



06 December 2017

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development Committee to be held in The Chamber, Magherafelt at Mid Ulster District Council, Ballyronan Road, MAGHERAFELT, BT45 6EN on Wednesday, 06 December 2017 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Chair's Business
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16. Mid Ulster District Council Culture & Arts Strategy

Matters for Information

17. Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 16 November 2017

Report on	Eskra Community Association Ltd - Knockmany Forest
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Consideration of a proposal from Eskra Community Association Ltd. associated to Knockmany Forest development.
2.0	Background
2.1	In June 2013, Outdoor Recreation NI was commissioned by Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council to complete a Forest Recreation Audit for nine forests within the Council area, which included Knockmany Forest. Mid Ulster District Council in April 2015, commissioned a similar audit of the forest product in the former Cookstown and Magherafelt District Council areas. The completion of this second audit provided an overview of the current recreation facilities and future potential for twenty forests within the new Mid Ulster council area.
2.2	The importance of the forests in providing doorstep opportunities for the local community and consequently the direct benefits that this brings in terms of improvements in health and well-being, social capital and protection of the resource cannot be underestimated. It is essential that moving forward local communities are 'bought in' to the future development of the forests in their area and many of these proposals have been captured through the community planning process and are referenced in the draft MUDC Outdoor Recreation Strategy. Knockmany Forest has been identified within the draft Outdoor Recreation Strategy as requiring master planning and improved visitor servicing.
2.3	MUDC are currently progressing Licence Agreements with Forest Service NI regarding Knockmany Forest and have been in consultation with the local community and sporting clubs in relation to a partnership development approach for the site.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Eskra Community Association Ltd (ECA) confirmed that the Knockmany Forest Project was successful in the Sport NI competitive application process and will receive a capital investment up to £75,000 towards the costs of providing toilets, a meeting room and upgraded pathways in Knockmany Forest, subject to the development of a satisfactory business case.

3.2	Sport NI confirmed that although the application was submitted by Eskra Community Association Ltd, it was possible for the applicant (ECA) to assign the grant over to Mid Ulster District Council.
3.3	Eskra Community Association are requesting that Mid Ulster District Council accepts the grant from Sport NI for capital works in Knockmany Forest subject to agreement that council will deliver the design element and project management responsibilities for the delivery of the capital works.
3.4	Eskra Community Association also wish to request that Mid Ulster District Council makes a contribution of £25,000 match funding towards the project in support of the grant from Sport NI. This would provide for a total project fund of £100,000.
3.5	Under the arrangement Council would agree to manage the procurement and payment for project and then draw down the capital grant directly from Sport NI.
3.6	Eskra Community Association Ltd must rely on council to establish the necessary licence agreements with Forest Service NI in order to progress the partnership project.
3.7	It is proposed to develop an Agreement with the community Association for the sustainable management of the facilities on completion of project.
4.0	Other Considerations
	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>
4.1	Financial: Development of Knockmany Forest is included in the Council's draft Outdoor Recreation Strategy which is referenced in the Council's Capital Works Programme. Capital contribution to project £27,500. This funding will leverage £75,000
4.2	Human: Council staff resources would be required to manage and implement the project.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Project managed and delivered on the basis of committed grant from Sport NI.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval is sought to accept the proposal to project manage the programme of works and that the Sports NI grant is assigned to council.
5.2	Permission is sought to proceed with the procurement and completion of a tender exercise subject to the confirmation of funding from Sport NI.
5.3	That a request be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.

6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Eskra Community Association correspondence Appendix 1

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Mr Nigel Hill
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10 October 2017

Dear Nigel

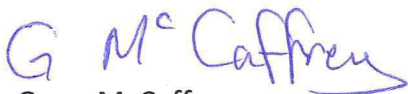
Sport NI Application for Knockmany Forest Park

Thank you for all your help in progressing the above project at Knockmany Forest Park. Eskra Community Association has invested many voluntary hours bringing a consortium of organisations together to deliver an ambitious programme of activity in Knockmany. We carried out a comprehensive consultation exercise and successfully demonstrated local need to secure up to £75,000 from Sport NI to invest in much needed infrastructure at the park.

Eskra Community Association requests that Mid Ulster District Council contribute the match funding of 25% towards the capital costs of the project. The final costs cannot be confirmed until the design team complete the specification and design drawings.

Eskra Community Association estimates that the match funding contribution required may be approximately £25,000. We request that Mid-Ulster Council make provision for a financial contribution of £25,000 towards recreation infrastructure in Knockmany Forest Park in the 2018/19 financial year.

Regards



Gerry McCaffrey
Chairperson

Report on	Motorsport Task Force
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Consideration of a request from Motorsport Taskforce to Mid Ulster District Council for a financial contribution towards commissioning of a Motorsport economic research impact report for Northern Ireland. The decision was deferred from August committee meeting in order to review the membership and scope of representation of the Motor Sport Task Force group.
2.0	Background
2.1	In January 2017 the Sports Minister Paul Givan announced the establishment of a Motorsport Taskforce. The Taskforce will bring together representatives from sport, stakeholders and officials from Government Departments to help to address safety issues and explore how motorsports events can grow and attract further support. Up to £20,000 has been secured to take forward the Taskforce.
2.2	The Taskforce funding is in addition to significant investment of £500,000 already provided by the department to motorsport in the current financial year to take forward important safety works and provide equipment at race courses and tracks at a number of motorsport venues.
2.3	The Department is providing £500,000 investment in motorsport for: road racing venues at the North-West 200, the Ulster Grand Prix and Armoy Road Races; for short circuit tracks at Kirkistown, Nutt's Corner and Bishopscourt; and for the Motor Racing Association and the NI Karting Association. The Department is also providing £40,000 to improved disabled access for the Ulster Grand Prix circuit.
2.4	It is acknowledged by the Minister that Motorsport in all its forms makes a significant contribution to tourism and positively markets Northern Ireland as a venue to come to for major international sporting events. While the sport provides a spectacle and undoubted excitement, motorsport faces significant challenges. There is no doubt that a high priority must continue to be the continuous improvement of safety for both competitors and spectators.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	Mid Ulster District Council are in receipt of a request from a representative of the Motorsport Taskforce for a contribution of £1,000 to undertake research, which is being asked from all council's that have a two or four wheel motorsport interest.
3.2	The research report is being commissioned and lead by the Strategic Investment Board (SIB) with local Universities and once completed will belong to the Department and Councils that have motorsports in their areas.
3.3	Tourism NI have committed a contribution of £5,000 in support of the commissioned work.
3.4	The Motorsport Task Force membership is comprised of the Department for Infrastructure, Tourism NI, Sport Northern Ireland, SOLACE, Department for Communities, Invest NI and Chaired by Ian Paisley MLA.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: £1,000 contribution as requested from the Motorsport Taskforce. Human: Existing staff resources sufficient.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A.
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Subject to approval make a contribution of £1,000 on behalf of MUDC towards the Motorsport Task Force report as requested by the Motorsport Taskforce.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Correspondence Appendix 1.

From: Jayne Logan [mailto:Jayne.Logan@midandeantrim.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** Anne Donaghy
Sent: 08 August 2017 11:16
To: Adrian McCreesh <Adrian.McCreesh@midulstercouncil.org>
Subject: Motorsport Taskforce

Dear Adrian

I represent SOLACE on the Motorsport Taskforce and can advise that the Department has given £20,000 towards carrying out an economic/tourism impact report on motorsport within NI in order to maximise the economic potential of 2 & 4 wheel sports.

This report is being commissioned and lead up by SIB in conjunction with local universities and will belong to the Department and Councils that have motorsports in their area.

In addition, Tourism NI have contributed £5,000 to this piece of work and a contribution of £1,000 is required from each Council that will benefit from the economic opportunities and safety issues identified within the report.

Thank you for your consideration of this significant and important piece of work.

Kind regards

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Report on	Economic Development Report 1) Department for Communities Funding 2) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme 3) Village Renewal Project 4) Coalisland Public Realm 5) Intertrade Ireland Brexit Conference 6) New Dungannon Brand
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed above.
2.0	Background
2.1	Department for Communities Funding Department for Communities (DfC) approached Council on 8 November 2017 to advise it may have some funding to co-fund a town centre capital project this financial year, with the proviso that Council submit an application by 13 November 2017. The project application will be subject to assessment and scoring and if approved would attract grant aid funding from DfC of up to £70,000 (80%). Council would be required to provide a minimum of 20% match funding (ie, £17,500).
2.2	Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme Council approval has been granted to deliver Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme to offer businesses/commercial properties grant aid of up to 75% per property for eligible works, capped at £5,000 per property. The villages eligible to apply are based upon the proposed Mid Ulster Settlement Report as per the development of the Area Plan 'strategic settlement evaluation – position paper', with the additional village of Moygashel.
2.3	Village Renewal Project Council is leading on the Village Renewal Scheme included within the Rural Development programme 2014 -2020. Council will make an application to the Local Action Group (LAG) for the village renewal programme and will lead on development and delivery. The LAG has allocated a budget of £2.15m in grant aid to the Village Renewal Scheme for the implementation of strategic and minor works within agreed villages. Council will contribute match funding of 25%, to compliment the funding from RDP.

