



17 May 2024

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 25 April 2024 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive

AGENDA

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Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 28 March 2024 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by virtual means

Chair	Councillor Molloy
Members Present	Councillors Bell, Black, Brown, J Buchanan, W Buchanan, F Burton, J Burton, Cahoon, Carney, Clarke, Corry, Cuthbertson, Forde, Gildernew, Graham, Groogan, Johnston, Kerr, Mallaghan, McAleer, McConnell, McElvogue, McFlynn, McGuigan, McLean (7.25pm), McLernon, McNamee, D McPeake, S McPeake, McQuade, Milne, Monteith, Quinn, Robinson, Varsani and Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive Mr Black, Strategic Director Communities and Place (SD:CP) Ms Campbell, Strategic Director Environment (SD:Env) Ms Keys, Marketing and Communications Manager Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSSE) Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisational Development Strategy and Performance (AD: ODSP) Mr Bowman, Head of Strategic Planning Mr McKeown, ICT Mrs Forde, Committee and Member Services Manager

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast.

C049/24 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

C050/24 Apologies

Councillors Kelly, Martin and Totten

Ms Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisational Development Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)

Mr Tohill Strategic Director of Corporate Services & Finance (SD: CSF)

C051/24 Declarations of Interest

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

C052/24 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Molloy welcomed Members and stated that March had been an incredibly busy month in Mid Ulster, and said, "I'd like to draw your attention to a number of significant events and achievements by Council that have happened since our last Council meeting. We were all humbled and inspired by the presentations at the events held to mark International Women's Day on the 6th and 13th March. The stories we heard from our guest speakers show there is more to be done to achieve a world free of bias, inequality and discrimination. The events also help raise much-needed funds for Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid which I know was much appreciated by the charity. I'd also like to congratulate Karla McKinless, Principal Planning Officer in Mid Ulster District Council, who has been selected as one of The Planner's Women of Influence for 2024. Karla's impact and work over the last year has been significant, in developing the Council's standalone Planning portal. Her commitment to supporting colleagues, communities and the wider aim of planning deserves such richly deserved recognition, so well-done Karla! I'd also like to acknowledge the work staff put in to make the first ever Taste Mid Ulster Market in the Moy such a success. Even the weather couldn't dampen the spirits as we all enjoyed the great food, drinks and music that brought thousands to the village. Lastly, I'd like to congratulate all our well-deserved winners named at the first ever Mid Ulster Sports Awards, held on Tuesday past. There are too many for me to list here, but some of the stories we heard during the evening show the strength of sporting achievement in Mid Ulster and are an inspiration to us all, showing the hard work, determination, and resilience it takes to be on top of your game. A word of thanks also needs to be said to the staff from the various departments who made the awards happen – there's a lot of behind the scenes work happening over months that goes into such a prestigious occasion, so well done to everyone who was involved.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy called on Dr Chris Boomer and spoke of his retirement from the planning department of council.

Dr Boomer said he was thankful for the opportunity to work in Mid Ulster and had been incredibly lucky to work with staff, Members and a population of people who are innovative, resilient, and more than able to think and act independently. For these reasons he said he had fitted perfectly! Dr Boomer spoke of the transfer from the Department of Environment to Council and how Mid Ulster had gone independent with its own planning portal. He emphasised that together they all had delivered what planning is about which is not refusals but building what is sustainable. He referred to the planning statistics issues earlier today which had indicated that Mid Ulster applications are issued four weeks quicker than the rest of Northern Ireland. He said he would greatly miss his planning team and the Members and thanked everyone for the opportunity he had been given.

The Chair Councillor Molloy presented a gift to Dr Boomer and wished him well in his future plans.

Dr Boomer said he had been given a picture of the Sperrin mountains which he had passed twice a day for the last decade. He said it had become dearer to him in

learning recently that his great grandmother had been born at the foot of the Sperrins.

The Chief Executive said that staff had said their goodbyes and that losing Dr Boomer was not just a matter of saying goodbye to a staff member but to a friend and great member of the senior management team.

Dr Boomer left the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy invited members to raise issues as notified.

Councillor Carney spoke on the Legacy Act and how the proposed legislation will bring an end to all Troubles related inquests on the 1st of May 2024. She shared that she had joined the Coney family at the inquest regarding the death of their brother Gerard, an inquest they had waited some 50 years for. Councillor Carney highlighted that there are several ongoing inquests which will not be completed because of the Legacy Act. This will prevent the families of those killed during the Troubles the opportunity to seek truth and justice. Councillor Carney emphasised that the Act being imposed by the British Government was a clear breach of the Good Friday Agreement and human rights. She concluded by saying there were many families who would not receive truth and justice due to the shameful legislation and Council should stand up for them.

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to the introduction of changes to parking arrangements and the arrival of the 'Blue Coats'. He said that he had been speaking with town traders and they would like the parking time increased from one hour to two hours. He advised that they had met with officers, and he would put on record it is the traders wish to increase the parking time and Council should support them.

Councillor Cuthbertson highlighted that Dungannon town was blighted with graffiti, that at times it is acted on quickly and removed especially if it is offensive but other times it remained. He said every green pillar box has markings as has many private properties. Councillor Cuthbertson acknowledged it was not all council responsibility but suggested that an itinerary should be drawn up of all areas blighted with graffiti to include the hoarding at the A4 which had become an eyesore and that Council should engage with others to endeavour to get it cleaned up.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson in relation to the parking and said there had been a meeting with traders regarding two-hour parking and if Council wanted people to visit the town, do a message and have a coffee this should be supported.

Councillor Wilson extended sympathy to the family of the late George Shiels who had been both his colleague and friend. He spoke of his passion for working in the local community. Councillor Wilson said he had been a very hard-working councillor who had suffered from Parkinson's but had fought it bravely. He shared that George had been witty although at times thrang and would be missed. Councillor Wilson concluded that he was sorry about his passing and requested a letter of sympathy be sent to the family.

Resolved That the Chair send a letter of sympathy to the Shiels family following the death of former councillor Mr George Shiels.

Councillor Wilson extended congratulations to Cookstown High School Under 13, Under 14, and under 16 hockey teams who had all won their respective championships. He also extended congratulations to Cookstown 1 XI Hockey team in winning the men's premier league.

Councillor Wilson requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Sinley Oriental Take Away in Cookstown in winning the NI Award.

Resolved That the Chair send a letter of congratulations to Sinley Oriental Take Away in Cookstown in winning the NI Award.

Councillor Gildernew advised that Council had resumed the role of secretariat for the A5/N2 Cross Border Group and she now chaired the group. She related that the NI Assembly had approved proposed new road project in 2007 and since then 49 people had lost their lives on the existing road. Councillor Gildernew said the delivery of the project would be too late for all killed on the road and most recently Caolan Devlin and for many the road was a scene of heartbreak, and it was time to move forward. She stressed that the new road would save lives and would also create jobs and cut journey times. Councillor Gildernew proposed that Council should write to Minister O'Dowd, Department for Infrastructure acknowledging his public commitment to get the project completed and proactively set out Councils support for the project.

The Chair Councillor Molloy seconded the proposal saying that the new A4 had brought about great changes to the number of deaths and the A5 was long overdue.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Chair, Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That Council write to the Minister O'Dowd, Department for Infrastructure acknowledging his public commitment to get the A5 project completed and proactively set out Council's support for the project.

Councillor Kerr said that all had woken to the sad news of Caolan Devlin's death and shared that Caolon's brother Niall played on the Tyrone senior squad and had to pass the spot his brother was killed to go to training. Councillor Kerr shared that he had played football with Caolon and how in recent years he had played hurling and ran marathons. He concluded requesting that the Chair send a letter of condolence to the family.

Councillor Quinn concurred that he had attending a hurling game a month ago and saw cards on the side of the road highlighting the stark dangers. He said the speed is ridiculous and the road is simply not fit for purpose. He said the project needed completed without any more delay in order that lives may be saved.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Quinn

Resolved That the Chair send a letter of sympathy to the family of Coalan Devlin following his death due to a road traffic accident on the A5.

Councillor McElvogue extended condolences to the family and said that since the completion of the A4 only one person had been killed on it and the A5 project needed to be completed.

Councillor Kerr said he had met with two nurses from the Torrent DEA who were on a quest to attain childcare rights. He told how they had explained their struggles in attaining childcare for children with additional needs. He explained that staff at creches are not trained to deal with children and thus contracts can be terminated as safety standards cannot be met. Councillor Kerr said that the nurses had to reduce working hours and what they were experiencing was discrimination. Councillor Kerr requested that the nurses can present to appropriate committee of Council.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred and said they would be invited to present to relevant committee.

Resolved That Council invite representatives of children with additional needs to speak on their quest for appropriate childcare provision.

Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.25pm

Councillor Robinson requested that the Chair, Councillor Molloy send letters of congratulations to (i) Augher All Stars who were formed in 1900 and had recently been promoted to the top flight of the Fermanagh and Western League; and (ii) Richmond Primary School, Ballygawley celebrating the 20th anniversary of their amalgamation. He concluded that the school was having a tractor run on 16 April.

Resolved That the Chair send letter of congratulations to

- (i) Augher All Stars who were formed in 1900 and had recently been promoted to the top flight of the Fermanagh and Western League; and
- (ii) Richmond Primary School, Ballygawley celebrating the 20th anniversary of their amalgamation.

Councillor McNamee extended congratulations to Ulster Champion Boxing title holders Charlie Mulligan, Aidan Cummings, Barney Hutton and Cahir Mullan and wished them all the best for forthcoming All Ireland championships.

Councillor Kerr requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ferghal McCrory who attained a boxing title in New York and is now ranked 12th in the world.

Resolved That the Chair send a letter to Ferghal McCrory attaining Boxing World Title.

Councillor McConnell extended thanks to staff who have been a tower of strength and support to Members especially as they try to enhance their local DEAs. He acknowledged the great work carried out at the development of Carron's Lane in Clogher.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that all staff do a fantastic job as compliments demonstrate.

Matters for Decision

C053/24 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council Meeting held on 22 February 2024

Councillor Monteith drew attention to the comments on page four of the minutes in relation to Gaza and said it was worth noting that another vote in the United Nations Security Council and comments in the USA about the current situation, the war crimes, genocide and the fact that hunger was being used as a weapon as lorries full of aid were stuck on the Egyptian side of the border. He commented that a reputable journalist had acknowledged the situation to be harrowing and spoke of how the British had used hunger as a weapon against the Irish and emphasised the need to reinforce commitment to the plight of the people.

Councillor Monteith sought an update in relation to Sperrinview and Oakridge proposal for a meeting and also the preparation of a lobbying document for the Hill of the O’Neill and the removal of the military mast.

In response the AD: ODSP advised that officers were awaiting confirmation of the date for the meeting regarding Sperrinview and Oakridge.

The SD: C&P advised that regarding the Hill of The O’Neill a letter had been issued to the Minister and officers were compiling data for the document.

Councillor Monteith emphasised that the DEA councillors also needed to be involved in both meetings and compilation of the document.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that this would be the case.

Councillor Kerr drew attention to C035/24 Development Committee minutes and sought an update in relation to the Gortgonis Track and asked that a business case is prepared also for leisure equipment as many parts for current equipment are no longer available. He requested that a report be brought back to committee.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Council held on 22 February 2024 (C026/24 – C038/24 and C048/24) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C054/24 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 March 2024 (P026/24 – P036/24 and P044/24) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

C055/24 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2024

Proposed by Councillor McLernon
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 February 2024 (PR052/24 – PR062/24 and PR073/24) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C056/24 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2024

Proposed by Councillor Varsani
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 (E050/24 – E065/24 and E076/24) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C057/24 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2024

Councillor McLernon drew attention to D049/24 Corporate Events and said that in her absence at the Development committee Councillor Gildernew had raised the issue of the summer bash event in Coalisland on her behalf. Councillor McLernon sought an update on the 2024 event and asked would it be rolled out in future years.

The SD: C&P said that a report would be brought to the April Development Committee that resources had been secured for the current year to run the event. Councillor Kerr said that he would propose that within the officers report to committee he would like to see budget plans to have the event included in future years events calendars as it should not have been removed.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved Corporate Events Report: That the Coalisland Summer Bash report being presented to April committee include proposals as to how the event can be budgeted for in future years.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Development Committee held on Thursday 14 March 2024 (D036/24 – D053/24 and D061/24) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C058/24 Conferences, Seminars and Training

The HoSS&E sought approval for the previously circulated report on conferences, seminars and training as outlined in Appendix A and B of the report.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for conferences, seminars and training as outlined at Appendix A and B to the report.

Matters for Information

C059/24 Correspondence

Members noted update on correspondence received for attention of Council.

Councillor Kerr sought an update on the meeting proposed with Department for Infrastructure regarding service level agreements for gritting of footpaths in icy conditions.

Councillor Brown welcomed the correspondence from Department for Communities in relation to hybrid meeting legislation.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy requested that Councillor Brown bring his comments at agenda item 13 which detailed a motion in relation to hybrid meeting legislation.

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to the letter from the Police Service of Northern Ireland in relation to enquiry desk closures and expressed concern as to which locations were closing. He proposed that Council write to the Minister for Justice to seek clarity.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred.

Councillor Wilson seconded the proposal but said it would not take you to be a senior detective to work out it was Cookstown.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That Council write to the Minister of Department of Justice to seek clarity on which enquiry offices in Mid Ulster District area will be impacted by the proposed closures.

C060/24 Notice of Motion: Councillor McLernon to move –

Councillor McLernon speaking on the motion said, “The issue of the lack of respite provision for adults with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour, has been well versed in the chamber by myself since elected. I know first-hand the importance of such services and the fact that respite provision is not a luxury for unpaid carers, but a necessity - a life line!

My own nephew at the age of three was unfortunate to succumb to a virus called encephalitis which left him with brain damage, frontal temporal lobe damage, and severe epilepsy. Now an adult, my nephew suffers from learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour. My sister, his mum, a single parent which each day she delivers the best care she can give to her son but as an unpaid carer she needs help! Like many others, respite provision for adults with complex needs and challenging behaviour is the help they need!

To have this respite, allows them to carry out the day to day small activities that we all take for granted – like going for a walk, going to the shops, having a coffee with friends, or just basically relaxing and recharging from their day to day caring responsibilities. Last year before Christmas, we heard how the 8-bed facility in Woodlawn that provides short breaks of around 1 week for those with learning disabilities, complex needs and challenging behaviour was unable to provide this service due to those services needing to be redirected towards intensive individual support. This was a big blow to those families who relied on that service.

To be told at short notice that your respite had been cancelled was gut wrenching.

As I have said previously, this is not a criticism of Woodlawn House or their staff, in fact, I cannot praise them enough for their work and their dedication to the service users.

This is the second time an incident like this has arisen within the Southern Trust, impacting the service users of Woodlawn House. It clearly shows the inadequate provision of respite services for adults with complex needs and challenging behaviour within the Southern Trust area, and the need for more investment into these services. As indicated in the letter received in our packs tonight from the Southern Trust, they too have said that there is a demand for these services. Currently the 8-bed facility that we have in Woodlawn House is not enough. As more and more children with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour leave children services at the age of 18 and enter into adult services, how can an 8-bed facility cope with this demand. A demand that will increase year on year. How can all those families avail of a regular service of respite and the life line they need!

The respite provision for adults has been for far too long under invested, and we need to see the Minister of Health prioritise these services to ensure that families can avail of more regular respite and a service that can cope with the demand. We need to see additional investment from the Department of Health, and more forward planning, so that regular provision is made available. We need to see these services protected and not a risk of cancellation.

If the current situation continues the unpaid carers in our district will always be among the first to pay the price! That cannot happen. They can no longer be the last to receive the help they need!

With the current situation, it must be concerning for unpaid carers and families constantly worrying about if something was to happen, an unforeseen sickness, a bereavement – what would happen to their loved one – what would they do – who will care for them! For all those unpaid carers in our community who rely heavily on these services and who need a voice to speak up for them, and I ask all our councillors here tonight to support this motion. Go raibh maith agat

Councillor McLernon moved the motion.

