

Report on	Events – May – July 2018
Date of Meeting	12 th May 2018
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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 provide an update on forth coming events – May – July 2018
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The aim of our events is to maintain/improve the reputation of Mid Ulster District Council as an area that delivers high quality public facing events.</p> <p>Linking to the Mid Ulster Council Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2021, our aims and objective are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop our Archaeological, history and heritage sites; Seamus Heaney and Outdoor Activities which includes events. - To grow tourism as an economic driver - To manage the destination and cerate the preconditions for successful tourism - To profile and promote Mid Ulster to enhance the visibility of the area and spend <p>To support the dispersal of visitor spend and investment across the area.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The O'Neills Story - Hidden Heritage – Saturday 12 May 2018</p> <p>From 1106 to 2018, join us as we walk in the footsteps of the O'Neill clan, visiting their inauguration site at Tullaghoge Fort and encountering myths and truths as we uncover historical facts to help us understand this powerful dynasty. Following on from this, the tour will travel a minute section of the county the O'Neills ruled before arriving at their former place of residence. Now known as The Hill of The O'Neill, you will feast upon their fascinating history before enjoying a banquet on the top of the hill.</p>
3.2	<p>Cookstown Continental Market – Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 June 2018</p> <p>Cookstown Continental Market part of Market Place Europe's spring tour is organised in partnership with Cookstown Town Centre Forum will take place along William Street in Cookstown town centre from Saturday 2 June (9am – 9pm) and Sunday 3 June (11am - 7pm). The market will feature over 40 traders from as far afield as Morocco, India, Belgium, France, Russia, Holland, Spain and</p>

3.3	<p>China, who will set up stalls alongside local traders from the weekly street market. Two day event will also have a variety of street entertainment and music. Alongside the Continental Market, The Brickx Club will provide the opportunity for children and adults to utilise LEGO through creative brick building, within a two hour session in the Burnavon over the Continental Market weekend.</p> <p>Summer Solstice at Beaghmore Stone Circles – Thursday 21 June 2018 Come along and welcome the first day of summer as the Sun reaches its most northern point in the sky. Enjoy the Summer Solstice at Beaghmore Stone Circles and learn about the fascinating history and significance of the stones. Your trip to the darkest sky in Northern Ireland will come to an end with light refreshments in the most peaceful of surroundings.</p>
3.4	<p>Discover Maghera's Hidden Heritage – Saturday 7 July 2018 Join us on a journey to discover Maghera's Hidden Heritage, a town full of significant sites from ancient times. Your visit will include a stop at Maghera Walled Garden, a restored Victorian garden on the grounds of a medieval 4th Century royal dwelling and ancient Monastery and St Lurach's 10th Century church with one of the oldest sculptures of the crucifixion; following with a refreshing high-tea at Walsh's hotel, before commencing to the foot Carntogher mountain and Siopa An Carn, a gift shop specialising in traditional and contemporary Irish crafts and gifts.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A – Delivered within Budget
	Human: Events delivered by Town Centre and Tourism Staff.
	Risk Management: Cookstown Continental Market Event Management Plan will be presented to the Safety Advisory Group.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	N/A
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A