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>2.6</p>	<p>Coalisland Public Realm A design team has been appointed for the £2.75M redevelopment of Coalisland town centre. The scheme will include works to The Square, Main Street, Lineside, Dungannon Road, Stewartstown Road, Barrack Street, Barrack Square, Station Rd and Washingbay Road. The overarching aim of the project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a safe, high-quality pedestrian-friendly environment; ▪ Revitalise and reinvigorate the town to help encourage more visitors and shoppers into the town centre; ▪ Be accessible to pedestrians and vehicles; ▪ Have free flowing traffic and retain most on-street car parking. <p>The works will include the provision of new high quality natural stone paving, street furniture, tree planting, signage, lighting and drainage and will be developed in compliance and co-operation with the Department for Infrastructure and to current DDA standards.</p> <p>InterTrade Ireland Brexit Conference The conference titled “Practical Help to Navigate Brexit” took place on Tuesday 24th October 2017. It was designed to provide practical advice on Brexit from experts in this field with specific focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how Brexit could impact on local businesses • Know where to find information to help plan for Brexit • Have a core knowledge of the issues relating to Brexit and how they link to local businesses <p>New Dungannon Brand Following the Mid Ulster Towns Positioning paper, it was found that 70% of shoppers surveyed were not aware of a Dungannon Brand. As a result a new Dungannon brand has been created with widespread input from town centre stakeholders. The new brand will assist Dungannon position and promote itself as a place to visit, shop and do business. The new brand identity conveys a clear and consistent positive image of the town to attract investment and create a sense of ownership for all who work, shop, visit and live in the town centre. It will also provide the core message and framework for future marketing by improving public perceptions and inspiring confidence.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main Report</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p>	<p>Department for Communities Funding Following a discussion with Council's Chief Executive and officers, an application was submitted by 13 November 2017 to Department for Communities for the purchase of a cleansing machine to maintain the cleanliness of the recently completed Public Realm Schemes in Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt. Subject to a successful application to Department for Communities for £70,000, approval is sought to match fund this project from Council's existing budgets, providing a minimum of 20% (£17,500) funding. Approval is also sought to use a select framework to procure the vehicle which is estimated to cost in the region of £87,500 (subject to DfC funding of £70,000 and a minimum contribution from Council of £17,500).</p> <p>Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme Letters were issued to all 181 applicants advising them of recommendation based on assessment report presented to Development Committee in October 2017.</p>

	<p>As recommended applicants ranked 1-55 have been issued with a Letter of Offer detailing their award, elements eligible for funding and that works must commence by Monday 4 December 2017.</p> <p>In relation to application VSS17/30, an error has been identified in the grant aid awarded. Upon review of application VSS17/30, McCarter Hamill Architects, who have been appointed by Mid Ulster District Council to independently assess the scheme, identified an additional element of funding which the applicant should have been awarded grant aid towards to the value of £1,650.</p>
3.3	<p>Village Renewal Project</p> <p>A number of Village projects are currently in the procurement process to appoint construction companies as outlined below -</p> <p>Maghera – PQQ currently being assessed Ballygawley – Application submitted to LAG and currently waiting outcome Upperlands –PQQ currently being assessed</p> <p>Playparks – Caledon, Granville, Augher and Tobermore – ITT issued and closing 17th November 2017. Application and Business Case to be submitted to LAG by 20th November 2017.</p> <p>Legal agreements are being processed through Council's legal team. Economic Development staff are currently compiling all the leases and completing the application forms and business cases to be submitted to the LAG.</p> <p>Economic Development staff are also currently working on the next phase of Villages which indicatively at this stage includes – Ardboe, Newmils, Castlecaulfield, Clady, Guaduff, Swatragh, Churchtown & Lissan, Benburb, Moortown, The Loup, Desertmartin, Clonoe, Clogher, Ballinderry & Ballylifford, Orritor and Broughderg.</p>
3.4	<p>Coalisland Public Realm</p> <p>Consultations have now been completed with submissions from members of the public, all interested parties and stakeholders in the area. Consultation included public information sessions with public display of the draft plans. Sessions have also being held with the Town Traders, Neighbourhood Renewal, Residents and the Mid Ulster Special Disability Forum. The Design Team will now review and report on all responses.</p>
3.5	<p>InterTrade Ireland Brexit Conference</p> <p>This was a well-attended conference with almost 300 delegates from across the public and private sector. It was titled “Practical Help to Navigate Brexit” and it informed the delegates of existing information in the public domain. This was a key role performed by the guest speaker Vincent Power (A&L Goodbody) who is also an experienced EU lawyer.</p> <p>The conference was of particular interest to SMEs that currently, or expect to, trade across any border (including NI/RoI) post Brexit.</p> <p>There were 3 informative workshops which covered the following topics:</p> <p>1. Rules of Origin Workshop - Hosted by NI Chamber of Commerce</p>

- An understanding of the Rules of Origin process, certification and costs;
- Understanding the effect of 'third country' status on Origin, duties and supply chains noting that the UK will become a 'Third Country' post Brexit;
- Possible strategies to minimise the impact Brexit may have on import and export duties

2. Tax / VAT / People Workshop - Hosted by KPMG

- General rules and regulations on applying for registration certificates, permanent residence and citizenship;
- Practical steps you can take as an employer in the short term to address the concerns of existing and future EU-born staff,
- Some key issues that your business should be considering in relation to potential VAT changes,
- Potential pitfalls relating to claiming import VAT and how to plan for the most likely scenario VAT position post Brexit.

3. Customs Workshop - Hosted by Deloitte

- Tools and techniques to simplify Customs procedures including defining what an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) is, the application process and benefits of being certified an AEO;
- Practical and operational overview of import and export procedures;
- Tariff classification and valuation.

InterTrade Ireland's Brexit Advisory Service also delivered a presentation at the event with a clear message of the need to "Plan, Act and Engage". They are offering £2,000 vouchers to businesses towards legal advice related to Brexit.

InterTrade Ireland's Brexit Advisory Service has been invited and will present to the first meeting of the Mid Ulster Skills Forum Brexit sub group meeting on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

One key point highlighted was that those most likely to be hardest hit will be **Agri Food** sector both exporting food and employing EU citizens. This is a major concern for the Mid Ulster Region.

New Dungannon Brand



The new Dungannon Brand will be gradually introduced towards the end of November 2017 to coincide with the public realm works completing. A wide range of brand campaign promotions are planned, including the following activities;

- The new Dungannon Brand featuring in "In Focus" magazine on week commencing 13th November 2017.
- A social media video currently being produced under "Discover Dungannon" for shopping which will be launched week commencing 20th November 2017.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas promotional campaign which is incorporating the new Brand. • Potential launch of shopping bags at Traders AGM – Thursday 23rd November 2017. • A series of social media video campaign will be undertaken as well as general media <p>The town centre brands in Cookstown and Magherafelt are also currently being refreshed by McCadden Design Consultants. The final stage of consultations with town centre stakeholders is nearing completion after which new brand designs will be produced for each town.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Department for Communities Funding Subject to a successful application to Department for Communities for £70,000, approval is sought to match fund this project from Council's existing budgets, providing a minimum of 20% (£17,500) funding.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme To make provision of £1,650 funding in the Spruce Up Scheme reserve list for application number VSS17/30 for additional works which were included in the application, but overlooked by the Chartered Architect at assessment stage.</p> <p>Human: Officer time</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p><u>n/a</u></p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>n/a</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members;</p> <p>Department for Communities Funding Subject to a successful application to Department for Communities for £70,000 to purchase a street cleansing machine, approval is sought to match fund this project from Council's existing budgets, providing a minimum of 20% (£17,500) funding. Approval is also sought to use a select framework to procure the vehicle which is estimated to cost in the region of £87,500 (subject to DfC funding of £70,000 and a minimum contribution from Council of £17,500).</p>

5.2	Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme Approve an additional element of works for grant aid regarding application VSS17/30, to the value of £1,650 and place on the ranked reserve list as appropriate.
5.3	Village Renewal Project Members to note progress.
5.4	Coalisland Public Realm Members to note progress
5.5	InterTrade Ireland Brexit Conference Members to note conference details.
5.6	New Dungannon Brand Members to note new Dungannon Brand and range of promotional activities in the pipeline to promote it.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None