Addressing the Lack of Respite Provision for Adults with Learning Difficulties, Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour:

- That this council recognises the inadequate provision of respite services with adults with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour within the Southern Trust Area;
- Acknowledges that in the Dungannon area of the Mid-Ulster District Council the only facility that provides short breaks for those who are 18 years and over with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour is an eight-bed facility at Woodlawn House, Dungannon;
- Notes with deep regret the occasion that arose before Christmas 2023, that resulted in families having their respite provision cancelled at short notice by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust;
- Further acknowledges that respite provision is not a luxury, but a necessity for unpaid carers in our community;
- Further notes that the demand for services is increasing year on year, with more children with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour entering into Adult Services;
- Recognises the hard-work, and dedication of staff members based at Woodlawn House in Dungannon, and all the staff throughout the Trust area who work with adults with learning difficulties, complex needs and challenging behaviour;
- Accepts the need to address the inadequate provision of adult respite provision in the Southern Health & Social Care Trust, and the need for forward planning, additional investment and ring-fencing of these services;
- And calls on the Minister of Health to develop a plan that will address the lack of adult respite provision within the Mid-Ulster District Council area;
- And further calls on the Minister of Health to provide additional investment into these services to ensure that families can avail of more regular respite provision, that is protected, and not at risk of cancellation.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that as the letter detailed in the correspondence report was in response to a letter posted on 31 July in itself rings alarm bells.

Councillor Varsani seconded the motion and said that having spent 25 years in the education sector it was heartbreaking listening to families seeking proper care for their children and emphasised it was a specialised area.

Councillor Cuthbertson said the issues had been raised a number of times and he was happy to support the motion as the respite is invaluable for families.

Councillor Monteith said he had been going to reference the letter and commended Councillor McLernon in bringing the issue forward. He said that love is exploited and taken advantage of in such situations for parents have to find a way to cope and they do but they should not have to. He said everyone enjoys a family day out but this is not always possible for the families of those requiring specialised care and emphasised that the service is supposed to be reactive but is closed completely and concluded that more beds were needed and all needed to be behind these families.

Councillor Quinn supported the motion and said he had two aunts with learning difficulties for whom his father was the carer and spoke of how at times he struggles to look after them and that is with strong family support. Councillor Quinn said that authorities depend on and take advantage of strong family support but as much as you love someone carers need a break.

Councillor Graham said that the provision of services for the adults in Southern Health and Social Trust area is inadequate and spoke of the vast differences between trust areas. She said that too many people fall through the cracks and that the UUP was happy to support the motion.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that there was unanimous support for the motion and declared it carried.

Councillor McLernon concluded by thanking fellow councillors for their contributions, comments, and support for the motion. She stated it was an emotive issue for all unpaid carers in the community, and for them, seeing this motion passed would give some reassurance that Council has their back.

C061/24 Notice of Motion: Councillor Mallaghan to move –

Councillor Mallaghan speaking on the motion said that the Minister of Department for Communities had now issued correspondence to assure he was working on the issue. He stated that covid had stepped up the technical abilities of many councillors who found they had to figure out how to handle platforms such as zoom and teams and although it had been an ambition of Council to promote this it happened sooner than anticipated with the onset of covid. He said Members often found they needed to be in two places at once and zoom had provided a mechanism of almost achieving this. Councillor Mallaghan reflected that it was excellent for officers also as it cut down driving, shortened time allocated for meeting attendance and brought

flexibility to those with caring responsibilities. He said it was a shame that the emergency legislation could not be extended but at least now the process was in place as confirmed in the Ministers letter. Councillor Mallaghan asked if Council had responded to the letter and said whilst in person meetings are often best, hybrid had become an important part on how business is conducted.

Councillor Mallaghan moved the motion

That this Council –

- Accepts that remote/hybrid meetings allowed for participation in Council meetings to be more accessible for both council members and council staff;
- Recognises that hybrid/remote meetings contribute positively to making political office more accessible, particularly to women who disproportionately have caring responsibilities;
- Notes with concern the late decision of the Minister of Communities not to extend the temporary provisions which enable councils to hold remote/hybrid meetings;
- Further notes with disappointment that the Minister of Communities has not yet used powers available to him under the Local Government (Meetings and Performance) Act (NI) 2021 to progress regulations ensuring council meetings may be held remotely;
- Understands, as a result of the decision by the Minister for Communities, that remote/hybrid meetings will not be available to council after the 6th March;
- Calls on the Minister for Communities to urgently progress regulations providing for hybrid/remote meetings for councils.

The Chief Executive confirmed that a response had been submitted.

Councillor McLernon seconded the motion.

Councillor Quinn said he was happy to support the motion and acknowledged that hybrid meetings especially for those with young families had become a godsend. He said that the role of a councillor is a major part of life and spoke how one former member in 2015/16 had to step down as she had twins and how the option of hybrid had brought advantages for those with caring responsibilities.

Councillor Kerr supported the motion and said that covid had changed how everyone works and how home working now is used as a job incentive. He said that hybrid options need reinstated as it was a great tool especially for people with young families and not only drives down childcare costs but is helpful to reducing the carbon footprint.

Councillor Brown welcomed the letter from the Minister of Department for Communities and said that the DUP supported the motion as there needs to be change. He said face to face meetings were good and with hybrid whilst you could still interact it was not quite the same, but it was good for people with young families or health conditions that prevented in person attendance.

Councillor Brown said the issue should also be discussed at policy and resources together with standing orders.

Councillor Wilson said the only amendment he would suggest would be in the bullet point referencing particularly women he would add 'and people with disabilities.' He welcomed the letter from the Minister and the fact that the issue was being progressed. He said he could not understand why committees could not still be hybrid as they make recommendations not decisions.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said as there was consensus, he declared the motion carried.

Councillor Mallaghan thanked members for their support.

C062/24 Notice of Motion: Councillor Johnston to move –

Councillor Johnston highlighted an amendment to the motion in that Council should write to the Secretary of State and not the British Prime Minister.

Councillor Johnston speaking on the motion said, "Firstly I appreciate that issues like this aren't always appropriate in council, but I would ask you to bear with me, I would also ask that you genuinely consider the motion and my reasoning for bringing it to council. It appears that decisions in relation to motions are sometimes decided before the arguments for it are ever made. I spent quite a few years of my life working with and for all victims of the Troubles irrespective of creed or political persuasion. Victims didn't choose to become victims. Their dignity never fails to amaze me. I have never believed that any death was justified. I am also of the opinion that our victims got the rawest of deals. Those who paid the highest price have been undoubtedly, in my mind, have been treated the worst. Amnesties are repulsive to all right-minded people. The Legacy Act being testament to that. Something we can all agree on. Everyone deserves the truth of what happened their loved one, and where possible justice. I get that many will get neither truth nor justice. I understand the frustration and anger at that but that is not a reason to block truth where we know it exists and is being deliberately hidden from the families. There is an important African saying "it takes a village to raise a child." I often think nowhere is this more true than in the GAA. Irrespective of some deeply held perceptions, sometimes misconceived, and perhaps clouded by solitary acts by one club or another, it is, as an organisation, the bedrock of every nationalist community on this island. Its stewards give of their time selflessly. The GAA president Jarlath Burns recently noted during the darkest days of the Troubles it kept many a young man out of the clutches of the paramilitaries.

I attended the Mid Ulster Councils inaugural sports awards on Tuesday night. It was a truly wonderful night that had me thinking, on one hand I really need to start exercising and on the other and more importantly, how sport brings our communities together. One of the awards given was the Unsung Hero Award, a very worthy winner Brian Dallas couldn't disguise his love for his club Coagh United FC. His delight was infectious. In different times Sean Brown would have been a worthy recipient for such a prize. Sean Brown was a community man to the bone. He loved his club. He was one of life's 'good ones'. He, like many before, was an easy target for the paramilitaries. That he was so brutally murdered is bad enough but to cope with the additional knowledge that there were as many as 26 people involved in his

murder and the subsequent cover up, is too much for a family to bear. We ask too much of our victims and their families.

I am asking that you, my colleagues, be good neighbours and support this motion so that we can show our support to the Brown family, so that we can add more weight to the request made by Justice Kinney for a Public Inquiry. Let us do the right thing by this family.”

Councillor Johnston moved the motion:

“That this council; supports the calls for a Public Inquiry into the murder of Sean Brown.” Writes to the Secretary of State demanding a Public Inquiry as requested by Mr Justice McKinney.

Councillor Quinn seconding the motion said that Sean Brown was same as each person here, he said that the GAA is not a club but a community and on the night he was abducted he was locking up his club to return home to his family of six. Councillor Quinn stated that the Brown family have been denied the truth of what happened to Sean since 1997 and that the coroner had indicated that more than 25 people have been linked to his death which has resulted in the case being compromised and unable to continue. He concluded that like many others he deserves justice and truth and that the security forces should stop hiding and let the truth be told.

Councillor S McPeake said, “On the morning of the 13th May 1997, the people of Bellaghy and South Derry awoke to the news of the abduction and horrific murder of one of their own, Sean Brown. Sean was a local community leader and was a totally innocent victim of a loyalist death squad. He was assaulted and kidnapped on the night of Monday May 12th, 1997, when he was locking the gates of Wolfe Tones GAC Bellaghy where he was his Clubs’ Chairman. An immensely well-respected leader within his local community, Sean’s death was one of the most brutal, callous and inhumane in the history of the troubles here. In the aftermath of Sean’s murder, the Brown family have been immensely dignified in their quest for answers as to why Sean was selected for assassination in the manner which he was. The family have been to the courts in excess of 40 occasions seeking the truth.

The PSNI have admitted there has, (in their own words) been ‘inadequacies into the investigation’ and have indeed issued a public apology to the family.

However, the factual details around Sean’s death remain unanswered for the family;

- Why was such a devoted family man and well-respected community leader targeted and selected for murder in such barbaric circumstances?
- Despite the fact that more than 25 people including ‘state agents’ were linked to the murder through intelligence material, why has there been no one charged in relation to this murder?
- Why has the state agencies repeatedly dragged their feet in delaying disclosure of material relevant to the Brown family obtaining the truth in relation to Sean’s murder?

All these questions and more remain unanswered. And unanswered against the backdrop of the ticking clock that is the Legacy Act which comes into force just next month. When enacted the outworking of this legislation will stymie victims from ever obtaining the truth around the deaths of their loved ones.

One must ask as to whose interests is the adoption of this bill best served. The belief of many is that it is an attempt by the British state to put a cloak over all conflict related matters and to draw a line under actions of the past.

I have spoken previously in this chamber as to the plight of the Brown family, and other families in attempting to get to the truth. A few months ago, during a discussion around the Legacy Act I highlighted the fact that I believed the state agencies were deliberately 'running down the clock' towards the commencement of the Legacy Act legislation in ensuring that proper inquests that involved the use of state agencies were not heard as to do so would highlight the wide-spread and systemic use of state agents during the recent conflict here.

One cannot be touched by the dignity and resolve of families such as the Brown family. Because of Sean's strong links to the GAA across Ulster and beyond, we have seen the entire GAA family nationally standing shoulder to shoulder with the Brown's in seeking the truth. On Sunday February 4th along with hundreds of other GAA members in Derry City many of us marched in support for the families of Sean Brown and Tyrone nationalist Councillor Patsy Kelly whose family are also seeking full disclosure into Patsy's murder.

For the Brown family to be forced to attend in excess of 40 court hearings only to be told that there is still insufficient material to hold a proper inquest has been frustrating to no end; or to be told that serving members of the security forces and around 25 state agents have been linked to Sean's murder; or being told that new files have emerged after all these years; or that dozens of entire pages of material have been redacted to such an extent rendering these files useless in attempting to uncover the truth can be soul destroying for such a dignified family. But the Brown family are not on their own they have widespread community support both locally and nationally in their quest for the truth.

Along with Councillor Milne, just four weeks ago both he and I were humbled to be with the family at the last inquest hearing in the Court Room in the High Court's in Belfast. Those in the room were shocked to hear Justice Patrick Kinney state that because of the sheer amount of redactions in material relevant to obtaining the truth around Sean's murder, in that he could no longer continue with the inquest and that reluctantly this process had ran out of road. Mr Justice Kinney heavily criticised how the state parties had handled the disclosure process, branding the repeated delays as 'deplorable' and in-excusable.

The outcome of the termination of this inquest process now leaves the family with no options available other than to seek a 'Public Inquiry, in an attempt to get the truth. Indeed, Justice Kinney in his ruling in the high court said the same, in that a Public Inquiry was the 'appropriate' way in considering the circumstances around Sean Brown's murder.

A wide breadth of individuals, groups and organisations have already backed the calls for a public inquiry into Sean Brown's murder.

Last November, just prior to Justice Kinney's statement of termination of this coronial process, the PSNI Chief Constable indicated the PSNI would work within the confines of a full public inquiry, should a public inquiry be called. Though this statement was at a time when the coronial process under Justice Kinney was still in situ. Now that this has concluded I would hope that this will now be carried through as realistically this is the only viable process open to the family. British NIO Minister Steve Baker has supported the concept of a public inquiry in this instance. The GAA has also stated its full support for a Public Inquiry as does former Police Ombudsman Nuala O Loan and the Tanaiste Micheal Martin.

Sinn Féin has stood shoulder to shoulder for victim's families including the Brown's in obtaining the truth. We have lobbied locally, nationally, and internationally against what the British Government was attempting to do with its Legacy Act. Victims and survivors need whatever toolkits are available in order for them to obtain the truth. In the case of the quest for justice for the Brown family, due to all other available options being exhausted a Public Inquiry is the only option available and should be granted to the family. I and my party will continue to offer our support to those families such as the Brown's seeking truth and closure into events surrounding the deaths of their loved ones."

Councillor McLean said that Councillor Johnston had said that the motion was sensitive and had mentioned pre judgement and whilst he had not met with his party immediately prior to this meeting they had met and discussed the motion earlier in the week. He said they were fully aware of the sensitivity, feelings and divisions and the impact of the death as he too could have been a statistic as he had a car placed under his car and he was acutely aware that his own family could be sitting like the Brown family as such was the history of the province.

Councillor McLean said that by singling out one individual it gives a hierarchy to victims of which there are many across all communities that need and deserve justice but yet there is no public enquiry for them. He said that the reality is truth and justice will never come and this is sad, a deep hurt and a burden many already live with daily. For that reason, Councillor McLean said the party had taken the decision to abstain from the motion. He emphasised they were not abstaining because Mr Brown had been a member of the GAA or a nationalist as his family had carried the pain and hurt of his murder like so many others. Councillor McLean concluded that he hoped the Chamber would understand the feelings of his party.

Councillor Wilson said the matter was sensitive and anything said could be misconstrued but for the right reasons the UUP would also abstain from the motion. He said their sympathy goes to all innocent families who have a right to seek justice but the UUP did not support hierarchy.

Councillor Monteith stated he fully supports Sean Brown's family and said like many others he was under no illusion that Sean Brown was killed in Ireland for being Irish. He said he would support the campaign for truth and justice but he did not share the confidence that a public enquiry would reveal it. He said that 25 of those questioned, many of them state agents working directly for the British government and the enquiry was just the state investigating the state. He said across the divides everyone had attended courts seeking the truth to witness the PSNI lawyers

spending millions of pounds closing down the calls for truth. He said the question has to be asked to reveal the level of control the British held in loyalist and republican movements. Councillor Monteith said it pained him particularly at a time when remembering patriot dead to acknowledge that some republicans acted on behalf of the British state. He concluded that he supported the family but did not believe the British system would allow the truth to be revealed.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8.16 pm

Councillor Kerr said he too supported the motion and said his own club had showed solidarity to the family of Sean Brown in their quest for truth. He concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments and said that at the inquest it had been made known one of the suspects was still a serving member of the British state forces. He concluded that he supported the motion and hoped that the Brown family would receive closure.

Councillor Varsani said that Sinn Féin would support the motion and emphasised that the key element of this case and indeed others is the cover up as the information was there but has not been released. She said it is important and that other Councillors had alluded to the fact that all should recognise the pain of loss in any family a pain which is equal to all.

Councillor Cuthbertson returned to the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy called for a vote.

For	24
Against	0
Abstained	13

Councillor Johnston said that she could appreciate such matters can be divisive she did not bring the motion light-hearted. She said she felt for all victims and would not create a hierarchy, but Sean Brown's case was a live issue. Councillor Johnston said she was sympathetic to pain and suffering and that she was glad all had acknowledged that, and she was glad that members had abstained as opposed to voting against the motion.

C063/24 Notice of Motion: Councillor Cahoon to move –

Councillor Cahoon speaking on the motion said, "every Councillor in this chamber will be contacted on a regular basis regarding fly-tipping, litter, and dog fouling in our District. It has to be said from the outset that the vast majority of residents are very sensible in this respect however a small minority are not and this really brings out area down. In the past, I understand that there had been a commitment made to have staff trained to issue fines in Dungannon Park however we have not seen this come to fruition. The Council previously used WISE to enforce issues pertaining to dog fouling, litter, and fly-tipping however since this partnership ended we have seen very minimal enforcement of this issue. Between April 2022 and January 2023 there were only 5 Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Council. We are all aware of the

serious health risks associated with dog mess and young children when their immune systems are not fully developed. If there is no deterrent and no enforcement, I fear the levels of litter and dog-fouling in our district will only increase and where does this end.

