CUs	2,884	747	3,631	1,624
Ballinderry Bridge	Irish League of CUs	2,118	627	2,745	1,227
Aghaloo	Irish League of CUs	744	456	1,200	537
Magherafelt and District No.3 CU	Ulster Federation of CUs	Overall Figure Provided		2450	1,096
Benburb and Killyman Districts CU	Ulster Federation of CUs	Overall Figure Provided		2121	948
Maghera CU	Ulster Federation of CUs	Overall Figure Provided		364	163
Fairhill and District CU	Ulster Federation of CUs	Overall Figure Provided		3812	1,705
Annahoe CU	Tyrone Zone of CUs	1500	500	2000	894
Coagh CU	Tyrone Zone of CUs	333	173	506	226
Stewartstown CU	Tyrone Zone of CUs	275	100	375	168
Skea (Pomeroy) CU	Tyrone Zone of CUs	1100	200	1300	581
			TOTAL	104,528	46,740.00

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 2.30pm via Microsoft Teams**

Present: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Christine McFlynn, Councillor Brian McGuigan, Councillor John McNamee, Councillor Sean McPeake, Councillor Trevor Wilson

Alexandra Black (Vice Chair), Sue Chada, Grace Meerbeek, Seán MacGoilla Cheara, Ciaran McElhone, Pearse McFlynn, Julie McKeown, Hayley Wilson,

Patsy Begley (NIFRS), Sergeant Mike Clifford (PSNI), Sharon Crooks (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Neil Gillan (SH&SCT), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Ryan McGee (EA), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI)

Apologies: Councillor Anne Forde

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

PCSP202/21 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

PCSP203/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest and the following declaration was made;

Councillor Frances Burton: Mid Ulster Agewell

PCSP204/21 MINUTES OF MID ULSTER POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 26 May 2021 were approved by Members.

Proposed by: Councillor Brian McGuigan
Seconded by: Councillor Frances Burton

PCSP205/21 MATTERS ARISING

PCSP191/21 – MATTERS ARISING – RAPID Bins

In response to a query from Councillor McGuigan in relation to the RAPID Bin promotional video, the PCSP Manager advised that the video was completed and posted on Facebook on 5 July 2021. The video will be re-posted and shared.

PCSP191/21 – MATTERS ARISING – Do-nuts on rural roads

Councillor Burton raised the ongoing issue of 'do-nuts' on rural roads, a very dangerous activity which will become even more dangerous as autumn and winter approaches.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised that they continue to target this type of activity with 'specific operations' and asked Members to continue to encourage the public to report incidents as they happen.

PCSP193/21 – SIDs UPDATE

PCSP Officer, Shauna McCloskey advised that all SIDs are currently in use at various locations, the two faulty SIDs have now been repaired and returned to us. There are currently 6 towns / villages and 10 schools on the waiting list and the process has now begun to re-assign SIDs to these locations. It was suggested to Members to apportion the SIDs to schools, and towns and villages, having two separate waiting lists, therefore, allowing both areas of concern to progress independently.

Responding to a question from Grace Meerbeek in relation to the period of time a SID remains at a location, the Member specifically referred to a SID located on the Magherafelt / Moneymore Road, the PCSP Officer advised that this particular SID is due to be re-assigned to another location within the next few weeks. If Members are of the opinion that a SID should remain in a particular location for a longer period of time this can be reviewed.

PCSP196/21 – BLACKOUT PLAY

In response to a request from Alexandra Black for an update on the 'Blackout' play, the PCSP Manager advised that the DoJ have stated that it will not be rolled out as a performance. As an alternative, the DoJ have contacted schools across Northern Ireland and offered access to a video of the performance through YouTube for a two week period.

PCSP206/21 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – BEAM CREATIVE NETWORK – e SAFETY PROGRAMME FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

PCSP Officer, Shauna McCloskey referred to the Expression of Interest received in relation to e-safety programme for primary schools submitted by Beam Creative Network and sought Members' approval. This programme is run annually and has proven to be very successful. It would be delivered to 15 primary schools split equally across Mid Ulster. PSNI Schools Officers nominate the schools and any school identified with particular issues will be given priority.