Report on	Community Development
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations.
1.2	To agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations, separate report to follow post Partnership meeting.
1.3	To update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants Rolling Programme - The Grant Aid Programme for the 2017/18 financial year facilitates applications being made on a rolling basis for Community Festivals and Good Relations.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 – The operational delivery of the Plan is currently in development through guidance by the Peace IV Partnership who make recommendations to Committee for delivery at a local level.
2.3	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Advice, Village Planning, Community Centres, DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Community Grants Rolling Programme</p> <p>There are 4 Community Festival applications recommended for awards totalling £2,235.</p> <p>There are 2 Good Relations applications with one recommended for award of £600 while the other was ineligible as a second application to the same programme.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 1 for detail.</p>
3.2	<p>Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020</p> <p>A report on the Peace IV recommendations from the Partnership to follow prior to the meeting. The Peace IV Partnership meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.</p> <p>A tender award for the Post Primary School Programme is ready for agreement, please refer to tender report.</p>

3.3	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u></p> <p>Community support to groups across the District is ongoing from grant applications to development of projects and initiatives as part of the village planning and support with lobbying for area investment.</p> <p>Community Centres (Gardners Hall, Clogher Community Centre, and Moy Community Centre) remain active with community use.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Renewal: A review of all projects is being led by DFC with support by Council which is assessing the impact of the intervention to date and seeking to further develop areas alongside areas of good practice. Ongoing work continues on the delivery of the capital projects; First Steps Women's Centre and on the development of potential capital projects for both Dungannon and Coalisland.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u></p> <p>Peace Regional Shared Space Project; further engagement is taking place with SEUPB on the finalisation of an economic appraisal on the Connecting Pomeroy Project to present to the SEUPB Panel in December 2017.</p> <p>Good Relations; Projects continue to be rolled out across the District with officers now in the last quarter moving towards project completion and monitoring for the Executive Office in line with the OBA targets and final funding claims The development of the action plan is to commence to seek to plan for 2018 – 2021.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u></p> <p>Project development is ongoing as guided by the PCS Partnership, including responding to issues as they arise through a partner integrated approach. The monitoring of interventions is ongoing to seek to inform DOJ and NIPB re OBA targets and final claims for funding.</p> <p>PCSP, Good Relations and Community Support are currently working alongside the community planning regarding aligning future plans and activity with the strategic actions and outcomes.</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Local Festival awards £2,235 and Good Relations awards £600 <p>Human: None</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	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the grant award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1 £2,235 / £600 respectively.
5.2	To refer to the report of Peace IV re recommendations.
5.3	To note the community development update report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 Rolling Grant Programmes award recommendations

Community Local Festival - December 2017

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Magheraglass 270	Cultural	A Magheraglass Community Christmas 2017	£650.00	7	£260.00
2	Children's Hospice Support Group (Local Branch)	Local Support Group	Jingle All the Way Walk With Santa	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
3	St Ciaran's Connected (PTA)	Parent/Teacher Assoc	Christmas Market	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
4	William Kerr Memorial Pipe Band	Pipe Band	The Piper & Their Instrument	£750.00	6	£375.00
					Total	£2,235.00

Good Relations Grants – December 2017

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Aughnacloy & Truagh Historical Society	History	Annual History Programme	£2,595.00	5	£600.00
					Total	£600.00

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

	Organisation	Comment
1	The Lighthouse Fellowship	Ineligible – previous applicant

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%

Report on	Community Development – Paper Peace IV recommendations
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	As per the Community Development report issued previously, to agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations.
2.0	Background
2.1	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 – The operational delivery of the Plan is currently in development through guidance by the Peace IV Partnership who make recommendations to Committee for delivery at a local level.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020</p> <p>As part of the delivery of grants under Peace IV; the Peace IV Partnership meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 proposed a number of grant awards under the theme Children and Young People Grant for recommendation for approval.</p> <p>The assessment took place on the 23rd November and the panel was: Cllrs D McKinney, J McNamee, S McPeake, partnership members Seamus Donnelly (community), and Michael McCrory (PCSP). Conflict of interest by two panel members: M. McCrory declared a COI in relation to the 1st Culnady Boys Brigade application in that his son is a member of the Glenone Scout Group who are a partner in the project, he did not partake in this assessment and left the room when it took place. Cllr McKinney declared a COI in two applications Lough Neagh Partnership where he is a member of the organisation and Glór na Speiríní where he is involved with groups who were named as proposed partners in the project Kilcronaghan Community Association and The Baptist Church, Tobermore; he did not partake in these assessments and left the room when they took place. Please refer to Appendix 1 for grant awards.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Partnership was unsuccessful as it did not meet the minimum score of 2 at question 1 of the assessment. This was due to the peace elements of the project within a wider funded project not being clearly defined and the peace cost element was not clear.</p> <p>The total value of grants applied for and approved by assessment panel was £222,100.60. A number of items of expenditure are not eligible for expenditure for e.g. gifts etc. and will be deducted when detailing the final letters of offer. The total amount of grant in Children and Young People is £199,955.72 (difference of up to £22,104.88.</p>

	<p>Following the detailed analysis of final costs and eligible expenditure under Peace, it is proposed to allocate the funding budget to all successful projects based on a pro rata process against the 3 tiers, for example the smaller tier up to £5000 would receive a smaller reduction than the larger tier of £25,000. From analysis this will be a minor impact to project budgets and all would be viable; however this will be confirmed with all applicants who will be met to confirm their conditions of LOO and final budget before committing to sign their letter of offer. This will also include clearly detailing to all groups that targets and contact time are stated as per their application and these will be monitored.</p> <p>A tender award for the Post Primary School Programme is ready for agreement, please refer to tender report.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace IV Children and Young People awards, as per Appendix 1, up to a value of £199,955.72, pending final check on eligibility of all costs. <p>Human: None</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	To approve the grant award recommendations under the Peace IV Children and Young People theme as per Appendix 1 up to an amount of £199,955.72, taking account of eligible costs of all projects and following this allocating the funding based on a tiered approach of pro rata contribution.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 Peace IV Grant award recommendations

Appendix 1 Children and Young People Grant Awards			
Organisation Name	Project Name	Partner Group (If applicable)	Project Summary
Carntogher Community Association	Songs of Mid Ulster	N/A	To provide young people from the Mid-Ulster area with an insight to Traditional singing from different backgrounds through learning songs from different backgrounds.
Coagh United Youth	Coagh United Youth Soccer Development Programme	Ballinderry Shamrocks GAA	To establish a community sport programme- 'Sport Against Segregation', targeted at the 14-18 age group over a 2 year period that will help Coagh and its surrounding local communities to overcome barriers of religious segregation and misconceptions, and work towards re-shaping these communities towards a shared and sustainable future.
1 st Culnady Boys Brigade	The Unify Project	Glenone Scouts	To enhance the capacity of young people from Glenone Scouts and 1 st Culnady Boys' Brigade to form positive and effective relationships; thus making a positive contribution to building a cohesive society.
Dungannon United Youth	Positive Youth-Moving Forward Together	N/A	To engage a total of 40 children and young people aged 9-16 in a structure programme to build positive relationships, enhance levels of cross community contact and provide a platform for these relationships to continue post the project. Football will be the tool used throughout to engage young people, with a range of specific team building and good relations activities scheduled throughout to reinforce key positive messages that we hope to achieve.
Glór na Speiríní	Youth Engagement Through the Arts 2018-19	Pastor Denis Murphy and The Baptist Church, Tobermore Kilcronaghan Community Association	To foster lasting friendships between the children and young people in the Ballinascreen and Tobermore village areas. By the realisation that we can share our similarities at the same time as celebrating our differences.
Hebron School of Marital Arts & Youth	Hebron School of Marital Arts & Youth	Belfast Boxing Academy	Using the mediums of boxing and health and wellbeing to facilitate cross-community co-operation in two clubs and allow the groups to come together and develop cross community relations.
Lough Neagh Partnership	Youth Connect	Rural Community Network Ltd.	Facilitate young people to develop new cross community friendship and confront common prejudices held about key institutions that play an