This is a serious issue, and we need to send a clear message that if you act irresponsibly, you will be caught, and it will cost you. We need to see enforcement in both our rural and urban areas – each Councillor will have hot-spots in their DEA. If we take a stern approach from the start, word will soon spread. We have also seen other Councils across Northern Ireland review this matter. Therefore, I move the motion:

That this Council –

- (i) Considers increasing fines for dog-fouling, littering, and fly-tipping and
- (ii) Considers outsourcing enforcement of this issue to an outside company to enhance enforcement levels.

This follows The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) Regulations (NI) 2022 which enables local authorities to increase penalties from £80 to £200.

Councillor Robinson seconded the motion and said that since being elected to Council there is not a week passes that he does not receive a complaint from a constituent about dog fouling. He stressed the necessity in sending out a strong message that it is not acceptable especially given the significant funding allocated to promoting tourism. Councillor Robinson said if the littering continues at its current level it will be a detriment to the economy, the environment, wildlife and livestock. He advised that his Orange Order had conducted a litter pick and within one hour along one mile stretch of road it was again littered with coffee cups and bottles. He also referred to a similar issue raised on social media earlier in the day by Councillor McElvogue.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy welcomed the motion but stated he could not put it to vote due to the financial and legal implications but advised that it could be referred to the appropriate committee for discussion. He acknowledged there were many responsible dog owners, but a few are not all, and he would be content for the debate to be progressed.

Councillors Bell and Black withdrew from the meeting at 8.30pm

Councillor Monteith commended the motion and said he had no issue with the matter being progressed and a new way forward established but stressed he was opposed to private contractors delivering services as he did not believe in privatisation of Council services. He reflected that the previous contractor had shown that they could not generate the income required to provide the service. Councillor Monteith said there was enforcement officers in Council and the outside agency did not work before as the profit was not there and statistics showed that they did not target dog fouling. He said he would fully support endeavours to deal with the issues of enforcement and education as dog fouling was a blight on the streets and it was heartbreaking to see people participating in community cleanups to be met a day

later to the same again. Councillor Monteith said it was sad that some people did not have pride in their community. He also spoke of a scheme introduced in Leitrim council whereby they DNA tested dog waste and thus identified owners and Council should explore something similar. He also spoke of waste thrown down by people purchasing example fast food, the company can be identified, but it is not their responsibility but the person who threw it away but the landowner is left with the burden of cleaning it.

Councillors Bell and Black returned at 8.32pm

Councillor Cuthbertson said it was a topical issue and he too had participated in litter picks but what he found particularly annoying was people lifting the dog poo, then hanging it in the hedge but acknowledged that there were many responsible dog owners. He said previously it had been his understanding that there had been a clear commitment to train more staff for enforcement, that it was his understanding that dog warden section was currently under power and given it was springtime other issues would be arising such as sheep worrying. He asked if other staff could be diverted to assist tackling the issue and said the main issue was dog fouling and littering from chip papers and the previous contractor had not dealt with those issues. He spoke of an instance where one lady had been taken to court but then hadn't paid the fine and in such circumstances they should be returned to court. Councillor Cuthbertson said Council must both enforce and educate.

Councillor Quinn concurred with previous speakers and said the current remit of councillors was dealing with potholes and littering. He said that the four football clubs in Coalisland had carried out litter picks across four consecutive weeks and each one was as bad as the one before and stated there needed to be heavy penalties in throwing out litter. He spoke of the previous contractor and said whilst he had initially voted for it he had quickly regretted his decision and going forward education was key.

Councillor Kerr concurred with previous speakers but emphasised that he was opposed to privatisation of Council services and supported the trade unions. He spoke of the litter issues in Coalisland at Cornmill carpark on a Monday morning and dumping in Kettle Lane just a few hundred yards from the recycling centre and stressed that people needed to be held accountable. He said that education on mindset was the best way forward and Council as well as enforcement should put together a pest control team also.

Councillors McQuade and Quinn left at 8.38pm

Councillor Wilson commended the motion and stated that although dog fouling comes under litter it poses a serious health issue and further down the line this should be addressed. He said every member knew the hotspots in their area, the issues when WISE had been in place and the difficulties in issuing fixed penalty notices for dog fouling as you had to actually catch the dog in action. He also reflected on fast food establishments and customers disposing of packaging and said ultimately the majority of people are responsible, but the Council is left to clean up and the rate payers are paying for the minority and the cost was considerable.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred stating that the cost was hundreds of thousands.

Councillor Burton said the issues were a blight on the community and all councillors receive similar calls. She said those that do not clean up after their dogs are out early in the morning or late at night and neighbours know who is responsible. Councillor Burton also spoke of the civic pride displayed in communities participating in competitions such as Ulster in Bloom and stressed that council needed to support these groups and encourage those who are working tirelessly on the ground. She acknowledged there was no quick fix, the difficulties in handing a fine to a neighbour, the issues of dead livestock being dumped, and Council left to clear up all and concluded a better way forward was needed.

Councillor McElvogue concurred and said the particular scenario regarding dead livestock referred to by Councillor Burton had been shocking. He also highlighted dumping at Glenmore Walk and at the Blackwater and concluded whilst he doesn't receive as many complaints about dog fouling dumping of all kinds was a major issue.

Councillor Mallaghan welcomed the conversation and said the matter needed to be discussed at committee as recently the budgets had been set and some difficult conversations needed to be had. He said he felt it was a specialised service and on occasions agencies were required. He concluded that he looked forward to the conversations and debate.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy declared that the motion was to be referred to committee for discussion.

Councillor Cahoon thanked Members for their contributions to discussion to reignite the debate to identify solutions should they be different technology, training of staff but acknowledged it may be hard to issue fines to neighbours. She concluded that a strong approach was required.

The live broadcast concluded at 8.50 pm

The Chair, Councillor Molloy extended congratulations to Councillor Black on the birth of his son.

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That items C064/24 to C071/24 be taken as confidential business.

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 22 February 2024
- (ii) Planning Confidential minutes of meeting held on 5 March 2024
- (iii) Policy & Resources Confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 March 2024
- (iv) Environment Confidential minutes of meeting held on 12 March 2024
- (v) Development Confidential minutes of meeting held on 14 March 2024
- (vi) Audit Confidential minutes of meeting held on 19 March 2024
- (vii) Document for Sealing: Grahams ICT Contract for Maghera Wetlands Park and Walled Garden Enhancements (Phase 1)

C071/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.52 pm

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 in Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present	Councillor S McPeake, Chair Councillors Black (5.13pm), J Buchanan, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Graham, Kerr, Mallaghan, Martin, McElvogue, McFlynn, D McPeake, Robinson, Varsani
Officers in Attendance	Mr Bowman, Head of Strategic Planning (HSP) Ms Donnelly, Council Solicitor Ms Doyle, Head of Local Planning (HLP) Ms Hughes, Planning Officer (PO) Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer (SPO) Mr McClean, Senior Planning Officer (SPO) Ms McKinless, Senior Planning Officer (SPO) Miss Thompson, Committee and Member Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

P045/24 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

P046/24 Apologies

Councillors Carney and McConnell.

P047/24 Declarations of Interest

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

P048/24 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake wished the Head of Local Planning and Head of Strategic Planning well in their roles following the departure of the Service Director of Planning.

The Head of Local Planning (HLP) stated she was delighted to inform Members that Karla McKinless has been listed as one of The Planner magazines Women of Influence for 2024. The HLP advised that every year for International Womens Day The Planner magazine publish a list of planning women of influence with nominations being assessed by a panel of judges which include distinguished planners from across the UK. The list is non ranked and non competitive and celebrates the impact of women on planning and as such some women have been listed because they have had a significant influence on planning policy, others

because they have inspired the planners who work with them. Following Karla's nomination the judges felt her commitment to supporting colleagues, communities and the wider aim of planning deserved recognition. The judges recognised Karla's leadership and courage to enable herself and her team to launch, manage, maintain and monitor the planning portal and that she continues to manage and monitor it with her original team mates as well her other development management duties. Judges also acknowledged the success to date of the new planning portal. The HLP advised that unfortunately Karla would be unable to attend an in person reception to celebrate her achievement and that Karla is always eager to emphasise that the project would not have been successful without the hard work, dedication and commitment of those in the project team. The HLP stated that it is wonderful that Karla has received recognition of the exceptional leadership she has shown in helping to deliver the new planning portal and that the planning department and Council are very privileged to have Karla as a member of the team and that she wanted to take the opportunity tonight to offer Karla congratulations.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake expressed heartiest congratulations to Karla and stated that the Chairman of Council had also alluded to her achievement at the recent Council meeting. Councillor S McPeake echoed the comments of the Head of Local Planning and stated that Council really appreciated the work done in helping to deliver what he felt is the best planning portal across the Councils and at a lot less cost and that Council was indebted.

The Head of Local Planning (HLP) advised that the planning statistics for the third quarter of 2023/2024 had recently been published and provides provisional activity and performance figures. The HLP outlined the headline statistics for local planning in Mid Ulster –

- During the third quarter of 2023/2024 Mid Ulster received 301 local applications and this represents the 2nd highest in Northern Ireland.
- 291 local applications were decided in the third quarter also representing the 2nd highest.
- For the year to date 865 local applications were decided by the end of the third quarter, this being the highest of any Council outside of Belfast.

The HLP advised that the hard work and focus of the team has resulted in a significant improvement to processing times which is down from 17.2 weeks in the second quarter to 15 weeks in the third quarter and that this means that the statutory target was met for this period. The HLP advised that on year to date figures Mid Ulster were better than the average of all Councils for processing times and have made the most improvement from the comparable time period last year of all the Councils. The HLP advised that Mid Ulster have been successful in reducing the number of live applications that are in the system which is down from 969 in December 2022 to 829 in December 2023 and highlighted that only three other Councils have reduced their number of live applications.

The Head of Strategic Planning (HSP) referred to the complexity of major applications and the need to heavily consult on these applications and that whilst he would like to replicate the success of local planning there was some good news in relation to strategic planning from the statistics for the third quarter of 2023/2024 –

- Mid Ulster was fourth quickest for processing times for major applications and that target processing times from quarter two to quarter three have been reduced by 11 weeks which reflects some progress particularly after restructuring of the department.
- 10 major applications have been decided on year to date and this represents the fourth highest in Northern Ireland.
- Enforcement cases closed in third quarter for 2023/2024 was 54 compared to 24 for same quarter in 2022/2023.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake thanked the officers for the update and that the statistics are pointing in the right direction particularly with local planning.

The Head of Local Planning referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination and sought approval to have the following applications deferred from tonight's meeting schedule for an office meeting –

Agenda Item 5.1 – LA09/2020/0099/F - 2 storey dwelling and garage with attached car port at 10m N of No 1 The Brambles, Station Road, Magherafelt for Mr Mark Quinn.

Agenda Item 5.5 - LA09/2022/1459/F - Renewal of Planning approval LA09/2017/0168/F - New Robotic Dairy Unit at 110 M SW of 10 Ballynagarve Road, Magherafelt for Mr William Watterson and Sons.

Agenda Item 5.8 - LA09/2023/0782/F - Residential development comprising of 12 dwellings (mix of detached dwellings and chalet bungalows), private amenity space, landscaping, new site access, and all associated ancillary works. at lands approx. 16m to SW of 21 Moneysharvan Road, Swatragh for Millriver Investments.

Agenda Item 5.13 - LA09/2023/1119/F - Replacement dwelling at 40m SW of 38 Lisnamuck Road, Tobermore for Mr Andrew Hopper.

Agenda Item 5.14 - LA09/2023/1215/O - Site for two dwellings and detached garages at lands between 21 and 23 Halfgayne Road, Maghera for Mr Francis Bradley.

Agenda Item 5.15 - LA09/2023/1279/F - Extension to curtilage to provide garden space and domestic storage shed at 96 Mullan Road, Coagh for Mr Terence Maynes.

Agenda Item 5.18 - LA09/2023/1374/F - Farm shed for feeding & shelter area, storage area & underground slurry tanks at 76m SE of 200 Annagher Road, Dungannon for Mr James McGrath.

Agenda Item 5.19 - LA09/2023/1381/O - Dwelling and garage (infill) at 35m SE of 37 Ballynacross Road, Knockloghrim for T Elliott Esq.

Agenda Item 5.20 - LA09/2023/1385/O - Dwelling and garage (infill) at 85m SE of 37 Ballynacross Road, Knockloghrim for T Elliott Esq.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor McElvogue and

Resolved That the planning applications listed above be deferred for an office meeting.

The HLP advised that two applications had been linked to the agenda in error and would be withdrawn from the schedule this evening those being agenda item 5.17 – LA09/2023/1311/F and agenda item 5.21 – LA09/2023/1402/LDP.

The HLP also advised that agenda item 6.5 – LA09/2023/0005/F had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Matters for Decision

P049/24 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2020/0099/F **2 storey dwelling and garage with attached car port at 10m N of No 1 The Brambles, Station Road, Magherafelt for Mr Mark Quinn**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2020/1319/F **Mixed-use development comprising 80 units (56 dwellings & 24 apartments) & 8 industrial units (light industrial & storage) at immediately N of 31 Ballygawley Road, Dungannon, bounded by Cloneen & Ballysaggart Park to the S & W for Orchard County Contracts**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2020/1319/F which had a recommendation for approval.

The Head of Strategic Planning highlighted that this application had been presented and agreed at the March Planning Committee but was being brought back again to amend wording to condition 5, this being at the request of the applicant.

Proposed by Councillor Varsani
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2020/1319/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/1293/F **Extension to bar and restaurant including extension of off sales area within existing shop and temporary marquee at 221 Orritor Road, Cookstown for Mrs Iris Thom**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1293/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/1293/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/1135/F **Development of business park PARK to include up to 16 business units (use class B1/B2/B3 & B4), access arrangements from Sandholes Road, landscaping, car parking, servicing and ancillary site works (Amended description) at 14 Sandholes Road, Cookstown for Sperrin Trading Services Ltd**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2022/1135/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/1135/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/1459/F **Renewal of Planning approval LA09/2017/0168/F - New Robotic Dairy Unit at 110 M SW of 10 Ballynagarve Road, Magherafelt for Mr William Watterson and Sons**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/0421/F **Amendment of housing development layout as approved under LA09/2021/0191/F from 42 houses to 20 No. semi-detached houses & 4 No. detached houses at 8 Killyneill Road, Dungannon for Mr and Mrs John Quinn**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/0421/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Varsani
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/0421/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Black entered the meeting at 5.13 pm.

LA09/2023/0724/F Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility including electrical substation building, CCTV/lighting columns, security fencing, new access and ancillary site works at lands approx. 80m to the N and E of 122a Moneymore Road and approx. 40m to the W and S of Magherafelt Substation, Magherafelt for Magherafelt BES Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/0724/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) highlighted the addendum and late objection received which was circulated to Members. It was advised that the agent has agreed to add a condition to address the issues raised and to reinforce any issues with health and safety as follows –

‘Any variation to the details contained in the Technical Note dated 30 June 2023 shall be sought by written consent to Mid Ulster District Council. The proposed facility shall install NMC Gen 2 battery modules as detailed within the Technical Note dated 30 June 2023.

Reason: In the interest of public health and safety and fire safety’.

Ms McCullagh stated that this condition will ensure that any variation to that already submitted, assessed and consulted on will need to be agreed by Mid Ulster District Council and any relevant consultation bodies who have currently raised no objections.

The Head of Strategic Planning (HSP) stated that officers are becoming increasingly aware of concerns regarding BESS sites in terms of fire risk and health and safety and that officers have gone to lengths to seek the views of statutory and non statutory consultees on this application. The HSP stated that officers are content that they have received sound advice from experts on what the definition of batteries is and how the site should be treated and that the conditions attached and outlined are appropriate and can be made water tight in relation to specific battery type.

Councillor D McPeake stated that in light of what he had heard he would propose the recommendation.

Councillor Black seconded Councillor D McPeake’s proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/0724/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer’s report and above.