In response to a question from Councillor Frances Burton, the PCSP Officer advised that all schools, both urban and rural are provided with the opportunity to avail of this programme.

Members were in support of the Programme.

Proposed by: Councillor Christine McFlynn
Seconded by: Councillor Frances Burton

PCSP207/21 PCSP STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025 (Guidance not issued yet, attached is previous guidance and strategic plan for 2019-2022 for reference)

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the PCSP Strategic Plan for 2022-2025 must be completed by February 2022, but guidance has not yet been issued. PCSPs have been asked for their Strategic points, which will be obtained through consultation with communities, surveys and meetings, this will then be followed up by a planning meeting with Members. Statistics will also have to be garnered.

The PCSP Manager asked Members for feedback on the Community Survey documents which were circulated in the meeting papers, in relation to what groups to meet with and how to promote the consultation.

Members made the following comments;

- Pearse McFlynn stated that he would like more Programmes / Initiatives included in the Action Plan to combat 'Drugs and Addiction' issues, for people who have left post primary school and moved on to college and also for people in the workplace.
- Councillor Burton agreed there should be more initiatives included to combat drug issues as it is very prevalent in both rural and urban areas.
- Councillor Burton also highlighted the level of 'fear of crime' being experienced by older and vulnerable people in our communities and suggested increasing awareness and promotion of the following;
 - Increase awareness within communities that PSNI are available and contactable in their area
 - Increase awareness of PCSP across the district
 - Include initiatives to combat scams, burglaries and rural crime

PCSP208/21 CONSULTATION SURVEYS

MID ULSTER PCSP SURVEY

The PCSP Manager referred to the Mid Ulster PCSP Survey document and Members made the following comments;

The Chair suggested distributing the Survey to all Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinators across the Mid Ulster.

Councillor Burton suggested circulating the Survey to Housing Estate Groups and to PCSP Members who in turn could circulate it to Community Groups, Partners and individuals they liaise with.

Members made suggestions relating to the following questions;

Question 3 – Please mark any below that you consider to be a major problem in your area

- The PCSP Manager advised the removal of 'Sexual Abuse / Assault' and combine it with 'Domestic & Sexual Abuse' as this is how these crimes are now recorded.

- The PCSP Manager suggested adding Scams as a separate issue on the Survey, as highlighted by Councillor Burton.
- The Chair suggested adding a section to determine whether the contributor resides in an urban or rural area, by asking for the town or village or postcode to be provided.

Julie McKeown stated requesting a postcode could possibly identify the individual which would breach GDPR regulations.

The PCSP Manager advised that this section would require further work.

Members were in agreement with these amendments.

Question 5 – Over the last 12 months have you, or any member of your household, personally experienced any of the following?

- The PCSP Manager advised the removal of 'Sexual Abuse / Assault' and combine it with 'Domestic & Sexual Abuse' as this is how these crimes are now recorded – *as per Question 3*.
- The PCSP Manager suggested adding Scams as a separate issue on the Survey, as highlighted by Councillor Burton – *as per Question 3*.

Question 6 – Did you report it to the Police

- Sean Kerr asked if there was scope for further analysis of this question, as it would be good to get feedback why some people are not reporting crimes to the police, this could be done by asking the question; *Why did you not report the crime to the Police; and provide the following options;*
 - No trust in the police
 - Not worthwhile reporting it
 - Tried before, could not get through
 - Had a previous bad experience

The Chair was not supportive of including options, but agreed with a blank box for people to provide their reason for not reporting a crime to the police.

Sean Kerr pointed out that options have been provided for other questions throughout the survey, and it would be very useful to collate this information.

- Councillor Burton stated that she would be agreeable to adding options or leaving a blank box for people to provide their own reason. If options are being included, could an option relating to their experience when calling the non-emergency 101 number be included, as the Member continues to receive regular complaints about difficulty getting through and being put through to the right person.

The PCSP Manager will check other major crime surveys to determine what has been used previously in relation to this question, if options have

been included, these can be included in the survey together with a blank box to allow people to include their own response.

Members were in agreement with this.

Question 9 – Which, if any, of the following crime prevention measures have you taken in the last two years? (Please mark all boxes that apply)

- The PCSP Manager to add Scam Prevention to the list of options.

Members were in agreement with this.