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			important role in Mid Ulster Council area through achieving the Duke of Edinburgh or An Gaisce Award.
Maghera Cross Community Link	Sculpting Communities & Changing Perceptions	N/A	To bring children and young people from Maghera and the surrounding areas together to work on a joint project to design a sculpture depicting cultural identities.
Open Door Theatre – The Hub	Peace by Piece	N/A	This project will openly challenge the current beliefs of those involved, explore the different cultures and help build respect for each other's identity. This in turn will naturally lead to patience, tolerance and further reconciliation in the Cookstown and surrounding areas. It will enhance the capacity of the children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society. The will lead to long term meaningful and sustainable change.
Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association	South Derry Piping Drumming Project	Ampertaine PS, St Johns PS Swatragh, Maghera PS, St Patricks PS Glen, Kilross PS, Knocknagin PS, Desertmartin PS, Spires Int PS Mfelt, Sperrin Integrated Mfelt, Rainey Endowed, St Patricks College Maghera	To deliver a programme for the teaching of piping and drumming to boys and girls in controlled, maintained and integrated schools, primary and secondary, with the South Derry Area; in 2018 and to bring the young people together cross community on a range of talks and develop friendships.
St Johns ABC	St John ABC & Cookstown Boxing Club- Sparring Programme	Cookstown Boxing Club	Develop cross community relations between members of St Johns ABC and Cookstown Boxing Club through a shared programme focused primarily on the sport of boxing hosted in dual venues over a 2 year period.
St Johns PTA	Crossing the Meadows	Amperataine PTA	To promote a shared future in the Swatragh/Upperlands area of the Mid-Ulster

Children & Young People Grant Awards				
Organisation Name	Total Score Awarded	Grant Value Applied For	Grant Value Awarded up to (based on eligible expenditure)	Notes
Carntogher Community Association	71	£14,775	£14,775	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross community contact across all areas of engagement to be defined in loo.
Coagh United Youth	75	£27,810	£25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to ensure that 70 young people are additional to the current club members, this will be a Letter of Offer Condition. Use of PEACE IV logo on new format of kit will be a condition as it is be important and will link the project to the PEACE IV programme. Ballinderry Shamrocks GAA as a key partner throughout programme. Costs submitted need to be revised to ensure that they follow the correct expenditure lines and reduced as too much applied for. Contact time throughout the programme needs to be finalised in LOO.
1 st Culnady Boys Brigade	72	£25,590	£25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to address the issue regarding 'gifts to the communities' this is not an applicable expenditure. Other costs such as 'miscellaneous' needs to itemised. All activities planned will have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines. Confirm all beneficiaries are from the MUDC (Glenone)
Dungannon United Youth	69	£23,480	£23,480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential that there is 40 additional participants to club members. All activities planned have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines. Contact time across all activities needs to be finalised in Letter of Offer to ensure meeting SEUPB guidelines.
Glór na Speiríní	72	£8,366.80	£8,366.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to clarify the group partner for the programme. Letter of support from the Presbyterian Church needed due to referring to the Church in application. All activities planned have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines. Costs submitted need to be reviewed to ensure that they follow the correct expenditure lines.

Children & Young People Grant Awards				
Organisation Name	Total Score Awarded	Grant Value Applied For	Grant Value Awarded up to (based on eligible expenditure)	Notes
Hebron School of Marital Arts & Youth	64	£5,000	£5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed boxing club Belfast is engaging local boxing club and main beneficiary remains in Mid Ulster District (low tier). Costs submitted need to be reviewed to ensure that they follow the correct expenditure lines. All activities planned will have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines.
Lough Neagh Partnership	Unsuccessful	£51,492	£0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace elements of the project within a wider funded project not being clearly defined and the cost element was not clear, did not score a minimum of 2 at first question. Detail of programme not clear regarding the specific PEACE IV element within and within costing part of the wider youth and funded programme. Feedback potential but would need the specific PEACE IV elements to allow for assessment. Clarity regarding number of schools also unclear in application.
Maghera Cross Community Link	64	£24,030	£24,030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of Child protection needs confirmed regarding the visits incorporated in the programme and the age groups involved. Assumption was made 2 visits for 2 age groups based on costs confirmation required. This needs to be confirmed before LOO. Issue of the sculpture as eligible cost confirm the guidance of SEUPB. Need to ensure site identification, agreement to put sculpture and planning would be applicable prior to Letter of Offer.
Open Door Theatre – The Hub	78	£22,868.80	£22,868.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of costs regarding director and other expenditure such as overheads and it needs to be ensured that these costs do not overlap with facilitation. All activities planned will have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines.

Children & Young People Grant Awards				
Organisation Name	Total Score Awarded	Grant Value Applied For	Grant Value Awarded up to (based on eligible expenditure)	Notes
Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association	68	£34,700	£25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to confirm numbers in each school important to establish target and the split. • The engagement between schools for contact time important. • Topics referenced need to clarify this will be by specialist delivery agents via talks etc. • Costs submitted need to be reviewed to ensure that they follow the correct expenditure lines.
St Johns ABC	79	£23,580	£23,580	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to ensure schedule for talks on the key issues through clubs together in loo. • All activities planned will have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines. • Costs submitted need to be reviewed to ensure that they follow the correct expenditure lines.
St Johns PTA	78	£25,000	£25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to ensure the group is aware all activities for the programme will have to take place outside of school hours including visits. • Child protection important re any visits and in the name of the Group. • The salaries cannot be eligible as the recruitment cannot be limited to the Committee members. • All activities planned will have to follow SEUPB procurement guidelines. • Hospitality cannot be 20% of overall total needs to be itemised accordingly.
Total Value of Grants Approved £		£286,692.60	£222,100.60	

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 November 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, G Shiels, J Shiels

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Oliver McShane, Acting 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
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Agenda Item 4 – Craobh Uí Neill CCÉ re Tyrone Fleadh 2018

Meeting commenced at 7 pm.

D216/17 Apologies

None

D217/17 Declaration of Interests

The following members declared an interest in items presented in the Sports Development Grant November 2017:

Councillor Monteith - item 4 - BC Wolves Basketball Club, item 12 - Cumann uí Neill, Tulach óg and item 21 – Dungannon Thomas Clarke
Councillor Molloy - item 45 – Square Wheels Cycling Club

Councillor Elattar - item 10 – Milltown Play Park Funding as member of Housing Executive

Councillor McNamee – item 9 - Cookstown Fr Rock's GAA

Councillor G Shiels advised that he had resigned from Community Transport

Councillor McAleer advised that she had attended a Community Meeting in Clogher on Wednesday night on issues concerning poor internet speeds in the area, with up to 70 households, local primary schools and businesses being affected. She said that a Wireless Internet Group called Airfiber Broadband were in attendance and were a special internet provider, using wireless technology as an alternative to fibre-based traditional lines. She said that BT were willing to provide households with internet access at an extortionate cost and felt that the Council should be lobbying

BT to set a more reasonable rate so businesses and households can avail of an adequate internet facility as most businesses in the area were buying data from their mobile service providers.

The Chair agreed that this should be taken on board.

D219/17 Deputation – Craobh Uí Neill CCÉ re Tyrone Fleadh 2018

The Chair welcomed Ms Yvonne O'Donnell from Craobh Uí Neill CCÉ re Tyrone Fleadh 2018 and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms O'Donnell said that the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was the largest group involved in the preservation and promotion of Irish traditional music, which were non-profit cultural movement with hundreds of local branches around the world. She said that the group had been working for the cause of Irish music since the middle of the last century (1951) and has now over 400 branches at home and abroad.

Ms O'Donnell advised that the aims and objectives of CCÉ were:

- To promote Irish Traditional Music in all its forms
- To restore the playing of the Harp and Uilleann Pipes in the National Life of Ireland
- To promote Irish Traditional Dancing
- To promote and foster traditional singing in both Irish and English
- To foster and promote the Irish Language
- To create a closer bond among all lovers of Irish Music
- To co-operate with all bodies working for the restoration of Irish Culture
- To establish Branches throughout the country and abroad to achieve the foregoing aims and objectives. There are currently 12 Branches within Tyrone and Dungannon's Branch (Craobh Uí Néill) is the youngest branch, which meet each Tuesday at Gaelscoil Aodha Rua, Dungannon where a low cost/high quality music and singing lessons are provided to approx. 200 students.

She said that the first stage of this competition was the County Fleadh which was allocated to Dungannon in June 2018, with the event taking place from 20th – 24th June 2018 and it is expected that within a region of 10,000 visitors will attend the event. She stated that this would bring in a significant demand to businesses and services in the town.

Ms O'Neill concluded that the group needed to raise in the region of £25,000 to host the Fleadh and said that the Comhaltas was an inclusive organisation and welcomed membership from every religious, political and ethnic background and hoped that the festival would provide a positive experience for the whole of Dungannon and Tyrone.

The Chair thanked Ms O'Donnell for her presentation and asked for members comments.

Councillor McNamee thanked Ms O'Donnell for her impressive presentation and said that Dungannon were very fortunate to be hosting the Fleadh and advised that the Council had a lot of festive grants which could be availed off to help with the financial

impact and asked that Officers and Councillors be active in keeping Ms O'Donnell up to date.

Councillor Molloy thanked Ms O'Donnell for attending the meeting and said that he remembered the last Fleadh being hosted in Dungannon which brought a lot of joy as it demonstrated a lot of culture and vibrancies in the area and asked that this be supported.