LA09/2023/0782/F **Residential development comprising of 12 dwellings (mix of detached dwellings and chalet bungalows), private amenity space, landscaping, new site access, and all associated ancillary works. at lands approx. 16m to SW of 21 Moneysharvan Road, Swatragh for Millriver Investments**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/0872/O **Dwelling and domestic garage in a gap site at land between 19 and 21 Killyneill Road, Dungannon for Caran Ltd**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/0872/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Varsani
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/0872/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2023/0922/F **Retention of cattle shed and hard standing yard area at lands approx. 100m SW of 17 Annaghnaeboe Road, Coalisland for Edward Dorman**

Ms Hughes (PO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2023/0922/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake referred to no request for deferral or to speak on the application and felt that the application should be deferred as the shed is already in situ.

Councillor McFlynn felt it would be a shame to refuse the application outright tonight and asked if a site visit would be of any help.

The Head of Local Planning (HLP) stated that officers are not concerned regarding the visual impact of the application but whether it meets the tests of CTY12. The HLP advised that one of the tests under this policy is whether the shed is necessary for the functioning of the business and that the applicant has not proven that they have been established for six years. The HLP advised that officers have been told there is another shed but that this is not available to the applicant, officers have not been advised why this is. The HLP advised that a site visit would be of no benefit in this case but that an office meeting may be more productive in filling in the gaps of information.

Councillor Kerr stated that because there was no representation tonight the applicant should be afforded the opportunity to make representation so they have got a chance of a fair hearing.

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake agreed that the applicant should be given the opportunity to address the reasons for refusal. The Chair proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

Agreed.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/0922/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2023/1034/O **Off-site replacement dwelling, garage and associated site works at lands adjacent to and NE of 43 Annaghone Rd, Stewartstown, Dungannon for Mr Matthew Leonard**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/1034/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McElvogue
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/1034/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2023/1075/F **Conversion and reuse of a redundant farm building to provide a new single living unit immediately to the rear of 25 Ballynahaye Road, Cabragh, Dungannon for Brian Mulgrew**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/1075/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Varsani
Seconded by Councillor McElvogue and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/1075/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2023/1119/F **Replacement dwelling at 40m SW of 38 Lisnamuck Road, Tobermore for Mr Andrew Hopper**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/1215/O **Site for two dwellings and detached garages at lands between 21 and 23 Halfgayne Road, Maghera for Mr Francis Bradley**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/1279/F **Extension to curtilage to provide garden space and domestic storage shed at 96 Mullan Road, Coagh for Mr Terence Maynes**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/1300/F **Alterations and 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 28 Moneymore Road, Cookstown for Mr Michael Young**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/1300/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/1300/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2023/1311/F **Dwelling and domestic garage (change of house type and garage from I/2006/0008/RM including relocation of garage within extended curtilage) at site opposite 64 Feegarron Road, Cookstown for Mr & Mrs Alan & Claire Boyle**

Withdrawn from tonight's agenda - Added to agenda in error.

LA09/2023/1374/F **Farm shed for feeding & shelter area, storage area & underground slurry tanks at 76m SE of 200 Annagher Road, Dungannon for Mr James McGrath**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/1381/O **Dwelling and garage (infill) at 35m SE of 37 Ballynacross Road, Knockloghrim for T Elliott Esq**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/1385/O **Dwelling and garage (infill) at 85m SE of 37 Ballynacross Road, Knockloghrim for T Elliott Esq**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2023/1402/LDP **Completion of detached dwelling (site 31) as per H/2005/0601/F at lands 45m NE of 34 Moneyneany Road, Moneyneany, Draperstown for Mr Brendan Doyle**

Withdrawn from tonight's agenda – Added to agenda in error.

LA09/2024/0035/O Dwelling & garage at 300m N of 74 Moneyhaw Road, Drummullan, Moneymore for Mr Fergus Bell

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2024/0035/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2024/0035/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2024/0097/F Change of use from residential to office (retrospective) at 14 King Street, Magherafelt for Les Ross Planning

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2024/0097/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor D McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2024/0097/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2024/0138/RM Dwelling and garage at land E of 91 Creagh Road, Castledawson for Ciaran and Emer Devlin

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2024/0138/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2024/0138/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/0268/F Replacement of existing turbine (approved I/2014/0394/F) with an EWT DW54 250KW turbine comprising of a 40m hub height and blade span of 27m (overall tip height of 67m) (Revised Noise and Visual Information) at approx. 210m SE of 40 Gortagammon Road, Cookstown for Arena Capital Partners

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/0268/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/0268/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/1396/O **Site for housing development at 34 Main Street, Tullyhogue, Cookstown for Calvert Development Ltd**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2021/1396/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Black
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/1396/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/1359/O **Site for a dwelling and domestic garage at approx. 105m NW of 25 Brackagh Road, Desertmartin for Mr Seamus Diamond**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2022/1359/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/1359/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/1736/O **Dwelling and garage at approx. 210m SE of 59 Glengomna Road, Draperstown for Sean Donnelly**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2022/1736/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/1736/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2023/0005/F **Dwelling and detached domestic garage at approx. 55m NE of 72 Finulagh Road, Dungannon for Michael Doran**

Application withdrawn by applicant.

LA09/2023/1070/O

Dwelling and garage adjacent to 59 and 24m SE of 55 Killary Lane, Killary, Stewartstown, Dungannon for Mr Brian Corr

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2023/1070/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Varsani
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2023/1070/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

P050/24 Receive Report on Tirquin, Killyclogher Afforestation

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented previously circulated report which advised of consultation received from Forest Service, an Agency of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in relation to an afforestation proposal at Tirquin, Killyclogher, Omagh.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the consultation response attached at appendix 2 of report be submitted.

P051/24 Receive Report on Drumconready, Draperstown Afforestation

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented previously circulated report which advised of consultation received from Forest Service, an Agency of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in relation to an afforestation proposal at Drumconready, Draperstown.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the consultation response attached at appendix 2 of report be submitted.

Matters for Information

P052/24 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 5 March 2024

Members noted previously circulated minutes of Planning Committee held on 5 March 2024.

Live broadcast ended at 5.30 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Varsani 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 P053/24 to P059/24.

Matters for Decision

P053/24 Receive Report on BT Notification
P054/24 Receive Report on Local Development Plan
P055/24 Receive Enforcement Report

Matters for Information

P056/24 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 5 March 2024
P057/24 Enforcement Cases Opened
P058/24 Enforcement Cases Closed
P059/24 Review of Planning Committee Start Time

P060/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 5 pm and concluded at 5.57 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Planning, Policy & Resources /Environment/ Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Cookstown /Dungannon/Magherafelt].

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast as aforesaid, will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I will let you know before this happens.

I would remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted.

Thank you and we will now move to the agenda.



ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 9 April 2024

Additional information has been received on the following items since the agenda was issued.

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
5.2	<p>Application was agreed at March Committee, report the same, only change is to update wording to condition 5 to reflect the updated standard Rivers response, to read;</p> <p>‘Prior to the construction of the drainage network, the applicant shall submit a Drainage Assessment, compliant with FLD 3 & Annex D of PPS 15, to be agreed with the Council which demonstrates the safe management of any out of sewer flooding emanating from the surface water drainage network, agreed under Article 161, in a 1 in 100 year event with an additional allowance for climate change (10%) and urban creep (10%).</p> <p>Reason – To safeguard against flood risk to the development and from the development to elsewhere.’</p>	Members to note

5.7	<p>Bell Rolston is now the agent, not Clyde Shanks.</p> <p>A late objection has been received. It relates to HSENI and the stance that battery cells are articles under CLP regulations, therefore exempt from Planning (Hazardous Substances) (no. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (PHSC). Nothing new has been raised.</p> <p>Add condition to address this as detailed below;</p> <p>'Any variation to the details contained in the Technical Note dated 30 June 2023 shall be sought by written consent to Mid Ulster District Council. The proposed facility shall install NMC Gen 2 battery modules as detailed within the Technical Note dated 30 June 2023.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of public health and safety and fire safety'.</p>	<p>Members to note</p> <p>Members to note. Also consider Technical Supplement Document (128 pages that has been emailed to Members)</p>
6.5	<p>Deferred Application LA09/2023/0005/F withdrawn.</p>	<p>Members to note</p>

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor McNamee, Chair

Councillors Bell, Black, W Buchanan, F Burton, Clarke, Corry, Forde, Gildernew, McLernon, McQuade (7.02 pm), Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Quinn (7.02 pm), Wilson

Officers in Attendance

Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities & Place (SD: C&P)
Mr Clarke, Neighbourhood Development Manager (NDM)
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure & Wellbeing (AD: HL&W)
Ms F McKeown, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes (AD: EDT&SP)
Ms M McKeown, Tourism Service Manager (TSM)
Ms Smith, Diversity & Integration Manager (D&IM)
Mr Curran, ICT Support
Mrs Grogan, Committee and Member Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Agenda Item 5 – Deputation – Brown Signage
Department for Infrastructure (DfI):
Mr Johnny Graham and Mr Brendan Elliott
Tourism NI (TNI):
Mr David Roberts & Ms Esther Dobbin

Councillor Mallaghan

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor McNamee in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee by referring to Annex A to this minute.

D062/24 Notice of Recording

This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

D063/24 Apologies

Ms Linney, Assistant Director of Development (AD: Dev).

D064/24 Declaration of Interests

The Chair, Councillor McNamee reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest.

Councillor Black declared an interest in Item 7, Community Grants – Drumnaglough Flute Band.

Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in Item 8 – Brantry Bard Group Service Level Agreement

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Item 7 – Community Grants – Broughderg Area Development Association Ltd.

Councillor Forde declared an interest in Item 7 – Community Grants – Maghera Parish Caring Association and Magherafelt Women’s Group.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Item 7 – Community Grants – Friends of Killymoon Castle.

Councillor Milne declared an interest in Item 13 – SHHP Bellaghy Bawn Writers Residency Project.

Councillor Corry declared an interest in Item 7 – Community Grants – Moneyneena & District Development Initiative and Ballinascreen GAC

Councillor Bell declared an interest in Item 7 – Community Grants – Ballinderry Shamrocks GAC.

Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in Item 7 – Community Grants – Derrylatinee Parent Support Group.

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Item 7 - Community Grants – Square Wheels Cycling Club.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Item – Ballysaggart Area Community Association and Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club, Dungannon.

Councillor Quinn entered the meeting at 7.02 pm

Councillor McQuade entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.

D065/24 Chair’s Business

The Chair welcomed Ms Denise Smith, Diversity and Integration Manager to the her first Development Committee meeting and wished her well in her new role.

Councillor Monteith referred to Charlie Donnelly Winter School which had been ongoing for a number of years since the old legacy Dungannon Council. The member advised that as Mayor of Council this year he had met with a delegation from Spain,

with ongoing discussions taking place around the development of the Winter School going forward and how to develop and get it back up and running again as it had fallen away since Covid in terms of Council engagement and what we are doing. The member stated that there have been a number of contacts with Rivas de Vaciamadrid Council and discussions with their Mayor who was keen to develop the Winter School and to broaden it out and investigate what programmes that can be developed going forward. This would be in terms of the Winter School and possibly involving young people in cultural exchange in learning and development between the two Councils. The member said that it would be beneficial if Officers would work on something as a meeting was taking place with the Mayor of Rivas de Vaciamadrid virtually within the next fortnight and would be important that some sort of a programme can be developed from that.

Councillor Corry said that she would be happy to second Councillor Molloy's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Officers investigate possible options for development of programme for Charlie Donnelly Winter School between Council and Rivas de Vaciamadrid Council.

D066/24 Deputation – Brown Signage

The Chair welcomed Ms Mary McKeown, Tourism Service Manager (TSM) to make an overhead presentation on the recently completed Brown Signage Audit commissioned by Council. Mr Johnny Graham and Mr Brendan Elliott from Dfl and Mr David Roberts & Ms Esther Dobbin from Tourism NI, were also in attendance to answer any queries Members had on brown signage (appendix).

Ms McKeown provided an overview to members on Brown Signage Audit as outlined:

- **Brown Signage Policy Background**
 - Tourism brown signage policy in Northern Ireland is implemented by the Department for Infrastructure (Dfl) in partnership with Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI).
 - Brown signs are used as a traffic management tool to guide visitors to tourist destinations in a safe and sustainable manner.
 - The Brown Signage policy in Northern Ireland is based on a set of guidelines including the quality and accessibility of the attraction or destination, the potential number of visitors, and the impact of the sign on the local environment. The policy is also based on the principle that brown signs should only be used for tourism purposes and should not be used for commercial or advertising purposes.
 - Dfl and TNI work closely with local councils and tourism stakeholders to identify locations where brown signs are required, and to ensure that they are designed and installed in accordance with the guidelines. The process involved in implementing and applying for brown signs is as follows:
 - The Council co-ordinates all applications.
 - Tourism NI confirms eligibility of the application as a tourist destination.
 - Dfl will determine the extent of the signage to be provided and will design and erect all signs. As part of its duty to manage the road network, Dfl

Roads will be ultimately responsible for whether signage is provided or not.

- The policy has not been reviewed or updated since 2014 to ensure that it remains effective and sustainable, and to reflect changes in the tourism industry and visitor behaviours.
- Overall, the Brown Signage Policy in Northern Ireland is a key element of the region's Tourism Strategy and plays an important role in directing the visitor to the visitor experiences in the Council area.
- **Tourism Trade Feedback of the Current Process**
 - The process in general seems to be lengthy, expensive and involves too many partners and stakeholders.
 - Existence of illegal signs has resulted in feedback that DfI do not seem to police or remove them.
 - It was noted that the eligibility criteria for a Tourism Body to be permanently open or have a certain accreditation can be too onerous and excludes a lot of smaller tourism businesses.
 - Meeting to be held with TNI and DfI prior to applications being submitted.
- **Context and Purpose of the Audit**
 - Tourism NI and DfI currently do not hold information on locations of brown signage in MUDC area.
 - MUDC commissioned a Brown Signage Audit in December 2022 and this was completed in March 2023.
 - All brown tourism signs were surveyed, photographed, geo-located and placed on a google map link
 - A schedule of possible new and replacement signage was identified and will be submitted to DfI for approval.
- **Audit Requirements**

The main elements of the work carried out:

 - All signs checked and repositioned if required
 - Report any missing signage
 - Improve the visibility and cleaning of signs
 - Prepare a document displaying a photograph of each sign and its location noting what remedial action was taken or is required.
 - Prepare and submit a report detailing what replacement or new signage is required.
- **Brown Signage Locations**
 - All brown tourism signs were surveyed, photographed, geo-located and placed on a google map link, allowing all photos of the signs to be identified at their actual geographic location.
- **Recommendations Going Forward**
 - Damaged signs
 - Tourist sites no longer operating
 - Update list annually
 - Heritage and Tourism sites

- Policy and procedure review
- Inform tourism stakeholders
- Clear visible signs

Ms M McKeown (TSM) advised that Mr Johnny Graham (Dfl), Mr David Roberts (TNI) and herself would be happy to answer any questions that members may have.

The Chair thanked Ms M McKeown for her presentation and asked for any comments that members may have in relation to Brown Signage.

Councillor Bell thanked Ms McKeown for her very extensive report. The member referred to signs which were currently erected illegally and enquired what the process and policy was to having these signs removed.

Mr Graham advised that policy was there for that process which is taken forward through their maintenance section. A notice is served on the operator who erected the signs illegally and if they refuse to co-operate Dfl can go in and remove them and any costs associated with that removal are then transferred back to the operator. Dfl do not usually go in and remove a one-off sign but go into an area and take them all down rather than being seen as targeting one particular area or business. Mr Graham advised if there was one particular sign members may want removed due to causing issues or contentions, he asked that Dfl be made aware, and this will be addressed. Sometimes signs block sightlines and cause road safety hazards and these are investigated. Mr Graham said that at present there is an issue with staff resources in removing illegal signs and was something that the department was working on.

Councillor Bell enquired if Council were to establish the illegal signs in collaboration with Dfl and TNI could a proposal be made to have all these signs taken down expediently.

Mr Graham said that he could not guarantee the timeframe as there was a process involved as the operator would have to be notified and afforded the opportunity to remove the sign. Due to staff resourcing issues and being referred to maintenance section this could be an issue as their priority is road maintenance. Mr Graham asked if there was a list of signs members were concerned about, then these should be compiled and forwarded on to Dfl who would address them.

Councillor Corry said that she would like to raise two issues. Firstly, in relation to Sperrins Gateway signage, these signs are dilapidated and seen better days by far. The member stated no-one wants to take ownership or maintain the signage which was disappointing as this was one of our biggest tourist assets and disgraceful the way it was left lying.