Questions 13 and 14 relates to demographics

The PCSP Manager advised that a question relating to where the contributor resides to be included, but requires further thought.

The PCSP Manager advised that the revised survey will be circulated to Members digitally and by hardcopy, if required, for onward distribution via Facebook, Websites and also when Members are meeting with community groups, in order to maximise consultation response levels.

Members were in agreement with this.

AGEWELL SURVEY

Members were happy with this survey, no amendments required.

PCSP209/21 PCSP LEAFLET

The Chair reminded Members that PCSP leaflets are available for collection from three Council buildings, whichever was most suitable.

Grace Meerbeek and Sue Chada both stated that the leaflet content was excellent.

The PCSP Manager asked Members if there was anything further that they could be provided with when out in the community. Members to keep this in mind.

PCSP210/21 PCSP PROJECT UPDATES

PCSP Officer, Shauna McCloskey provided Members with an update on the following Projects;

Hi-Risk Domestic Violence, Positive Relationships, Internet Safety, Trailer Marking, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Rapid Bins, Drugs and Alcohol Programme and SIDs.

Members commented on the following programmes;

Trailer Marking

Councillor Burton advised that a number of people had been in touch in relation to getting their trailers marked and asked if it would be possible to

arrange trailer marking events at Clogher Mart, Fivemiletown Mart and a further one at Granville Mark.

The PCSP Officer advised that she would contact Joanne Smyth, CPO and update Members accordingly.

BEE Safe

In response to a question from Patsy Begley, NIFRS regarding the BEE Safe Programme, the PCSP Manager advised that a number of videos have been developed in conjunction with other PCSPs and are currently being taken into schools by one delivery agency for pupils to view. These videos will continue to be utilised as an additional resource post Covid restrictions.

PCSP211/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tamnamore Park and Ride

The Chair advised that he had received 4 phone calls in relation to a group of Travellers who have based themselves in Tamnamore Park and Ride car park. He informed Members that he has sent an e-mail to DfI Roads informing them of the situation.

The PCSP Manager advised Members that this would not fall within the remit of the PCSP. The owner of the land would have responsibility and they should inform the PSNI of the situation.

Designated 'No Drinking Zones'

The Chair referred to gangs of individuals drinking in various location across the district and wished to raise the issue of reviewing and updating designated 'No Drinking Zones', referring to Dungannon Park, Windmill Wood and Railway Park as areas of concern. This issue has been discussed with Inspector McNeill who is very supportive. The Chair proposed that PCSP write to Council and ask if 'No Drinking Zones' could be updated and also request statistics relating to how many fines have been issued by Council.

Inspector Seffen agreed that this is an issue across the district. The process involves police sending statements to Council which should then result in the issue of a fine.

Councillor Trevor Wilson advised that this issue has been raised with Environmental Health in Cookstown, where there is an appetite to prosecute, but can only take this action upon receipt of a statement from Police. He asked if statistics could be sought in relation to the number of statements received from Police over the previous 12 month period in relation to this type of offence.

The PCSP Manager stated that the number of statements sent by Police to Council could first be ascertained and included in the letter to Council.

Members were in agreement that a letter be written to Mid Ulster District Council regarding updating designated 'No Drinking Zones' across the district and request the number of fines issued by Council during the

previous 12 month period. Statistics relating to the number of statements sent from Police to Council to be included within the letter.

Proposed by: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Trevor Wilson

PSNI Stations For Sale

Councillor Burton referred to a number of telephone calls she received in relation to an announcement regarding the sale of the PSNI station in Aughnacloy (one of three being sold), stating that the announcement has not helped build confidence in police in the community.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised it was not a planned announcement by the PSNI, it was a request from local media. The Assistance Chief Constable (ACC) in the announcement, re-stated the position from a number of years ago, that following consultation the 3 stations were to close and the decision to sell was delayed on the run up to Brexit. The 3 stations are currently not in use.

Superintendent Mike Baird – Retirement

Chief Inspector Seffen informed Members that Superintendent Baird officially retired on the 14 August 2021 and that he is in post on a temporary basis until the post is officially filled. It will be January 2022 before the recruitment process is finalised and the position filled.

PCSP212/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will take place on Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 2.30pm.

The Chair thanked Members for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3.33pm