Councillor McAleer said that she was fortunate enough to be Deputy Chair when the Fleadh came to Ballygawley and was very happy to be part of it as it was a major success.

Ms O'Donnell advised that a Gig Rig would be put together in event of bad weather and a marquee in the event of good weather.

Councillor G Shiels said that he wished the organisers of the Fleadh well in hosting the event and said that there was nothing wrong in nurturing the language.

Councillor Monteith congratulated Ms O'Donnell on the success of bringing the Fleadh to Dungannon as it was along time coming. He advised that all the local GAA clubs were talking about it already. He said that he had liaised with the Head of Community Development regarding grant support and hoped that financial assistance could be provided.

The Chair thanked Ms O'Donnell for her impressive presentation to the Committee tonight and wished her well in her efforts and said that the Council would support the event in any way they could.

Ms O'Donnell left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

Matters for Decision

D220/17 Improvement Works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on proposals for improvement works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy and to seek permission to complete a Tender Exercise.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to proceed with the proposed improvement works to St Mary's and Bonn Cultural Association pitches and complete a Tender Exercise. Request to be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.

D221/17 Greenvale Leisure Centre – Concession Pricing

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider a recommendation that Greenvale Leisure Centre concession charges include a category for those with a disability in line with other MUDC facilities.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Greenvale Leisure Centre admission charges for those with a Disability are set at 50% for those with a disability as described in the Disability Discrimination Act and that free use is provided to those carers accompanying the person with a disability.

D222/17 Leisure Centre Christmas Opening

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek permission regarding Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Opening in Council operated leisure facilities.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the leisure facilities not to open on either Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

D223/17 Backrow Recreation Centre

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Members of the request by Workspace (Draperstown) Ltd to consider selling the land that the Backrow Recreation Centre sits on and to seek direction on how to progress this request.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Officers to carry out investigatory work as outlined and report further to Council.

D224/17 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Service Level Agreement

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought members consideration of a request from Department of Agriculture, Environment

and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to review Service Level Agreements associated to water recreation facilities.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to engage with Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and undertake a review of the Services Level Agreement proposal prior to bringing to committee for consideration.

D225/17 Milltown Play Park Funding

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members of Northern Ireland Housing Executive funding opportunity for Milltown Play Park, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to accept the BRIC2 Funding Offer and progress the project. In partnership with Milltown Community Association.

D226/17 Motorsport Task Force

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek consideration of a request from Motorsport Taskforce to Mid Ulster District Council for a financial contribution towards commissioning of a Motorsport economic research impact report for Northern Ireland. The decision was deferred from August Committee meeting in order to review the membership and scope of representation of the Motor Sport Task Force group.

The Chair said that he was struggling with this request as there was no mention of local events like the Cookstown 100 which brought thousands of people to the area, when others like the Ulster Grand Prix, Armoy Road Races and North West 200 were all mentioned.

Councillor Monteith said that he would have no issue in supporting the request if local events were promoted but would have major concerns if nothing was mentioned for our local council areas and felt that a precedent has been set that these types of organisations just go around all Councils seeking funding.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the proposed new racetrack in Coalisland and felt that there could be an opportunity for this to be promoted in the future.

Councillor Doris said that she would support allocating the £1,000 sought this year and ask the group to take into consideration Cookstown 100 and other local events next year ie. Davagh.

Councillor McNamee said that he agreed with Councillor Doris' suggestion of allocating the £1,000 requested.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation said that the request was to support a research study.

The Chair said that this could be seen as a damning report as only 3 road racing events has been mentioned and not the Cookstown 100.

Councillor Monteith stated that we wouldn't accept this type of scheme from a community organisation and why would we put ourselves in a position to accept this. In response to a query, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the criteria for the sports revenue and capital grants scheme didn't fit this type of request and stated that nothing was going to be lost or gained as the Council doesn't have to support the request.

Councillor Clarke said that unless there was more to this that it doesn't do much for the area. He said that unless you reside to the east of the Bann and the North West there was no mention of elsewhere and said that he anticipated Coalisland as being one of the most major projects to grace this country.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

To proceed with the recommendation of allocating £1,000 towards Motorsport Task Force.

Councillor Doris' proposal was put to the vote;

In favour – 8
Against – 7

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that a contribution of £1,000 be made on behalf of MUDC towards the Motorsport Task Force report as requested by the Motorsport Task Force. A report to be brought to a future meeting on issues raised.

Councillor Monteith said that there was a need for clarification on precedent for funding for such events.

D227/17 TABBDA Service Level Agreement

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for amended proposal on Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Traad, Ballyronan & Ballinderry Development Association (TABBDA) for the financial year 2017/18.

Councillor McNamee enquired if the Council were still carrying out things which weren't part of the Service Level Agreement.

The Head of Parks said that things like the booking system and work on sites were still being carried out.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the terms of the amended Service Level Agreement with TABBDA doe 2017/18.

D228/17 Community Development

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

- 1) Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations
- 2) Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations
- 3) Approve professional support to assist with a new Poverty Initiative for Council
- 4) Update on Community Development

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

1) Good Relations and Community Festivals Rolling Grant Award

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: Grant award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grant as per Appendix 1.

2) Peace IV Partnership – Peace Grant Awards

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: Peace IV Partnership – Peace Grant Awards, with update of headings of the grant awards alternating, and Craic to a maximum of £15,000 as per tier 2 award.

3) Poverty Initiative

Councillor Monteith said that he would be reluctant to support the proposed appointment of specialist groups when there were adequate charities who provide magnificent advice on poverty in the locality. He said that he would rather see a charity like St Vincent de Paul or the Salvation Army being brought on board and that they should be given the opportunity of doing so.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: Poverty Initiative and support up to £10,000 (from existing budget).
Consideration to be given to utilising the expertise of charities to undertake this support work.

4) Community Development Update

Resolved: Community Development Update.

D229/17 Sports Development Grant (Incorporating the Every Body Active Programme)

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide grant assessments for the Sports Small Development Small Grant in partnership with Every Body Active Programme through Sport NI.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McElDowney and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to allocating £53,240 in grant awards to the 59 successful sports organisation as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

D230/17 Tourism Mentor Programme

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval from Council to deliver an IT Mentor Programme to initially 10 Mid Ulster tourism businesses, commencing January 2018. This will build on the current Business Engagement Programme being delivered to businesses including packaging, sales and communications workshops and a networking event in February 2018. There is scope to add to the number of businesses completing this post evaluation and in the next financial year if deemed successful.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to support this programme of business development to be delivered before the end of this financial year.

D231/17 The Loan of Council Equipment to External Groups

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to agree a process for the loan of equipment to non-profit groups or organisations within the Mid Ulster Council District.

The Chair said that a few things needed to be looked at when equipment is issued to the community. He said that when gazebos are returned, they have to be erected and checked to see if they were returned in the same condition they were issued. He continued to say that there was a need to be consistent as one school was charged for the use of a gazebo, whilst another was not.

The Head of Tourism agreed that these were issues that needed to be formally dealt with and that there would be an onus on the person collecting the gazebo to return it the way they found it. He said that the base in Cookstown was an unmanned site, and there was an expectation for a member of staff to be at the site to provide equipment for collection, with person not turning up until hours later and this results in a lot of lost time in manpower for other duties.

Councillor Cuddy and Burton said that it would be important that gazebos are still provided to the Farmers Market, as they indicated that they couldn't afford to do it otherwise.

Councillor Forde agreed that a small fee be charged at the time of collection and then refunded when items are returned in a satisfactory condition.

In response to Councillor G Shiels query regarding insurance implications on returned faulty equipment, the Head of Tourism said that up until now it was an informal agreement but if agreed would be a formal agreement and the person's insurance details being sought at the time of collection in the event of damage being done to equipment.

Councillor Clarke suggested that a formal form be signed at the time of collection, making a person liable for damage if the equipment is returned in a faulty state.

Councillor McFlynn agreed that this would formalise things and make groups more responsible.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

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

- 1) Council continuing to take a risk based approach to the loaning out of specific equipment to non-profit making groups and/or organisations within the Mid Ulster District Council area
- 2) No equipment shall be lent to any group or organisation unless and until Council is satisfied that the group or organisation is aware of all relevant health and safety risks associated with the operation of the equipment and have been adequately trained in the carriage, installation, operation and dismantling of the equipment
- 3) Equipment will only be lent to a group or an organisations on receipt of the approved 'Equipment Loan Agreement' being signed by a competent person with authority to sign on behalf of the group and returned to the Council in advance of the event accompanied, where

appropriate, with the appropriate insurance that will indemnify Council from all risks associated with the borrowing of the Equipment.