Councillor Corry also enquired about how criteria or eligibility was met if it was not about a specific business but more about a site, i.e. Bellaghy Hunger Strikers Graves, with hundreds and thousands of visitors coming to visit each year but do not know where the local graveyard is, stopping at local shops and other places enquiring.

Mr Graham in response to process around Sperrin Gateway signage advised that there were a number of signs out there that does require maintenance and if Dfl were

made aware them, then work can be carried out between DfI, TNI and Council. Signs can be redesigned and priced back to Council as Council owned signs, but there is a number of Council owned signs which don't need maintenance but can take report of inventory of the signs for maintenance and repair. If Council owned signs, then can work with Mary and her team to get the signs designed and costed in conjunction with TNI. In terms of business signs, would need to liaise with business owner to invest in that sign which sometimes can be a lengthy negotiation. Mr Graham advised that they would work with Council regarding Sperrin Gateway signage.

Mr Graham in response to query around eligibility advised that it has to be a tourist led facility and TNI will provide advice on whether it is a tourist facility or not. If that is the case, then consideration will be given to paying for the signage on an A or B class road.

Councillor Gildernew said as Chair of the Tourism Development Group, she had already foreseen the audit and the preview she had seen had been much more in-depth, with work going into it being formidable and fabulous on behalf of the team. The member referred to the interactive map and said that it was really good when you go into your own area or other tourist areas, this makes tourism much more accessible for visitors coming to the area. The member said that she would like to raise a question around the policy and failings of the policy in terms of seasonal businesses which are not accessible 24 hours per day and asked if policy would be revised to meet the needs.

Mr Graham advised that the division only implements the policy and do not make the decisions as headquarters deal with that and asked if there was anything which was within the policy which needed addressed which is up for review, now is the time to raise issues and these will be reassessed, but at the moment seasonal type businesses do not meet the criteria.

Councillor Clarke referred to previous comment where it was stated that signage was only available from A and B class roads.

Mr Graham agreed that this was the case, but it would be signposted right into the facility taken from the B class or C class roads but would be signposted from the A and B class roads.

Councillor Clarke referred to a C class road and stated that this would have to come from somewhere else in the first instance.

Mr Graham advised if it was within a town for a bed & breakfast, it would have the shape of a bed on the sign and not naming the business, as it is not seen as an advertisement feature.

Councillor Clarke referred to rural areas which would impact on different Council areas also.

Mr Graham said if there was a particular area to let the department know and this would be investigated.

Councillor Clarke referred to areas around Davagh, OM and Stone Circles which are within Mid Ulster, but two townlands of Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.

Mr Graham advised that the department does work in collaboration with other partners in Councils but was not to say that this would be assessed separately and could be assessed together as one application.

Councillor Burton welcomed the representatives who came along tonight to discuss brown signage. The member stated as previous Chair of the Tourism Development Group, she wanted to commend Mary and her team for the work, they have put into this, which has not been done within the last few months, but with a lot of work going on for years to reach this point. She said that it was her understanding that there was an idea at the beginning when this policy was set, that it would be reviewed within 7 years and now we are into 10 years and no matter what it is after 10 years, it needs looked at in her opinion and a review is something that Council would be very keen to push for at this stage. The member advised that she represents the Clogher Valley area where quite a lot of small rural businesses were established during Covid and would be important for Council to really support our small businesses as getting to a rural location can be difficult and they need help and support. The member said it was her understanding that Council had to write to the policy makers and was something that we really need to push for in this area as the policy and procedures around this needs to be looked at as soon as possible.

Mr Graham said that these can be brought to the local division where it would be forwarded on to the headquarters with any concerns in which members may have for a combined review of the policy. He said that he understood the frustration with the length of time for the review of the policy but due to Covid and other factors like staffing resources, but wanted to reassure members that it is currently being reviewed at present.

Councillor Wilson advised that he was the first one to raise the issue around brown signage especially around the criteria being set by Tourism NI and was curious to know what criteria the Department use to work with DfI to allow brown signage. There was one particular business within Mid Ulster close to Cookstown that the Department had turned down but was hopeful that this was going to be granted. He enquired what the criteria was that the Department would class as tourism attraction is.

Councillor Wilson also enquired whether the applicant was responsible for erecting the signs themselves.

Mr Roberts in response to Councillor Wilson's first query advised that in the first instance this was about signposting people to facilities and attractions which are being used by visitors. He was aware that some of the categories within the policy does need to be reviewed and a case to reconsider whether one or two new categories need to be added in. He said that there is quite a number of categories that are used by locals and visitors like golf courses, picnic sites and restaurants, a whole range of existing facilities that would be multi-use and there was a need to review the policy. From Tourism NI's prospective there was a need to keep the visitor at the forefront and recognise that there will be certain types of categories and facilities that do not meet the criteria due to very limited visitor use. He said that things are evolving and new

experiences coming on board and consideration needs to be given on how to reflect that.

Mr Graham in response to Councillor Wilson's query regarding cost transfer advised that Dfl works with the applicant and TNI on what the applicant wants on the sign and what Dfl can provide due to certain guidelines on what can be implemented. Signs are designed within Dfl Roads and costings responsibility of the applicant, with Dfl going out and erecting the sign on the road. Mr Graham said that Dfl sometimes find particular issues within very rural areas, with limited verge widths around junctions, sightlines and practical issues with putting signs on very minor roads without putting them into the hedge and the possibly of being overgrown in a year's time. He confirmed that the applicant does pay full cost of the sign and putting it on site.

Councillor Wilson enquired about the turnaround time in the event of someone making an application to Council working in conjunction with Dfl and TNI and enquired if there was sufficient manpower in place to turn this around quickly and having it erected.

Mr Roberts advised that when an application is received that this is very quickly checked against TNI database of existing signs, applications and criteria. He said that this is a very quick process with a dedicated team to lead on this and as soon as criteria is satisfied, TNI will inform Dfl to take forward for implementation.

Mr Graham advised that the design and costings does not physically take long, but more down to industrial issues with staff and manpower within this last 12 months in trying to get the signs erected on site. He advised that options were being investigated at the moment i.e. small-scale contractor but would be reluctant to go down that route as additional costs would have to be transferred onto the applicant. Mr Graham advised that the Department was doing their best to get additional staff resources to get the signs out.

The Chair thanked Ms McKeown (TSM) and representatives from Dfl and Tourism NI for coming along tonight to answer queries from members on brown signage.

The representatives from Dfl and TNI withdraw from the meeting at 7.35 pm.

Matters for Decision

D067/24 Development Report

The Strategic Director of Communities and Place (SD: C&P) presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the following –

- Irish Language Plan 2024 – 2025
- D-Day 80
- Development Department - Update

Councillor Wilson advised that Killymoon Castle were having D-Day celebrations that weekend with some impressive shows and one of the lanterns would be ideal for that.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon Gaelic Forum.

Councillor Monteith said that he would be stating his opposition to the D-Day events to promote British militarism.

Councillor Monteith stated that this Council in the interests of equality have not supported or being involved in events in the last number of years in relation to significant centenaries in Irish history and only a token gesture paid to Centenary 1916, nothing done for the War of Independence, 1920's and civil war. If we are supposed to be working together on these issues, felt there was certainly no equality, and his name would not be part of any glorification of British military activity and wished to state on record his opposition to that proposal.

Councillor Monteith referred to item 2.9 – PCSP and stated that within the report there is an issue relating to the Justice and Security Act and the use of stop and search. Councillor Monteith wished to put on record that stop and search is used disproportionately against the nationalist/republican community, it's used disproportionately against communities deemed to be nationalist and republican, it's used disproportionately against the Irish people and an absolutely scandalous piece of legislation where by a member of the British police force can stop you even with no suspicion in whether they believe you are involved in an activity or not. The member said that he would again be stating his opposition to this abhorrent, draconian legislation and should be resisted at all points.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to –
- Approve the annual Irish Language Plan
 - Approve proposal for D-Day 80
 - Note the Development update.

D068/24 Community Grants

The Chair advised members that Councillor Mallaghan was in attendance and invited him to address the committee.

Councillor Mallaghan thanked members for allowing him the opportunity to address the Development Committee tonight. The member advised that like everyone else he had received the papers last week in regards to Community Grants and had a good opportunity to read through them, but having looked at the limited information which was available within the report and trying to cross analysis with the guidance which is provided during the application process, he found it very difficult to understand how some of the applications had correlated with the objectives that they were trying to achieve. The member advised that he had contacted the Development department and asked for additional information and yesterday was advised that he would not be in receipt of that information, he had reminded Officers since of his rights as a Councillor in terms of the constitution of this Council that he is entitled to see additional information if it's requested. He understood that between a week receiving papers and Development committee commencing that this was a short timescale, but did not have the opportunity to investigate further the information required in order to be in a sound mind to make that decision, particularly when it comes to full Council at

the end of the month. The member said that he was not convinced through the very limited information through the report that some of these applications meet the criteria as set out by guidance as published on the Council website. The member felt that this was of great concern and important to attend the meeting tonight to share his concerns with the rest of the committee but would still like the opportunity to receive the information that he had requested so that the right decisions can be made going forward.

Councillor Bell said that by listening to Councillor Mallaghan he felt it would be prudent that the request that has been made be given a fair hearing and information forthcoming and would make a proposal to defer this particular item to full Council.

Councillor McLernon seconded Councillor Bell's proposal.

Councillor Wilson said that he had listened to the objection but felt that members needed to have faith in our Officers and if there was a query which came in against the criteria which is set, then Councillors have a right to listen and hear that. The member cautioned in that we have all along, every report, every grant in which has come before us has always been approved as members always had that faith within the Officer team dealing with it. He said what strikes him is that the money requested is always £1,500 and very few not on that figure.

Councillor Molloy said that he understood what Councillor Wilson was saying but in previous times committee has been asked just to approve a recommendation but now we have been placed with options and felt that it would be prudent to have all the relevant background information to make that decision.

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Bawn Development Association, Caledon Regeneration Partnership and Community Transport.

Councillor Burton advised that Councillors had made these decisions back in the old Council and the decision was taken that going forward that this would be carried out by our Officer team. The member said that a lot of people were giving up their time freely to do a lot of work in their communities and felt that Councillors had to have faith in our Officer team as the process was there. The member enquired if there could be issues with other things and felt that a lot of these communities drastically need this funding to run their events and Council needed to be careful to be seen providing support when required.

Councillor Quinn said that he would share some of the concerns raised by Councillor Mallaghan and also concerns raised by Councillors Wilson and Burton in having faith with our Officer team. The member said that grants was not an easy process to go through but if questions are being raised and information required by Councillors then it's only but right that these are addressed. The member said that he didn't think it was out of place as Councillors would be in the firing line if something arises and would be happy to support the proposal.

Councillor Mallaghan wished to clarify that he was not questioning the integrity of Officers as he was aware that it was a mammoth task in trying to get grants out, this was about trying to get access to information.

Councillor Wilson requested that the information requested be shared with all members to try and move the process forward.

The Chair agreed that it would be important that the information be forwarded to all members as everyone was equal.

The Chair hoped that this matter could be solved before the next Council meeting at the end of the month.

Councillor Mallaghan withdrew from the meeting at 7.47 pm.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McLernon and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to defer Community Grants to full Council until members have the opportunity to review the detail of the grants. Any additional documentation shared with a Member should also be forwarded to all Councillors.

D069/24 Brantry BARD Group Service Level Agreement

The Assistant Director of Health, Leisure & Wellbeing (AD: HL&W) presented previously circulated report to seek approval to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Brantry BARD Community Group for caretaker and cleansing duties within Brantry Wood.

Proposed by Councillor Corry
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and approve to:

- Enter into a Service Level Agreement with Brantry BARD Community Group to provide on-site support services 6 hours per week, 4 days per week on a flexible rota at an approx. cost of £100.72 per week/ £5,237.44 per annum.

This is for the period May 2024 – March 2025, and thereafter reviewed annually as part of the overall SLA report presented to Members on an annual basis. This will be reviewed for effectiveness and extension in line with other annual Service Level Agreements in support of Council's leisure and outdoor recreation services.

D070/24 Stewartstown Community Group Service Level Agreement

The Assistant Director of Health, Leisure & Wellbeing (AD: HL&W) presented previously circulated report to seek approval to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Stewartstown Community Group (SCG) for caretaker and cleansing duties within Drumcairne Forest.

Councillor McLernon said that she would be happy to propose the recommendation within the report as it was very welcome to see the local community working in partnership with Council and doing a great job and this arrangement will be a great benefit to the Council and local community facilities. The member also wished to thank the AD: HL&W and Recreation & Countryside Officer for putting these arrangements in place.

Councillor Quinn said that he would be happy second the proposal as the work which has went into Drumcairne this last number of years has transformed it for the better. The member was aware of how active the local community were and how fierce they defend Drumcairne Forest but asked what was in place if in the event that someday the whole place is littered, and the work is not being done to the level Council expect. The member enquired if reviews were being carried out in the area, with someone going in and out inspecting the area.

The AD: HL&W advised that with all SLA's there is set agreement which sets out key performance indicators to make sure that each of our groups are well informed and have the adequate resources to do so. He advised that spot checks are carried out as part of the SLA's, agreement was Council would withdraw from these sites to the same frequency in which we do currently but does not mean that Council walk away completely. There is still some larger maintenance aspects in which Council were responsible and on some occasions would be in carrying out spot checks if inspectors were on route within the area. The AD: HL&W said that the aim is to meet with the groups formally every 6 months as part of a KPI review, but informally also on a quarterly basis, and hoped there is enough communication loop and feedback loop to address any issues, but if there were some distained areas of concern, there is scope within each SLA to withdrawn the services and financial investment. This would be reviewed each year and brought back to committee for consideration.

Councillor Quinn said that we have great facilities throughout Mid Ulster and enquired if there was a system in place to monitor how many people attends these tourist areas like Drumcairne Forest.

The AD: HL&W advised that Council use footfall counters within each of these sites which is reported back through the P&R Committee, Corporate Improvement Objectives but doesn't go into the granular detail of each of sites of individual locations across the Council. The AD: HL&W said through his team a report could be brought back to this committee to provide an idea of our main visitor sites on the throughput over the last period of time. He stated that from Covid, footfall has increased extensively within our visitor attractions.

Proposed by Councillor McLernon
Seconded by Councillor Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and approve to:

- Enter into a Service Level Agreement with Stewartstown Community Group to provide on-site support services equating to 6 hours per week, 4 days per week on a flexible rota at an approx. cost of £75.54 per week/ £3,928.08 per annum.

This is for the period May 2024 – March 2025, and thereafter reviewed annually as part of the overall SLA report presented to Members on an annual basis. This will be reviewed for effectiveness and extension in line with other annual Service Level Agreements in support of Council's leisure and outdoor recreation services.

D071/24 Economic Development Report - OBFD

The Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes (AD: EDT&SP) presented previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- Tourism Trade and Consumer Shows/Events 2024/2025
- Hidden Heritage Tours 2024
- Mid Ulster Brown Signage Audit
- Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP) 2023/2024 Funding
- Service Level Agreement – Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) 2024/2025
- MEGA – Progress Report for 2023/2024 and Third Funding Contribution for 2024/2025 via Service Level Agreement

Councillor Bell said that he wished to raise a question on item 2 – Hidden Heritage Tours 2024. The member said that he was sure that members would all agree that heritage is a very broad and diverse range within our Council area, but had noted that the plans for this year appear to place a concentration on the Plantation era of our local heritage and asked if the Officer could produce the total list that they have considered of the events for 2024 before seeking approval tonight.

Councillor Clarke concurred with Councillor Bell, we have a wide range of heritage in Mid Ulster and need to showcase it across the range and the first thing that he had noticed was that this was basically one period and would be interesting to show what other opportunities have been explored.

Councillor Corry advised that houses are well known, whether tourist destinations or wedding venues or similar things, but she had thought that Hidden Heritage Tours were a less known attraction of sites and felt that this was something that Council should be trying to promote.

The AD: EDT&SP advised that Officers could summarise the focus of hidden heritage tours in previous years and said that further options could be explored, in addition to those contained within the report, and an update brought to a future meeting for Members consideration.

Councillor Bell enquired if it was the case that in previous years Tourism department would take one particular topic to be concentrated upon for that one particular year. In other words, we take a particular aspect of our heritage and focus on that for 2021 and another topic in 2022 etc.