- 4) Deposit of £50 to be charged at the time of collection, which will be refunded when equipment is returned in the same condition

D232/17 The Hearts of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULPS) – Governance Arrangements

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Council of the Governance Arrangements for the structure of the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme.

In response to Councillor J Shiels query on how Councillors were appointed to the Board, the Head of Tourism advised that they are appointed onto the partnership board by the Grantee Board.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn

Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

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

- 1) The Grantee and Landscape Partnership Boards as shown in the Governance Structure
- 2) The Terms of Reference of the two boards
- 3) The Terms of Reference of the Delivery Working Groups

D233/17 Economic Development

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- Translink Cookstown Depot Weekend Opening Consultation
- Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes
- Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' Evaluation Report
- Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions: Consultation Response
- World Butchers Challenge
- Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in UK
- New Project Proposals (*from Existing Economic Development Budget*)

Proposed by Councillor Burton

Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

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

- 1) **Translink Cookstown Depot Weekend Opening Consultation**

Resolved: Note Translink Cookstown Depot – Weekend Opening Consultation.

- 2) **Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes**

Resolved: Note Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on 30 August 2017.

3) Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' Evaluation Report

Resolved: Note Evaluation Report on Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' in Magherafelt.

4) Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions – Consultation Response

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved: Consultation Response on the Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions.

5) World Butchers Challenge

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved: Sponsorship of £10,000 towards the World Butchers Challenge – Mid Ulster event and tour in March 2018. Sponsorship to be provided from Council's Economic Development budget 2017/18.

Councillor Burton stated that there was a need for the World Butchers Challenge to be streamed so the best possible promotion can be achieved for Mid Ulster.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query about Council's involvement in the event, the Chair advised that Mid Ulster would be very actively involved and featured quite a bit and would very much like it to be showcased.

Councillor Clarke agreed that Mid Ulster be showcased to its full potential as there were a lot of key activities taking place at Loughry and on the tour of local butchers and producers across Mid Ulster.

6) Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in the UK

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That places are booked on the Catapult visit for Councillors McPeake, Molloy and McFlynn with associated costs for flights, accommodation etc, being paid from Members own individual budgets. Up to two Officers to attend the visit with costs being met from the Economic Development Budget 2017/18.

7) New Project Proposals (*From Existing Economic Development Budget at no additional cost to Council*)

a) ESF Programme

Resolved: Additional budget of £15,000 to match fund the delivery of the 4 ESF Programmes for year 2 of 3 (ie April 2016 – March 2017). This adjustment is needed due to the timing of Dept for the Economy match funding payments being released, but this will be offset in future years and not exceed the 3 year allocation Council previously approved.

b) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme

Additional funding of £46,954 to be allocated to a further 15 schemes on the village spruce up scheme reserve list of applicants whose applications were approved, but held on a waiting list until funding became available.

Councillor McAleer advised that she had been approached by a local business who was disappointed that they weren't successful in getting funding and asked if there were any further opportunities to do so.

The Head of Economic Development said that to date of the 118 successful applications, 55 schemes had received an offer of funding, with the remaining 63 schemes being held on a reserve list should further funding become available. The request to the meeting this evening seeks approval to fund a further 15 schemes from the waiting list and if approved would result in a total of 70 schemes being awarded funding, with 48 schemes remaining on the waiting list. Council officers continue to seek funding opportunities to take forward the remaining schemes on the waiting list, and if no other funder can be identified, then officers will bid for the funding within Council's economic development budget next year.

c) LED Outdoor Mobile Screen

In response to Councillor J Shiels concerns on planning issues relating to the LED Outdoor Mobile Screen, the Head of Economic Development stated that the screen would be used mainly for promotional purposes at events and will provide a good platform for Council to visually display live footage and data in an eye-catching way. It has also the benefit of being portable, but will not be used along the roadside for advertising purposes.

Councillor Monteith said that although he took on board concerns around planning, he felt that technology is moving forward and if things were going to be transformed over time, then this has to be progressed and through meetings with Traders, LED is the way forward.

The Chair advised that sometimes the Planners were not all to blame and that it could be Road Service who raises the concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: Provision of £50,000 for the procurement and purchase of a large LED Mobile Screen for outdoor use which will be used widely at events across the Council area to play any type of media from images to videos.

d) Drone/Laptop/Training

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: Provision of £12,000 for the procurement and purchase of a drone and dedicated laptop to operate it. Training for 3 staff is also included in the budget for the operators to obtain a pilot's licence to use it.

e) Subscription to Grant FINDER UK

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved: Subscription to Grant FINDER UK of £11,305 (unlimited user licence for a 2 year term).

D234/17 Culture & Arts Facility Christmas Opening

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek permission from Members regarding Christmas and New Year Opening at Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Burnavon and Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfurly House.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that permission be granted for the Burnavon, Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfurly House to amend their opening times over the Christmas and New Year period as proposed in appendix 1 of the report with amendment to opening time for Burnavon on Christmas Eve.

Matters for Information

D235/17 Minutes of Development Committee Thursday 12 October 2017

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 12 October 2017.

D236/17 Leisure Summer 2017 Review

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on the Leisure Summer 2017 programme and recommendations for improvement.

D237/17 Railway Park and Ballysaggart Lough Project

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on progress on draft development proposals opportunities for Railway Park and Ballysaggart Lough, Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith enquired if there was any update on this project or was it going to be put on hold until the next financial year.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the capital programme was being considered by SMT. The Council's Capital Programme is quite extensive and funding has to be sourced from other areas. She said that this project was still being progressed but that there were other things to consider before work can start and funding had to be sought from other sources.

Councillor Monteith said that it may not have been feasible to link the two projects together and could have been done through a phased approach. He said that the local community were approached twice and are very disheartened.

The Head of Parks said that it would be important that this work was carried out. The projects could be developed separately. However the amalgamation of these two products could work well and the concepts are currently at the research and development stage.

Councillor Molloy said that it would be more beneficial if there was an increase of DEA Councillors coming on board as nothing was coming back through the lack of engagement.

The Head of Parks said that when there was something more tangible, members would be updated.

D238/17 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group Minutes of Meeting of 2nd October 2017

Members noted previously circulated report to receive and consider for approval the Minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 2nd October 2017.

D239/17 Seamus Heaney HomePlace Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report to provide Members with a review of Seamus Heaney HomePlace following the first year of operations and to highlight some of the events, activities and key achievements that have taken place over the first 12 months of the facility.

Local Government (NI) 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D240/17 to D245/17

Matters for Decision

D240/17 Brookmount Road and Spring Road, Coagh Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Legal Council
D241/17 Purchasing Books for Resale at Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Matters for Information

D242/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 October 2017
D243/17 Community Transport
D244/17 Update on Ann Street Project
D245/17 Davagh Forest Park

D246/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Invest NI (INI) Collaborative Growth Programme – Seamus Heaney Cluster
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary McGee

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To outline an application being made to Invest NI Collaborative Growth Fund on behalf of the Seamus Heaney Cluster.
2.0	Background
2.1	Invest Northern Ireland has allocated £5.7million funding over the next five years to help stimulate innovation among local businesses. One hundred per cent funding up to £25,000 is available to industry-led networks requiring facilitation support to scope innovative collaborative projects. Members of the Seamus Heaney cluster and Tourism officers have met with Linda Jamison, Collaborative Growth Manager, Skills & Competitiveness and officer Eugene Heaney and they are now putting an application together to Invest NI for support. One member of the cluster, an INI client must take the lead in the application process and Ballyscullion Park has agreed with the support of the group to take the lead in this project application.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>100 per cent funding up to £25,000 is available to industry-led networks requiring facilitation support to scope innovative collaborative projects with the potential to enhance business competitiveness.</p> <p>INI have recognized that successful collaborations can bring significant benefits to each of the participants. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing existing capabilities and knowledge • Acquiring the know how to be innovative • Entry to new export markets • Developing niche value-added products • Expanding services or product offerings • Exploiting cross-sectoral technology and best practice • Developing hi-tech knowledge driven businesses

- Contributing to Northern Ireland's economic performance

Groups intending to apply must consist of at least four Northern Ireland private sector companies, of which one must be an Invest NI customer. Other group members may include local, national or international stakeholders, including those from the academic and public sectors, as appropriate. The Seamus Heaney cluster of businesses is made up of the following business members:

Seamus Heaney HomePlace
 Shepherds Rest
 Killymoon Castle
 Glenavon House Hotel
 Brendan Adams, Tour Guide
 Lough Neagh Eels
 Ballyscullion Park House
 The Old Thatch Inn
 Ardtara Country House
 Tafelta Cottage
 The Terrace Hotel
 Walshs Hotel
 Laurel Villa
 The Royal Hotel
 Jungle NI
 Lough Neagh Partnership
 Clock Tower Apartments
 Clearwater House B&B
 Tourism Head of Service
 Business Engagement Officer
 Tourism Officer
 Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Richard & Roslyn Mulholland, Ballyscullion Park House, an existing INI member business will take the lead in this application on behalf of the cluster. A private business must take the lead, appoint the facilitator, manage the project and complete all payments. These payments are then reimbursed by INI. It is proposed that Mid Ulster Council staff will as part of the cluster support Ballyscullion in this work.

In terms of the scoping study the group have agreed the following objectives and activities:

Objectives:

1. Scope and identify the market(s) (TIL, TNI), customers, segments (i.e. culturally curious) and opportunities (i.e. English language Schools, genealogy/VFR market) for the Heaney proposition and how best the Cluster can target and maximise these through a clear roadmap with recommendations for action including required investment and resources.
2. Evaluate the existing knowledge, capacity and capabilities of individual businesses in the Cluster to continue to work collaboratively to capitalise on the Heaney proposition and to deliver a high quality visitor experience.

3. Scope and identify evidence-based opportunities for new product/service development using digital technology, knowledge transfer, complementary support services and the creation of packages and experiences that are marketable both nationally and internationally. Examine the issue of branding vis a vis the Seamus Heaney HomePlace/ HomeGround brand and its importance for the businesses'
4. Identify skills deficits/gaps and how to address these to ensure businesses are equipped to capitalise on new business opportunities identified and deliver a high quality visitor experience.
5. Identify stakeholders and partners who could benefit from the Cluster as well as sustainable business models.
6. Develop new and existing synergies, networks, models of best practice and partnerships that can help sell the Heaney proposition and enhance business opportunities and competitiveness.

Activities:

1. Liaise with INI to develop a terms of reference and confirm guidelines for the appointment of a competent and experienced facilitator to complete the Scoping Study.
2. Conduct a one-to-one assessment of the capacity of individual businesses to enable them to capitalise on the Heaney proposition, with suggested and costed recommendations for improvement..
3. Through in-depth market research, develop a clear and robust plan whereby the cluster can maximise market opportunities presented through the Heaney proposition, with recommendations and defined resources required set out as actions. These should include researching new product/service development ideas using digital technology, knowledge transfer, branding, complementary support services and the creation of packages and experiences.
4. Scope and map the current skills and deficits gaps of individual businesses and identify the nature and level of support or intervention required (both in skill area and skill level) to address weaknesses.
5. Research best practice 'business models' and scope potential new stakeholders that could add value to and strengthen the Cluster
6. Through in-depth scoping work, identify new partnerships, networks and synergies that can help the cluster to strengthen and succeed. Suggest and cost study visit and guest/learning opportunities for the group with similar businesses or region with a literary/culturally curious segment or theme.

If the group are successful with this application, they will be in a position to appoint a facilitator to work with them in developing a scoping study to fulfil the above objectives and activities.

Phase 2 of the Collaborative Growth programme involves support up to £170,000 to help the group deliver on the activities outlined in the study.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Human: Support from Mary McGee, Business Engagement Officer and Charmain Bell, Tourism Officer to deliver the project and assist with administration and processing.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Mid Ulster District Council, support this application in terms of staff support via the Seamus Heaney Cluster Group.
6.0	Documents Attached & References

Report on	Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary McGee

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	√

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform and update members on the work of the Tourism Development Group. The group met on 6 th September 2017 at Blessingbourne, Fivemiletown and hosted John McGrillen CEO, Tourism NI at the meeting.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Tourism Development Group, comprises members from the local authority, tourism business representatives and key stakeholders in the tourism sector. This group is a working group taking leadership and membership from and reporting to Mid Ulster District Council Development Committee.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Minutes of the most recent meeting of the Tourism Development Group dated 6 September 2017 are attached as Appendix 1.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: NA Human: NA
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> NA

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> NA
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	NA
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A – Minutes of Tourism Development Group Meeting dated 6 September 2017.

MID ULSTER TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUP**Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 10.30am****In Blessingbourne Estate, Fivemiletown****Attendees:**

Chair Cllr S Clarke – MUDC
 Cllr F Burton – MUDC
 Cllr N Doris – MUDC
 Cllr M Kearney – MUDC
 C Lowry - Blessingbourne Estate
 N Bell - Lissan House
 A-M McFerran - The Old Thatch Inn
 H McDermott – Ashbrook B&B
 T McCrory – Heraldic Craft
 N Somerville – Horses Welcome
 B McCormick – Seamus Heaney HomePlace
 H McCloy – Jungle NI
 J McGrillen – Tourism NI

Apologies:

L Neill – NRC,
 G Mullholland – SWC,

Officers:

A McCreesh – Director of Business & Communities
 M Browne – Head of Tourism
 T McCance – Head of Culture & Arts
 M McKeown – Tourism Manager
 M McGee - Business Engagement
 G Bell - Tourism Officer
 G Major – Tourist Information Supervisor
 S Arbuthnot - Events Officer
 M Beattie – Tourism
 A O’Keefe – Business Support

G Bell – Tourism Officer,
 C Bell- Tourism Officer

1. John McGrillen, Chief Executive Tourism NI

The Chair, Councillor Clarke welcomed J McGrillen, Tourism NI Chief Executive, and thanked C Lowry for her hospitality in hosting the meeting at Blessingbourne.

Mr McGrillen gave a brief outline of his background before delivering a PowerPoint presentation on ‘The Strategic Development of Tourism in NI’ (Appendix 1 attached) giving an overview of tourism’s growth potential, opportunities and challenges to NI tourism and the strategic partnerships with Tourism Ireland (TIL) and Failte Ireland. He encouraged the group, with Tourism NI, to continue to lobby so that tourism be seen as a strategic priority alongside the Industrial Strategy. He noted Seamus Heaney HomePlace as a good example of being imaginative to utilise the product, commercially driven and profitable.

Head of Service, in thanking Mr McGrillen, commented that the MUDC Tourism Strategy echoes what he had presented. He asked how likely it would be that Mid Ulster would have a proposition like the Ancient East within 5 – 6 years. Responding Mr McGrillen advised that Council should look at surrounding assets to generate income and invest in technology to bring sites to life to tell stories in the best possible way. Tourism Manager asked when the TNI Growth fund would be available. Mr McGrillen stated that a request for £70m had been made to government to develop technology, however, it is not known

when budgets will be released. He reiterated the need for a strong industry voice to access greater investment.

Mr Somerville made reference to Mr McGrillen highlighting the work of TIL and Bord Failte. Mr McGrillen acknowledged that following the success of 2 campaigns in N Ireland, spend had increased by 39%. Mr Somerville stated that he felt this was due to the drive of private sector and greater investment is required. Mr McGrillen reiterated the high level of investment TIL and Bord Failte receive in comparison to tourism in N Ireland. He advised that TNI could only support projects which attract out of state visitors.

Chair acknowledged the need for an industry led private sector forum to force the government to take responsibility and provide investment. Mr McGrillen accepted that TNI could facilitate and assist with this issue but reminded them that TNI were answerable to the Minister and could not argue on behalf of the industry.

Director welcomed TNI support. He made reference to the location of Mid Ulster from central government and the lack of infrastructure, such as, broadband. He also referred to government agencies, such as Invest NI, needing to focus on skill shortages and offer Business Support Programme to the smaller rural SME's. He concurred that despite challenges Mid Ulster have developed world-class and innovative products in Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Dark Skies and with TNI support Tourism would continue to grow. Mr McGrillen stated that TNI would be happy to engage with all tourism businesses.

Item 8 was taken at this point – Industry Update

Tourism businesses were invited to give a brief update. Whilst many of the businesses recognised the work opportunities working with MUDC, one business requested more assistance and support for craft producers as it was felt this sector was failing.

Cllr McKearnan left the meeting at 12.20pm.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14 June 2017

Having been circulated in advance of the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017 were taken as read and correct.

Proposed: N Somerville Seconded: N Bell

3. Matters Arising

Item 11.3 - Magherafelt Playing Fields

M Browne informed that vending machines are on site and outside catering can be accommodated as required.

4. Cluster Reports

A brief report for each cluster was circulated at the meeting. In addition the Tourism Manager invited members of TDG to the launch of the Carleton Trail in Corick House, Clogher on 15 September.

5. Browne Signage Proposal

No update provided.

6. Mid Ulster Council Tourism Strategy

Head of Tourism stated the MU Tourism Strategy echoed the presentation given by Chief Executive, TNI. He advised that MUDC will look to review the TDG and clusters calling on members to provide feedback on what worked, where it needs to go etc. He informed that he following a recent meeting with South West College they agreed that pressure to address skills shortages needs to be addressed from the top level. He also reiterated the innovative product in Seamus Heaney HomePlace, agreeing that it has put MU on the map and made reference to ongoing projects; heritage and equestrian trails, Sperrins, Lough Neagh. He also made reference to strong outdoor products, such as, Todds Leap, Jungle NI and the proposed race track at Coalisland.