Ms M McKeown, Tourism Service Manager (TSM) agreed that this was the case. The TSM said that through our Heritage Cluster discussions it was decided where we are going for the next year, and it agreed through that group that we would look at our houses as it brought in the full of the district. This would mean that focus was going to be on Ballyscullion House in the North, Three Sisters Tours in the South which would take in Killymoon Castle, Lissan House and Springhill House and finally Blessingbourne in the Clogher Valley. When this is investigated, we look across the district and obtaining access into some of those houses that you cannot get into and this was why the theme was looked at “Who Lives in a House Like This” but issues can be taken on board and go back to review that. She advised the Tourism Team had completed earlier Tours in Broughderg area, OM Dark Skies area, a lot of archaeology heritage sites, O’Neill dynasty story and Banquet on The Hill etc. In previous years all these things have been looked at and each year a different aspect is looked at, similar to events run by the legacy Cookstown Council called Hidden Heritage Tours and Strolls in the Sperrins. This year the theme was the Plantation and looking at our great houses and providing that spread across Mid Ulster. The TSM said that Officers can look, review and investigate additional initiatives including organising a few other tours.

Councillor Bell said that on hearing the update he was happy enough with what was presented but not taking away from the point the Officer team were going to look at other heritage initiatives.

Councillor Corry referred to the matter around Plantation and said that there should be a balanced type of history as some people got their land and homes taken off them and was all well and good that these people had nice big houses, but there were a lot of people that didn’t have those bonuses.

The Chair advised that Officers had indicated that there were different themes for different years and if members had any extra themes, they wished to be considered then to liaise with Officers who were open to listen.

Proposed by Councillor W Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Black and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to –

- 1) Tourism Trade and Consumer Shows/Events 2024/2025
Approve officer attendance at the various Tourism Trade and Consumer Shows/Events in 2024/2025 as detailed in the report, at a cost of circa. £10,000 from Council’s Tourism budget.

- 2) Hidden Heritage Tours 2024
Approve content of the proposed Hidden Heritage Programme 2024 and the associated costs to deliver the Tours, circa. £4,000 to be borne by Council's Tourism Budget in 2024/2025. In addition, it was recommended that Officers explore and include a few additional heritage tours and bring back a report to Committee by way of update.
- 3) Mid Ulster Brown Signage Audit
Approve Mid Ulster's Brown Signage Audit Report and Recommendations contained therein.
- 4) Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP) 2023-2024 Funding
 - i) **Note** update report
 - ii) **Retrospectively Approve** that Council's Chief Executive sign and return the Addendum to DfC's Letter of Offer to Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (2023-2024) providing additional funding of £17,505.50 for internal staff costs.
- 5) Service Level Agreement: Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) (2024/2025)
 - i) **Note** ICBAN'S 2023/2024 Progress Report outlining actions completed against their 2023/2024 Service Level Agreement Projects.
 - ii) **Approve** Council's Service Level Agreement with ICBAN for the financial year April 2024 – March 2025.
 - iii) **Approve** the release of £14,750 from Council's Economic Development Budget (2024/2025), subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation as detailed in the Service Level Agreement.
- 6) MEGA – Progress Report for 2023/2024 and Third Funding Contribution for 2024/2025 via Service Level Agreement
 - i) **Note** MEGA's Progress Report (2023/2024), outlining actions completed against their Service Level Agreement Targets for 2023/2024.
 - ii) **Approve** release of third and final payment to MEGA to £15,000 for 2024/2025 financial year, from Council's Economic Development Budget, subject to Council being provided with all the requisite documentation as detailed in the original Service Level Agreement (2022-2025)

Matters for Information

D072/24 Minutes of Development Committee held on 15 February 2024

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 March 2024.

Councillor Burton said that after it was publicised regarding the towns spruce up schemes and was listed on the website at one stage that Fivemiletown was able to benefit from that which was changed. The member said that she had quite a number of rural villages asking if there was any support or help for them in terms of sprucing up their businesses and through NILGA she had raised this. She said that she was aware that DfC has a call out at the moment and enquired if Council were going to go down this line as she really wants to try and get support for the businesses. DfC has the Village Catalyst Grant Scheme, SEUPB has PEACE money for Urban Regeneration and DAERA has Digital Transformation with one of the calls currently open and would be really important as a rural Council to support the rural villages and businesses.

Councillor Monteith referred to D051/24 – MUDC Air Quality Report 2023 and said that he was aware of Councillor Molloy raising this issue at the last meeting. The member said that he would share his frustration as we seem to be going around in circles for many years and this cannot continue, and an action plan needed to sort these two areas out as a matter of urgency as nothing seems to be done. He said that reluctantly he would propose calling for another meeting and dismayed that this is just going down the same route once again.

The Strategic Director of Communities & Place (SD: C&P) agreed that this matter was ongoing for some time regarding the two AQMAs as identified as part of our statutory report. The SD: C&P advised that there is an action plan associated with the two AQMAs. As members may be aware there has been a number of engagements with members and statutory agencies and a commitment made that this engagement will be repeated on a 6-monthly basis. He appreciated that members were of the opinion that things were progressing slowly but could provide assurances to members that work is ongoing, but this is not an easy fix for these two affected areas and we do need to look at a number of different scenarios in the interim. He concluded by stating there is an action plan in place and Council are working with different agencies and will continue to engage with them and members around the issue.

Councillor Monteith enquired how far away were we away from 6 months.

The AD: HL&W advised that June was the 6-month deadline.

Councillor Monteith said that he will withdraw his proposal at this stage.

The Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes (AD: EDT&SP) in response to Councillor Burton's query advised that she was aware of a number of funding opportunities and her team were currently reviewing these. She said that it was no longer as simple as making a funding bid on behalf of Mid Ulster, as all PeacePlus funding bids requires Northern and Southern Partners, as well as preliminary lead-in works associated with each bid which takes at least six months.

She advised Council is involved in a few PeacePlus bids already through ICBAN and has invested significant time and resources in relation to these.

She further added that PeacePlus Partnership bids, require a Lead Partner (on behalf of all interested Norh/South Partners) and if MUDC were to assume this role, it would

involve an enormous amount of work and resources in managing the entire programme on a North/South basis. She noted that Mid Ulster would not have the necessary resources to act as Lead Partner, without additional resources, but noted, however, she had been in liaison with some partner organisations to ascertain their willingness to lead a Rural application. In summing up, she advised she was fully supportive of trying to source funding for rural areas and concluded by indicating she would bring back a report to a future Committee meeting to update Members.

Councillor Burton referred to pollution of dog fouling within our whole Council area with a number of suggestions put forward at the last Council meeting. The member referred to Carrons Lane in Clogher which was only opened two weeks ago and already a complete mess again with persistent dog fouling. The member said that this was something that was talked about from when she became a Councillor in 2005 and wished there was a way to alleviate people who were totally tortured with this in their rural areas, towns and villages. There were some suggestions in what other areas were doing put forward to Council and hoped that something would be brought back as a way forward regarding suggestions made at the last Council.

The Chair advised that this matter was to be brought back to a future Environment Committee meeting.

Councillor Quinn enquired if there was any response back from River Blackwater matter and Arts Council invitation.

The SD: C&P advised that response back from Minister regarding Blackwater River would be coming via Environment Committee.

The SD: C&P advised he would confirm if the letter has been issued to Arts Council yet.

D073/24 Corporate Events 2024

Members noted contents of previously circulated update which provided information on the proposed Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Events Programme for 2024.

Councillor McLernon wished to thank Councillor Gildernew in raising the issue of Summer Bash last month on her behalf and also the committee and officials for supporting it. She said that the event has proven to be a great success year on year in Coalisland and showcases the vibrant community spirit especially when running along the side of Newell Stores 10k and a great success and great day out for all. She said that she was keen to see this event grow each year and look forward to seeing the Summer Bash this year again in Coalisland.

Councillor Quinn concurred with Councillor McLernon's comments and said that he was very excited to see the Summer Bash reinstated. He sought clarification from Officers on whether this was a one-off event, or will it be reinstated year on year as we go forward. He referred to the Coalisland Town Forum Meeting next week and decision around Summer Bash and asked if this was the remit of Coalisland Town Forum meeting or by Officers as decision is up in May and a decision needs to be made on it.

The AD: HL&W advised that this is a one-off event for this year and members may recall that another event was also taken out of the Corporate Event Schedule during the rate setting process that year and were able to take it back last year due to no Continental Market and also bring it back this year at the request of this committee. As outlined within the report and members are minded to reinstate this as part of the annual schedule of corporate events, then it be asked that it be considered through rate estimates for next year to ensure that the budget allocation is added in for next year otherwise it will be a similar situation again. In terms of planning for the event, this has already started and normally done in tandem with Keeper Lit, work is progressing, tried and tested and a just a matter of tidying that up and advertising for the event will commence shortly.

The live broadcast ended at 8.16 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McLernon
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 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 D074/24 to D076/24.

Matters for Decision

D074/24 SHHP Bellaghy Bawn Writers Residency Project
D075/24 Fivemiletown Partnership Proposal

Matters for Information

D076/24 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on
14 March 2024

D077/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Cookstown/Dungannon/Magherafelt].

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast as aforesaid, will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I will let you know before this happens.

I would remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted.

Thank you and we will now move to the agenda.



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Mid Ulster Brown Signage Audit

Development Committee
Wednesday 10th April 2024

Mary McKeown, Tourism Service Manager



BROWN SIGN POLICY BACKGROUND

- Tourism brown signage policy in Northern Ireland is implemented by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) in partnership with Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI).
- Brown signs are used as a traffic management tool to guide visitors to tourist destinations in a safe and sustainable manner.



- The Brown Signage policy in Northern Ireland is based on a set of guidelines including the quality and accessibility of the attraction or destination, the potential number of visitors, and the impact of the sign on the local environment. The policy is also based on the principle that brown signs should only be used for tourism purposes and should **not be used for commercial or advertising purposes.**



- DfI and TNI work closely with local councils and tourism stakeholders to identify locations where brown signs are required, and to ensure that they are designed and installed in accordance with the guidelines. The process involved in implementing and applying for brown signs is as follows:
 - 1) The Council co-ordinates all applications.
 - 2) Tourism NI confirms eligibility of the application as a tourist destination.
 - 3) DfI will determine the extent of the signage to be provided and will design and erect all signs. As part of its duty to manage the road network, **DfI Roads will be ultimately responsible for whether signage is provided or not.**



- The policy has not been reviewed since 2014 or updated to ensure that it remains effective and sustainable, and to reflect changes in the tourism industry and visitor behaviours.
- Overall, the Brown Signage policy in Northern Ireland is a key element of the region's tourism strategy and plays an important role in directing the visitor to the visitor experiences in the Council area.



TOURISM TRADE FEEDBACK OF THE CURRENT PROCESS

- The process in general seems to be lengthy, expensive and involves too many partners and stakeholders.
- Existence of illegal signs has resulted in feedback that DfI do not seem to police or remove them.
- It was noted that the eligibility criteria for a Tourism Body to be permanently open or have a certain accreditation can be too onerous and excludes a lot of smaller tourism businesses.
- Meeting to be held with TNI and DfI prior to applications being submitted.



CONTEXT AND PURPOSE OF THE AUDIT

- Tourism NI and DfI currently do not hold information on locations of brown signage in MUDC area.
- Audit carried out in December 2022 until March 2023.
- All brown tourism signs were surveyed, photographed, geo-located and placed on a google map link
- A schedule of possible new and replacement signage was identified and will be submitted to DfI/Transport NI for approval.



AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

The main elements of the work carried out:

- All signs checked and repositioned if required
- Report any missing signage
- Improve the visibility and cleaning of signs
- Prepare a document displaying a photograph of each sign and its location noting what remedial action was taken or is required.
- Prepare and submit a report detailing what replacement or new signage is required.



BROWN SIGNAGE LOCATIONS

All brown tourism signs were surveyed, photographed, geo-located and placed on a google map link, allowing all photos of the signs to be identified at their actual geographic location. [Interactive Google Map](#)





BROWN SIGNAGE LOCATIONS

WIDER DUNGANNON AREA					
Ref	Attraction	Address	Area	WKT	Photo of Signage
A1	Altmore Fishery	1 Pomeroy Road, Donaghmore, Dungannon BT70 3BF	Wider Dungannon Area	POINT (-6.82 54.53)	
A2	Altmore Fishery	Aghnagar Road, Dungannon BT70	Wider Dungannon Area	POINT (-6.96 54.49)	
A3	Altmore Fishery	Inishative Road	Wider Dungannon Area	POINT (-6.94 54.55)	
A4	Altmore Fishery	Altmore Road, Dungannon BT70	Wider Dungannon Area	POINT (-6.95 54.56)	
A5	Altmore Fishery	Termon Road B4	Wider Dungannon Area	POINT (-6.99 54.58)	



RECOMMENDATIONS GOING FORWARD

- Damaged signs
- Tourist sites no longer operating
- Update list annually
- Heritage and Tourism sites
- Policy and procedure review
- Inform tourism stakeholders
- Clear visible signs



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Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 11 April 2024 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor F Burton, Chair Councillors Bell, Brown, J Burton, Cahoon, Johnston, McAleer, McFlynn, McLernon, Molloy, Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Ms Dyson, Head of Human Resources (HoHR) Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E) Mrs McNally, Assistant Director of Corporate Services and Finance (AD: CS&F) Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy & Performance (AD: ODSP) Mr O'Hagan, Head of IT (HoIT) Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Services and Finance (SD: CS&F) Miss Thompson, Committee and Member Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Councillor Kerr Deputation - Childcare Provision: Children with Additional Needs Ms Hanna and Ms Toner

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

The Chair, Councillor F Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor F Burton in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee by referring to Annex A to this minute.

PR074/24 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

PR075/24 Apologies

Councillors Corry, Gildernew, McLean, S McPeake and Totten.

Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)

PR076/24 Declarations of Interest

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

PR077/24 Chairs Business

None.

PR078/24 Deputation – Childcare Provision: Children with Additional Needs

The Chair, Councillor F Burton welcomed Ms Hanna and Ms Toner to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms Hanna and Ms Toner thanked Members for the opportunity to present to Committee and made presentation (Appendix 1) which focused on the lack of childcare provision for children with additional needs/disabilities and their own experiences of this. The presentation also outlined their suggestions for the future in seeking equal childcare rights for all.

The Chair, Councillor F Burton stated it was sad to hear the struggles being experienced on a day to day basis and the impact this is having on family life. Councillor F Burton asked what Council could do to lobby on their behalf.

Ms Toner felt that there should be a system that ensures that there are places available in creches and childcare settings for children with additional needs. Ms Toner stated that a child going into school can get one to one or can go to a special education needs schools or specialist provision classes so they felt childcare should be the same.

The Chair, Councillor F Burton referred to the Childcare Act 2006 in England mentioned in the presentation which requires all local authorities there to ensure that there is enough registered childcare places for children aged 0-14 and that there is no similar legislation in NI and that this is something Council could write to the Minister about.

Ms Hanna stated that in England they are obliged to provide childcare for all children including those with disabilities to ensure there are enough childcare places. Ms Hanna advised that she had spoken to numerous creches and when she had informed them of her child's needs they said they would need extra funding and that no one knew where to get this extra funding in order to provide the additional support. Ms Hanna advised that she had been told that if her child went to a creche then the creche bill would be increased.

The Chair, Councillor F Burton stated that the situation is discriminating against a child who has additional needs.

Councillor McLernon stated she could completely understand and relate to everything that had been said in the presentation as she had a nephew who came through children services into adult services and knew the obstacles Ms Hanna and Ms Toner were facing. Councillor McLernon stated that Sinn Féin see children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) as a priority and have consistently called for an overhaul of the SEN system to ensure it meets the needs of children and families. The Councillor stated that Sinn Féin have asked the Education Authority and Department of Education to work with the Health Minister to transform SEN services to ensure the needs of children and young people are properly met and that if Ms Hanna and Ms Toner felt there is anything can be done to lobby on their behalf to get in touch.

Councillor Kerr stated that the presentation highlighted the discrimination in childcare for children with additional needs. The Councillor also referred to previous discussions he had had with Ms Toner and how she has had to sacrifice her career which she is passionate about due to childcare not being available for her child. Councillor Kerr stated he did not sit on this committee and could not make a proposal but would recommend as a follow up that officers meet with Ms Hanna and Ms Toner to discuss how as a local authority it could lobby the trust.

Councillor Bell asked if Ms Hanna and Ms Toner had met with the Education or Health Ministers.

Ms Toner advised that they had both met with local MLAs and that there were to be follow up meetings with Ministers but that since the meetings with the MLAs they had heard nothing.

Councillor Bell proposed that Council write to both the Education Minister and Health Minister highlighting the issues regarding childcare for children with additional needs.

Councillor McLernon seconded Councillor Bell's proposal.