7. Digital Strategy

Due to time constraints this item was held until the next meeting.

8. Industry Update – taken after item 1

9. District Wide Monitoring Results

Due to time constraints this item was held until the next meeting.

10. AOB

None

Meeting ended at 12.42pm.

The next meeting of the Tourism Development Group will be held on 15 November at 10.30am The Old Thatch Inn, Bellaghy.

Subject	Tourism Summer Programme 2017
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary McKeown

1	<i>Purpose of Report</i>
1.1	To inform Council of Tourism activities over the summer months in accordance with Mid Ulster Tourism Strategy

2	Background
2.1	The Mid Ulster Council Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2021 focuses on one new tourism strand, linked to Seamus Heaney, and two strands that are significant and prominent, but so far undeveloped, relating to Outdoor Activities and to Archaeological sites, the History and Heritage of the island of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the area itself. These strands, or themes, serve as the strategic core propositions for Mid Ulster, to attract visitors, encourage them to stay longer in the area and ensure that tourism contributes to the local economy

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>Delivery of Tourism Programme in accordance with Mid Ulster Council Tourism Strategy and 3 main strands or themes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seamus Heaney • Archaeological sites, history and heritage • Outdoor Activities

4	Resources
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Within Tourism Budget.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human</u></p> <p>Staff time where applicable.</p>

4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u>
	<u>NA</u>
4.4	<u>Other</u>
	NA

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	For information.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Events in Mid Ulster District Summer 2017 Staff Training – World Host Launch Carleton Trails Hidden Heritage 2017 Discover What's on Your Doorstep Jan – June Visitor Figures held by the Tourism Department



Tourism Summer Programme 2017

Continental Market, Cookstown

On Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May, over 40 traders flocked to Cookstown as part of the Spring Tour. Over 20,000 people from all over Ireland visited the Market over the weekend.



Play Days at Dungannon Park, Roundlake Fivemiletown, Ballyronan Marina

Wednesday 2 August, was designated as 'play day' in Mid Ulster with 3 places offering free activities for children to celebrate play. These were well attended and the children enjoyed all the activities.



Lumarina Festival, Ballyronan 18th—19th August

The annual spectacular Illumination at the Lumarina Festival has gained a reputation for amazing entertainment attracting almost 5000 people, with the picturesque backdrop of the Lough providing a unique atmosphere at this family themed event.

The Enchanted Garden, Maghera

Thousands enjoyed the magic at the Maghera Walled Garden on **Saturday 26 August** which was takeover by elves and fairies at the Enchanted Garden



Picnic in the Park, Dungannon Park

The wet weather did not dampen spirits at this's year's Picnic in the Park ... Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist Ryan Tracey, balloon modelling extraordinaire; set a new world record with the 'Most Balloon Dogs Created Behind the Back in 1 Minute'

Busking Festival, Dungannon

A talented group of 15 buskers made the streets their stage at this year's Battle of the Buskers in Dungannon town Centre. "Anna's Number" who took the top prize of £1000.



Cookstown Comedy Festival 5th—7th October

Cookstown Comedy Festival was held on the first weekend of October with shows and performances staged in the Burnavon which proved to be a huge success. The weekend long festival kicked off with Dirty Dusting which was sold out on Thursday night, followed by Irish Comedian Andrew Maxwell on Friday night and Seane Walsh on Saturday night, the aim was to increase visitors to our town centre and help regenerate our night time economy which proved effective.

Marketing & PR

An intensive Marketing/PR campaign focused on the event; Cookstown Comedy Festival was delivered on the run up to the event. A detailed marketing activity plan was agreed and implemented including; PR / advertising / online web, social media campaigns / outdoor advertising / flyers / posters.

The planning committee for 2018 is working with the Town Centre Manager in changing the format for next year which will include comedy in the local bars.



COOKSTOWN COMEDY FESTIVAL
5-7 OCTOBER 2017

Seann Walsh:
One for the Road
Sat 7 October @ 8pm
Tickets £16

Dirty Dusting:
May McFettridge
Thurs 5 October @ 8pm | Tickets £19.50

Andrew Maxwell
Fri 6 October @ 8pm | Tickets £16

Box office 028 8676 9949 Book online www.burnavon.com

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Mid Ulster
District Council

Health and Safety Workshops

Over 10 Groups participated in our Health and Safety Workshops; which were organised to Support Event Organisers.



World Host Principles of Customer Services Train the Facilitator Programme

Tourism Development Officers successfully completed their World Host Principles of Customer Services Train the Facilitator Programme. They are scheduled to deliver their first training session at The Burnavon on 14th November.



Launch of Upgraded Carleton Trails, Corick House Hotel and Spa

A series of literary trails inspired by the 19th century author, William Carleton were launched at the Carleton Summer School, in Corick House Hotel by Chair Kim Ashton and Ian McElhinney on 15 September 2017. Representing an investment of £20k the upgraded way-marked trails extend over 48kms in the Clogher Valley. There are a choice of 3 routes offering walkers the opportunity to explore the landscape, history and architecture of the area which was home to William Carleton (1794 – 1869) in the early part of his life and inspired much of his work. Guides to the walking trails are available.



PROJECT DETAIL

Hidden Heritage 2017

Hidden Heritage Programme

Discover Whats On Your Doorstep

On completion of the success of the 2016 Hidden Heritage programme the Tourism department agreed to host a further Hidden Heritage Programme throughout 2017 based around the key heritage in Mid Ulster. Sites included Beaghmore Stone Circles, Seamus Heaney HomeGround, Upperlands and the Clogher Valley.

Hidden Heritage Programme Summer 2017

Events were delivered in association with the Department for communities, Craic Theatre which included living history, storytelling and entertainment on site.

Maximum Capacity per session on the coach was 30 persons but this figure was exceed to cope with demand.

Transport was provided from Burnavon.

Admission: £8

- **Summer Solstice at Beaghmore Stone Circles**
Wednesday 21st June 6.30pm
- **US Grants and Carleton Trail**
Saturday 1st July 2017
- **Upperlands Linen Tour**
Saturday 12th August
- **Seamus Heaney HomePlace and HomeGround**
Sunday 10th September

Attendance: 265

Income: £2,120



DISTRICT WIDE MONITORING RESULTS 2017

Pedestrian Counters unless otherwise stated	Jan-March	April-June	July-Sep	Oct - Dec	TOTAL
Beaghmore Stone	1,608	3,770			5,378
Dunnamore Walkway	172	31*			203
Davagh Car Park	5,833	6,503			12,336 (Cars)
Davagh Pump Track	1,188	1,882			3,070
Davagh Pyro Trail	2,561	3,029			5,590
Davagh Red Trail	178*	1,219*			1,397
Manor Park (car)	8,259	12,354			20,613
Springhill House (car)	7,057	15,035			22,092
Wellbrook Beetling Mill (car)	327	1,815			2,142
Lough Fea Pedestrian	11,713	24,421			36,134
Main Car Park	10,957	17,585			28,542
Western Car Park	0*	0*			0
Tullaghoge Fort (estimate)					5,000

Report on	Northern Ireland Forest Schools scheme at Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the Northern Ireland Forest Schools project at Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council are currently assisting three local schools with this pilot scheme. The principle aims of the scheme are to increase both the child's and teachers perception and knowledge of the local environment, allowing both to gain new skills to take back to the classroom,
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Tree planting event at Hill of The O'Neill to mark an important educational partnership.



Pictured above Brian Poots, NIFSA; Councillor Kim Ashton, Chair of Mid Ulster District Council; and pupils from St Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon, Dungannon Primary School and Gaelscoil Aodha Rua.

On Tuesday 24th October, the fifth anniversary of the opening of Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre, the Chair of Mid Ulster District Council, Councillor Kim Ashton, planted a young oak tree at Hill of The O'Neill Heritage Park in order to celebrate the partnership between the Council and Northern Ireland Forest School Awards (NIFSA). Council Chair Kim Ashton was helped by pupils from the three schools – Dungannon Primary School, Gaelscoil Aodha Rua and St Patrick's Primary School - that are taking part in the first year of Northern Ireland Forest School Awards educational activities on the Hill of The O'Neill. P2 pupils from Dungannon Primary School have completed their NIFSA environmental programme and will soon receive their Forest Ranger awards. The classes from Gaelscoil Aodha Rua and St Patrick's Primary School will begin their NIFSA learning activities in early November.

4.0 Other Considerations

Financial & Human Resources Implications

4.1 Financial: Budget already allocated.

Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project support.

4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	<u>Recommendation(s)</u> For the purpose of members information only.
6.0	<u>Documents Attached & References</u> N/A