Councillor Molloy stated that all Councillors are aware of the cost of childcare alone nevermind the cost of childcare for children with special needs and suggested that contact is also made with the Chair and members of the Education and Health Committees at the Assembly.

Ms Hanna stated that herself and Ms Toner really wanted to drive this issue forward to see some change in childcare availability for children with additional needs.

The Chair, Councillor F Burton asked Councillor Bell if he wanted to add what Councillor Molloy had suggested to his proposal.

Councillor Bell stated he would be happy to include the additional comments.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to write to the Education and Health Minister and also the Chair and members of the Education and Health Committees highlighting the issues raised regarding childcare for children with additional needs.

Councillor Wilson stated that no child or family should be discriminated against and that as the Health Minister was a member of his party he asked that the presentation made tonight be forwarded to him so that he could send it to the Health Minister to make him aware.

Councillor Johnston asked if the introduction of the Childcare Act in England had been a success in terms of making sure every child is provided for.

Ms Hanna stated that it was her understanding that there have been issues with getting staff for creches.

Councillor Johnston asked if there is an expectation within creches that there is one specially trained member.

Ms Toner stated that there is funding available that creches can apply for in order to provide one to one support but that staff are unknowledgeable about this and from her experience she felt that staff find seeking the funding more hassle than it is worth. Ms Toner felt that there should be a pool of staff within a childcare setting that can provide the additional support when required similar to education so that if a child needs one to one support it can be accessed as her child has been constantly declined childcare places and that she has had to significantly reduce her working hours as a result.

Councillor Johnston stated that lessons could be learned from mistakes made in England when seeking similar legislation for Northern Ireland and she did not envisage any party not being supportive of such legislation.

The Chair, Councillor F Burton thanked Ms Hanna and Ms Toner for the presentation following which they left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

Matters for Decision

PR079/24 Request(s) to Illuminate Council Property

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval to illuminate and light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness for the following:

- Hope4mefibro: ME & Fibromyalgia – International Awareness Day: 12 May 2024: Colour: Blue
- Alzheimer's Society: Dementia Action Week: 13 May 2024: Colour: Blue
- British Porphyria Association: Porphyria Awareness Week: 18 May 2024: Colour: Purple
- HSC NI Foster Care: Foster Care Fortnight - Fostering Moments: 20 May 2024: Colour: Turquoise & Yellow (or Turquoise)
- Tourettes Action: Awareness Day: 7 June 2024: Colour: Green
- Hope4mefibro: Severe ME Awareness Day: 8 August 2024: Colour Blue
- 1st Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon: 65th Anniversary: 18 October 2024: Colour: Purple & Blue (or Blue)

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor J Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to illuminate the three designated Council properties as follows –

- Hope4mefibro: ME & Fibromyalgia –International Awareness Day: 12 May 2024: Colour: Blue
- Alzheimer's Society: Dementia Action Week: 13 May 2024: Colour: Blue
- British Porphyria Association: Porphyria Awareness Week: 18 May 2024: Colour: Purple
- HSC NI Foster Care: Foster Care Fortnight - Fostering Moments: 20 May 2024: Colour: Turquoise & Yellow (or Turquoise)
- Tourettes Action: Awareness Day: 7 June 2024: Colour: Green

- Hope4mefibro: Severe ME Awareness Day: 8 August 2024: Colour Blue
- 1st Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon: 65th Anniversary: 18 October 2024: Colour: Purple & Blue (or Blue)

PR080/24 Committee and Council Meetings 2024-2025

The Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E) presented previously circulated report which considered the 2024-2025 Committee and Council Meeting Schedule for approval.

Councillor McFlynn referred to discussion at Planning Committee earlier in the week and that it had been agreed that a review of the start time would be undertaken.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Council & Committee Meeting Schedule for the period June 2024 to May 2025 as set out at appendix A of report.

PR081/24 Member Services

No issues.

Matters for Information

PR082/24 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 7 March 2024

Members noted Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee held on 7 March 2024.

Live broadcast ended at 7.26 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Bell 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 PR083/24 to PR087/24.

Matters for Decision

PR083/24 Staffing Matters for Decision

Matters for Information

PR084/24 Confidential Minutes of Policy & Resources Committee held on 7 March 2024

PR085/24 Staff Matters for Information

PR086/24 Financial report for 11 months ended 29 February 2024
PR087/24 Contracts and DAC

P088/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.30 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Cookstown/Dungannon/Magherafelt].

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast as aforesaid, will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I will let you know before this happens.

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Thank you and we will now move to the agenda.



Equal childcare rights for all

Background

- ▶ NHS nurses for over 10 years. Both have children who have additional needs/disabilities.
- ▶ Struggled to get appropriate childcare in order to be able to go out to work. Experiences include a creche contract for a 3 year old, being terminated with no notice given.
- ▶ Told by a creche they couldn't accommodate the child who was disabled.
- ▶ Career breaks/ reduced hours taken as no other options available.

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- ▶ In England the childcare Act 2006 requires all local authorities to ensure there is enough registered childcare places for children aged 0-14, and reduce inequalities.
 - ▶ There is no childcare sufficiency duty in NI requiring the government to ensure there are sufficient childcare places to appropriately meets the needs of all families, including those who have a child with a disability. Families in Northern Ireland can face a range of barriers to accessing quality early learning and childcare (Employers for childcare).

Creches

- ▶ Untrained staff for children with additional needs.
- ▶ Poor ratios e.g. 1 staff member for 8 children in the 3-5 room. This is unsafe for a child with additional needs.
- ▶ Creches unwilling to change ratios /accommodate 1:1's/ make reasonable adjustments.
- ▶ Appears to be extreme lack of or no funding available for children in creches that require extra support.
- ▶ Refused creche place due to disability.
- ▶ Contract terminated as unable to facilitate needs of the child.
- ▶ Told prices would be increased for all children if additional funding was not provided by us as parents.

Registered childminders

- ▶ Previous experience of registered childminders stating they would have to reduce overall numbers of children to ensure a safe ratio, so therefore refused a place.

Private Childcare

- ▶ No Government supplement assistance, therefore more expensive.
- ▶ No obligation to give notice and can terminate at any given time.

Social Work support

- ▶ Spent weeks contacting social workers to seek assistance with help for childcare. No social worker able to provide support.
- ▶ Health visitor had submitted a unocini (Professional report to highlight an issue) but again this was declined.
- ▶ Social worker in creche setting providing inappropriate and unprofessional advice.
- ▶ No response from complaints lodged to early years team within southern trust.

Parents

- ▶ Unable to access safe and appropriate childcare due to child having a disability.
- ▶ Relying heavily on family support which isn't always available.
- ▶ No advice/support given
- ▶ Having to stop work/reduce hours despite increased cost of living therefore causing financial strain.

Discrimination

- ▶ Able to access childcare for siblings but Child with additional needs left out and unable to be provided for.
- ▶ Children with disabilities are being isolated and left behind.
- ▶ Entitled to same opportunities as any other child.

Suggestions for the future

- ▶ Despite disability legislation there appears to be no legal obligation for creches to accommodate a child with additional needs.
- ▶ Safe childcare facilities to include children with disabilities.
- ▶ Local government funding for creches to facilitate children with disabilities.
- ▶ Childcare costs currently highlighted on a daily basis in the media. What about children with additional needs?
- ▶ Highlight awareness of these issues
- ▶ Policies/procedures implemented in childcare facilities.
- ▶ Social work support
- ▶ Stop discrimination against children with additional needs.

Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor Cuthbertson, Chair Councillors J Burton, Cahoon, Kelly, Groogan, Mallaghan, Martin, McAleer, McElvogue, McGuigan, McNamee, Quinn, Robinson
Officers in Attendance	Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env) Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) Mr McNeill – Capital Development Manager (CDM) Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) Mr Kennedy, ICT Support Mrs Grogan, Committee and Member Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Cuthbertson in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee by referring to Annex A to this minute.

E077/24 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

E078/24 Apologies

Councillors J Buchanan, Milne, Varsani.

E079/24 Declarations of Interest

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

E080/24 Chair's Business

Councillor Quinn stated that in the past he had raised the issue of a wildflower policy across Council and was aware that last year or year previous, we had 12 to 13 sites nominated to be wildflower areas. The member sought an update on whether we were successful in getting all 12 sites planted and whether a scheme was in place to roll this initiative out to other areas. The original area the member felt was ideal even though it was not his area was Cookstown/Moneymore dual carriageway and the

image of having all these wildflowers would be fabulous. The member stated that his friend was in Amsterdam at the weekend and forwarded on pictures of wildflowers which had sparked his memory.

Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) advised that the 12 sites identified for wildflowers had been implemented, which had now been increased to 17. Currently we were in the process of rebranding them from “Don’t Mow Let it Grow” to biodiversity sites due to having the areas cut once or twice a year, but the approach would still be open to other sites. The AD: ES in response to comment regarding the central reservation on the Cookstown/Moneymore dual carriageway advised that currently the area was planted with daffodils, which could potentially be planted in wildflowers, but due to the stretch of distance this could result in a considerable cost but would be happy to look at other sites.

The Chair said that it would be beneficial if a list could be brought back to the next meeting on what sites were identified.

Matters for Decision

E081/24 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt

Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) presented previously circulated report to seek the agreement of Members in relation to a proposal from DfI Roads to introduce a Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Parking Bay at Castledawson Road, Magherafelt.

E082/24 Bus Shelters Update

Mr McNeill, Capital Development Manager (CDM) presented previously circulated report to update Members on the current bus shelter status.

Councillor Quinn said that he would be happy to propose the recommendation. The member advised that he had attended Kingsisland Primary School and the images always remained with him from that long time ago of pupils attending secondary schools in Donaghmore and Dungannon standing out and getting absolutely drenched in the rain. He said that this had been ongoing for many years and was great to see a safe and decent bus shelter finally being implemented at the site.

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McElvogue and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to –

- i) Note the contents of the report on the progress made on bus shelters within the District
- ii) Approve bus shelter application as listed under 3.4 and to move from stage 5:
 - 1Nr – 3.4.1 (Lavey Chapel Carpark, Gulladuff)
- iii) Approve bus shelter application as listed under 3.7 to installation this month:
 - 1Nr – 3.7.1 (St. John's Kingsisland Primary School)
- iv) Withdraw bus shelter application as listed under 3.9 this month:
 - 1Nr – 3.9.1 (Annaghmore Road, Cookstown)

E083/24 Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan

Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) presented previously circulated report to seek approval for a Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan for the period 2024 to 2028.

The Chair referred to the recommendation before committee tonight and enquired if members were being asked to approve this as an action plan or in draft form until the consultation takes place.

The AD: ES agreed that this would be a fair comment to include the consultation in draft form.

Councillor Robinson referred to electric vehicles and said that there was a need to be careful not to change over to electric vehicles just for the sake of it. The member said that he had the experience of a staff member being called out onsite and could not attend because the electric vehicle could not travel from Magherafelt to his part of constituency. The member stated that it would be very important that this is thought through carefully and not change to electric vehicles just for the sake of it.

The Chair agreed that the member had raised a fair point and worth noting when going through the tendering exercise to purchase new vehicles. He stated that there would be improvements and advancements in technology as the years progress.

Councillor McGuigan said that he would be happy to propose the recommendation.

Councillor McGuigan said that as far as he was aware the Climate Working Group hasn't met in recent times but could not be sure. The member stated that it would be worthwhile letting the consultation proceed but after that a focus on the working group be implemented in terms of actions going forward. He was aware that funding wasn't secured in the budget for this initiative but was something that the working group should be putting forward so that the Officer team had a direction of travel in terms of what we need to be doing as we were talking about a plan for 4 to 5 years down the line. The member advised that it would be important to focus on this as climate is a huge thing and this Council did get a backlash from the media due to other Councils having their plan out and we hadn't.

The Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env) advised members that the Climate Change Working Group had met in December 2023 and it had taken that time to fine tune it internally with the Departments and would be something that Officers would want members to be heavily involved in to drive it forward. The SD: Env said that there was another established group called the Transformation Working Group which hadn't met in a while but some of the actions within the Climate Change Action Plan in her view would be part of transformation in terms of how things can be done also. She said that options were being considered in terms of going forward, rather than having two working groups and combining it as one but this would be something for members to decide. The SD: Env advised that this Climate Change was very important, with a focus needing to be kept on it.

Councillor McGuigan referred to working groups and linking in with work on transformation, advised that there was also the Community Wealth Building which were also doing good work and could be fed into this also.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the draft Sustainability Strategy & Climate Action Plan and agree to undertake a twelve-week consultation exercise on the document.

E084/24 Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme

Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) presented previously circulated report to inform members of a successful funding application to the Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme.

Councillor Robinson said that he would be happy to propose the report. The member said that whilst reading down the list of names had recently had the experience in Clogher where Carron's Lane was recently opened. He had been contacted by a local resident complaining about the Lane already being destroyed with dog fouling and litter and asked if a bin could be added onto the list.

The AD: ES advised that Officers could certainly look at implementing a bin at this location, but it would not be covered by these bins as these were only implemented where there were areas of water.

Councillor Quinn referred to litter especially around the Loughshore and said that he was delighted to see bids being made for Canal Walkway, Ferry Bridge and Washingbay Centre which were badly needed and hoped that this would make a huge difference. The member said that it may be beneficial to carry out a media campaign highlighting the fact of more bins being implemented to encourage people to use them.

Councillor Quinn enquired if this only related to litter as a lot of dogs are walked along the Canal Walkway and Washingbay Centre and whether this could also be used for dog fouling.

The AD: ES advised that all the bins provided could be used for both litter and dog fouling.

The Chair referred to previous grants, the first year to secure a machine to remove chewing gum and second year for a member of staff and enquired if this was being utilised well and whether this was successful.

The AD: ES advised that the machine to remove chewing gum was being well utilised, with funding secured through Phase 1 Chewing Gum Taskforce Team, and a member of staff being secured through Phase 2. The AD: ES stated an application had been recently submitted for Phase 3 which he hoped would be successful also.

The Chair said that it was good to hear that funding was available for these types of things.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the content this report and approve the acceptance of the grant award to install bins as listed.

Matters for Information

E085/24 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 12 March 2024

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 March 2024.

Councillor McNamee referred to new app for carparking and enquired if many issues were being received in relation to communication. The member also referred to town cleansing carried out last year in Cookstown and enquired if there was a possibility that this would be done again this year.

The AD: PS in response to query regarding new carparking app, advised that there has been a small number of complaints received in terms of the changeover from Just Park to Ringgo, but was quite confident that most of these have now been resolved. Updated information was uploaded onto the Council website yesterday to inform users, with further updates being made if required.

The AD: ES in response to member's query regarding street cleansing in Cookstown advised that this would be scheduled in again for this year during the summer months using the previously referred to machine.

The Chair referred to previous member's query regarding new app and said that with the old system people made their appeals to DfI and was his understanding that appeals for tickets would be going to the company responsible. He enquired if there was any influence with the company to provide some leeway at this particular time until people have the opportunity to adjust to the new system. He also enquired would the company liaise with Council in relation to appeals for PCN's.

The AD: PS advised that that there was regular engagement with the company and the wider Council consortium, with Officers taking a fairly lenient approach at this stage as part of the bedding in process and transition. He stated that the company were engaging with Council around PCN's and associated appeals which would continue for a short period of time until it beds in.

E086/24 Building Control Workload

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

E087/24 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E088/24 Dual Language Signage Requests

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on the streets/roads in question.

E089/24 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

E090/24 Collection of Abandoned Vehicles and Dead Animals

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the collection of abandoned vehicles and dead animals.

E091/24 Live Here Love Here Community Awards 2024

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the Live Here Love Here (LHLH) Community Awards 2024.

Live broadcast ended at 7.24 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Groogan

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 E092/24 to E094/24.

Matters for Decision

Matters for Information

E092/24 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 12 March 2024

E093/24 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update

E094/24 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update

E095/24 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.27 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	25 April 2024
Reporting Officer	Joseph McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services & Engagement
Contact Officer	Eileen Forde, Committee & Member Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2024-2025 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Members are asked to consider engaging in training opportunities as outlined in Appendix A.
3.2	Officer Approvals There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

	Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2024/2025 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Staff Conferences, Seminars & Training

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NILGA – Employment Issues and Negotiating with Trade Unions	Thursday 9 May 2024	Virtual	NIL	

Employment Issues and Negotiating with Trade Unions

Councillors Workshop

*Digital / Online,
Thursday 9th May 2024
6-8.30pm*

Being a good employer means making your employees feel more valued and more effective in their work, resulting in the improved delivery of council services for the residents in your communities. This workshop will guide you through key employment areas, including:

- Recruitment
- Employee Rights and Obligations
- Employment Policies
- Employment Challenges
- Negotiating with Trade Unions

Each area covered will provide you as a councillor, with the advice and information you need to benefit the council and its employees, taking into account employment legislation as well as good practice.

Elected members are the council employers and decision makers, and accountability lies with you, even when things go wrong! To fulfil your role effectively in dealing with employment issues, you must have a good knowledge and grasp of what they are, why they are important, how you are involved and what support is available.

Delivery of this session will be interactive and interesting for councillors, allowing you to learn by asking questions regularly and through group work. Learning and discussions will be relevant to the councillor's unique role.

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(Local Government Training Group), these **FREE** events are open to all Elected Members.
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Conferences – April 24

Approval:-

Details of Conferences	Service/ Directorate	No. Attending	Cost	Date	Location
IOD Chartered Director Conference	Chief Executive's	1	£98 + flights & accom	13 th June 24	Sunderland
The Public Sector Procurement Conference 2024	Corporate Services & Finance	3	£303 + vat p/p	12 th Sept 24	On-Line

Report on	Community Grant Aid Awards
Date of Meeting	25 th April 2024
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
Contact Officers	Hannah McCabe, Grants & Capacity Building Manager

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

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grant Aid Programme award allocations 2024/2025. • Pitches and Recreational Spaces Strategy grant award allocations 2024/2025 • Irish Language Activity grant award allocations 2024/2025 <p>This report was presented to the Development Committee on 10th April 2024 at which individual members had raised queries and therefore the decision was deferred.</p> <p>All queries from members have now been addressed by Officers. No additional documentation was required for sharing with any individual members.</p>
2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Community Grant Aid 2024/2025 Members will be aware that the Community Grant Aid programme opened for online applications from the 1st February 2024 and closed on the 8th March 2024. The call for applications was across a range of our grant programmes;</p> <p>Community Grant Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants (Community, Arts, Heritage & Culture, Sports and Environment) • Venues & Facilities Grant • Strategic Community Development Grant • Strategic Arts Grant • Strategic Events Grant • Strategic Sports Grant • Community Festival Grant • Good Relations Grant • Sports Representative Grant • Capital Discretionary Grant

Pitches & Recreational Strategy

- Feasibility Development Grant
- Infrastructure Development Grant

Irish Language Activity

- Activity Grant

3.0 Main Report

A total of **547 applications** were received across all **13 grants programmes**, the detail of which is attached at **appendix 1**.

Members are advised that due to the level of eligible applications received under the **Small Development Grant & Pitches and Recreational Spaces Strategy Feasibility Development Grant**, the total fund amount was insufficient to award all eligible applications as per the scheme. Therefore to ensure that these 2 schemes can be delivered within budget, 2 options are presented for Members consideration;

- **Option 1** - Award as per original scheme until budget exhausted.
- **Option 2** - Award a reduced amount pro-rata across all eligible groups.

Outlined below is a summary of the assessment outcomes associated with each of the grants and Members are referred to appendix 1 for the detailed information.

3.1 Summary

Programme	No. of applications received	No. of Ineligible	Total budget	No of recommended awards & Amount	
Community Grants Policy	514	42	£875,000	Option 1	Option 2
				426	472
				£829,156.22	£826,800.92
Pitches & Recreational Strategy	10	1	£200,000	Option 1	Option 2
				8	9
				£195,932.00	£199,348.80
Irish Language Activity	23	0	£50,000	23	
				£50,000	

Please note: The remaining balance in respect of the Community Grants Policy in relation to both option 1 and option 2 relates to the Good Relations & Community Festival, which are due to open for further calls later in the year and the Sports Representative Grant, which is a rolling programme.

4.0	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Budget allocation to 10 Community Grant Aid Policy programmes Option1 £829,156.22 / Option 2 £826,800.92 (ii) Budget allocation to 2 Pitches and Recreational Spaces Strategy Grant Programmes Option 1 £195,932.00 / Option 2 £199,348.80 (iii) Budget allocation of the Irish Language Activity Grants Programme of £50,000
	<p>Human:</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>NA</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: Policies screened at time of development</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: Policies screened at time of development</p>
5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Consider and agree the award option in respect of the Small Development Grant & Pitches and Recreational Spaces Strategy Feasibility Development Grant. (ii) Approve the remaining awards of the grants under the Grant Aid Policy, Pitches and Recreational Spaces Strategy and Irish Language Activity Grant.
6	List of Documents Attached
6.1	Appendix 1 Grant Aid Assessment Panel Overview

COMMUNITY GRANTS INDEX 2024 / 2025

Grant Aid 2024/2025											
No	Grant Aid Policy Grants	No of Appl	No of Awards Option 1	No of Awards Option 2	Ineligible or did not meet threshold	Budget	Option 1 As original scheme until budget exhausted	Option 2 reduced pro rata across all eligible groups	Balance Option 1	Balance Option 2	Comments
1	Small Development Grant	251	195	241	10	£198,602.82	£198,602.82	£196,247.52	£0.00	£2,355.30	Bal will transfer to Comm Fest Round 2 if Opt 2 agreed
2	Community/Sports Venues and Facilities	96	89		7	£160,000.00	£160,000.00		£0.00		
3	Strategic Community Development	8	5		3	£30,000.00	£30,000.00		£0.00		
4	Strategic Arts and Culture	6	5		1	£77,500.00	£77,500.00		£0.00		
5	Strategic Events	16	15		1	£74,500.00	£74,500.00		£0.00		
6	Strategic Sports	6	6		0	£57,500.00	£57,500.00		£0.00		
7	Community Local Festivals	96	86		10	£76,897.18	£69,553.40		£7,343.78		Balance for Rounds 2 & 3
8	Good Relations	15	8		7	£35,000.00	£8,531.00		£26,469.00		Balance for Rounds 2 & 4
9	Sports Representative Teams & Individuals	16	14		2	£15,000.00	£2,969.00		£12,031.00		Rolling Grant
10	Capital Discretionary	4	3		1	£150,000.00	£150,000.00		£0.00		
	Totals	514	426	472	42	£875,000.00	£829,156.22	£826,800.92	£45,843.78	£2,355.30	

No	Pitches & Recreational Spaces Strategy Grants 2024/2025	No of Appl	No of Awards Option 1	No of Awards Option 2	Ineligible or did not meet threshold	Budget	Option 1 As original scheme until budget exhausted	Option 2 reduced pro rata across all eligible groups	Balance Option 1	Balance Option 2	Comments
11	Feasibility Development Grant	6	5	6	0	£50,000.00	£45,932.00	£49,348.80	£4,068.00	£651.20	
12	Infrastructure Development Grant	4	3		1	£150,000	£150,000		0		
	Totals	10	8	9		£200,000.00	£195,932.00	£199,348.80	£4,068.00	£651.20	

No	Irish Language Grants	No of Appl	No of Awards		Ineligible or did not meet threshold	Budget	Award				Comments
13	Irish Language Activity Grant	23	23		0	£50,000	£50,000				
	Totals	23	23		0	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	

Small Development Grant (Maximum £1500)

Organisation name:	Title of Project/Activity:	Requested	Band	Award Option 1 - As per original scheme until budget exhausted	Award Option 2 - reduced pro rata across all eligible groups
1st Aughnacloy Cub and Beavers	1st Aughnacloy Cub and Beaver Programme	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
1st Ballygawley brownie Unit	Girlguiding in Ballygawley	£1,450.00	4	£1,015.00	£870.00
1st Ballygawley Scout Group	1st Ballygawley Scouts	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
1st Caledon Boys' Brigade	Programme Extras	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
1st Culnady Boys' Brigade	One and All	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
1st Loy Guides, Cookstown	Skills for the future.	£1,360.00	4	£952.00	£816.00
Acorns AC	Activity Programme	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Aghintaine Parish Heritage Group	Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmitic and Religion in Aghintaine	£1,150.00	6	£0.00	£460.00
Annahoe Mens Shed	Crafting A Caring Community	£1,500.00	7	£0.00	£450.00
Ardboe Art Group	Loughshore Art Project	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Aughadarragh Parent Support Association	Extra Curricular Arts Community and Sport Programmes in Rural	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Augharan Development Pipe Band Augharan Development Pipe Band	Tuition 2024	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Augher Pipe Band	Hall improvements and running costs	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Augher Stars Youth FC	Provision of Youth Football in the Augher/Clogher/ Ballygawley at	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Aughnacloy Playgroup	Community Outreach Programme	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Aughnacloy Patchwork Club	To keep Aughnacloy Patchwork Club open foster good relations	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Aughrim Rose of Derry LOL 711	Learning about our Culture	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Ballinascreen Camogie Club	Community Camogie Project	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Ballinascreen Men Shed	Ballinascreen Men Shed: Retraining and Repurposing	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group	Traditional Music Expansion Project	£1,485.00	4	£1,039.50	£891.00
Ballinderry AOH	AOH - Our Place & Home	£1,450.00	4	£1,015.00	£870.00
Ballinderry Hub Bowling Club	Bowls for All	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Ballygawley Local History Group	Monthly talks (Excluding Summer) and Annual Outing	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Ballymacall True Blues Flute Band	Annual Programme 2024	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Ballymaguigan Community Development Association	Running Costs and Ongoing Maintenance of the facility	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Bc Wolves	Growing Basketball	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Beechland Development Group	Voluntary gardening,, flower arranging general upkeep of estate	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Bellaghy Girls Brigade	Bellaghy Girls Brigade	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Bellaghy Wolftones Camogie Club	Bellaghy Camogie Club Winter Skills Programme	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Benburb Library & Museum	Annual Programme of Activities	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Bloomhill Rural Development Association Ltd	Fitness and fun for everyone	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Bush Womens Group	Womens Group Outing	£1,400.00	6	£0.00	£560.00
Caledon Guides and Rangers	Caledon Guide & Ranger Programme	£620.00	4	£434.00	£372.00
Caledon Open Door Club	Connecting Caledon	£1,255.00	7	£0.00	£376.50
Caledon Women's Institute	Caledon Womens Institute Annual Programme 2024/25	£1,325.00	6	£0.00	£530.00
Campa Chormaic	Campa Chormaic na hEaglaise	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
CannyMan Community Arts	Canny Man's AV Equipment	£1,500.00	1	£1,500.00	£1,350.00
Castlecaufield Youth Football Team	Youth football club	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Castledawson Community Partnership	Skills for Life/ Enhancing Community Relations	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Castledawson LOL 96	Skills for Life	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Castledawson Royal British Legion	Legion in the Community	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid	Training and personal development programme.	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
CCVF (Clogher community village forum)	Environment awareness community litter pick	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Christ Church Castledawson	A time of Socialising for our Senior Citizen	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Clogher Old Market House Community Development Initiative	Clogher Old Market House	£1,500.00	7	£0.00	£450.00
Clogher Valley CCE	Clogher Valley CCE - Classes For Beginners / Improvers	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Clogher Valley Rugby Football Club	Getting young people active at Clogher Valley RFC	£1,291.40	5	£774.84	£645.70
Clonoe Independent Pipe Band	Competition Band	£1,500.00	7	£0.00	£450.00
Cloughfin pipe band	Purchase of new equipment	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Coagh & District Local History Group	activities & speakers	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00

Coagh Community Crossroads Club	Arts and Crafts Learning Programme 2024-25	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Coalisland Parochial Centre Bowling Club	Youth Bowling Initiatives - 'Fun Bowls'	£1,150.00	6	£0.00	£460.00
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Cookstown Branch)	Ongoing delivery of music classes in various instruments.	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Cookstown and District Inter Church Forum	Church Forum Events & Activity	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Cookstown AOH	Our AOH & Us	£1,200.00	5	£720.00	£600.00
Cookstown Community allotments	Allotments For Health & Well Being	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Cookstown Floral Art Club	Activity Programme 2024 / 2025 Floral Art Club	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Cookstown Gardening Club	Promote social, physical and wellbeing	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Cookstown Hockey Club	Keeping Hockey Going	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Cookstown Local History Group	Exploring our shared history	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
cookstown motor club	Targa rally & Motor Sport in Mid Ulster	£1,500.00	1	£1,500.00	£1,350.00
Cookstown MS Help and Support	Health and Wellbeing 2024	£900.00	6	£0.00	£360.00
Cookstown North Community Group	Easter event at Stream Vale Farm	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Cookstown Wildlife Trust	To support the lecture programme and field outings of Cookstown	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Cookstown Woman's Support Group	Cookstown Woman's Support Group	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Cookstown Young Farmers Club	Cookstown Young Farmers Club	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Cookstown Youth Choir	Cookstown Youth Choir - Running Costs	£1,253.02	3	£1,002.42	£877.11
Cookstown Youth Football Club	CYFC Development Centre 2024	£1,500.00	1	£1,500.00	£1,350.00
Cookstown/Tamlaght COI	Community activities	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Country Roads Womens Group	Education through Presentation	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
County Tyrone Super Cup NI Association	Facility Hire at Mid Ulster Arena Cookstown	£1,470.80	3	£1,176.64	£1,029.56
Culnady LOL 479	Educating Culnady's Community	£800.00	5	£480.00	£400.00
Curran Heritage Culture and Community Association	Curran Community Engagement	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Derganagh Training and Development Association	Community interaction, inclusion and development initiative	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Derry Camogie Association	Mid Ulster Community Camogie Initiative	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Derry GAA For All	Sports for all (Derry GAA for all)	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Derryfuble LOL49	Delivery of community events including hall upkeep	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Derrylatinee Parent Support Group	Community Fun Run-Brantry Lough & Forest	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Derryloran Flower Guild	Floral Art classes, demonstrations, and Flower Festival planning	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Desertcreat Scottish Country Dancers	Annual Scottish Country Dance party	£870.00	6	£0.00	£348.00
Desertcreatives	Harvest Moon Festival	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Desertmartin Accordion Band	Community Coming Together	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Desertmartin Parish Church	Desertmartin Parish Church in the Community	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Donaghmore Historical Society	Digitisation of graveyard records form graveyards in Donaghmore	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Donaghmore Horticultural Community	Donaghmore in Bloom	£1,500.00	1	£1,500.00	£1,350.00
Donaghmore Mothers Union	Flower arranging class. Speakers at monthly meetings	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Donaghmore Primary School PTA	Mental Health and Well Being Workshops	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Dunamore Community Association	Dunamore Community Association 2024-5 Activities	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Dungannon & District Dancing Group	Learn and love to dance	£1,450.00	5	£870.00	£725.00
Dungannon & South Tyrone Kraft Circle.	Dungannon & South Tyrone Kraft Circle.	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Dungannon Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing and youth Development and Fitness classes	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Dungannon Amateur Swimming Club (DASC)	Dungannon Amateur Swimming Club	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Dungannon Area All Stars	Ogre - The Musical	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Dungannon Cricket Club	Replacement of Cricket Net Mat	£900.00	3	£720.00	£630.00
Dungannon Ladies Hockey Club	Umpire Development Programme	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Dungannon Multiple Sclerosis Support Group	Health and Wellbeing	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Dungannon Netball Juniors	Netball Training	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Dungannon Silver Band	Bigger, better, brassy	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Dungannon Visually Impaired Peoples (VIP) Club	VIP Annual Programme	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Dungannon Volunteer Flute Band	Promoting local culture and heritage	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers	Events/Running costs	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Dungannon Womens Institute	Developing and Celebrating Dungannon Womens Institute	£1,335.00	5	£801.00	£667.50
Eastvale & Kilcoole community and cultural group	Eastvale & Killcoole Community events 2024 / 2025	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Edentilone Bowling Club	Rent, projector + projection screen, water boiler	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Edentilone Pipe Band	Rent of premises, purchase of uniform and instruments for new n	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Evergreen Club Coalisland	Inviting other clubs for dinner and dance	£760.00	5	£456.00	£380.00
Expac North Ltd	Know your place	£1,500.00	7	£0.00	£450.00

Fallaghloon AOH Community Hall	Social dancing/ Community bingo/ Drama group/ Marching band	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Fardross Heritage and Vision Society	Keeping it covered	£1,290.00	6	£0.00	£516.00
First Cookstown Bowling Club	Purchase and refurbishment of bowling equipment and storage facilities	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Fivemiletown Estates Group	Fivemiletown Estate Groups Community Activities 2024	£750.00	5	£450.00	£375.00
Fivemiletown Half Door Club	Fivemiletown Half Door Club Activities 2024/2025	£600.00	6	£0.00	£240.00
Friends of Ballylifford	Ballylifford Sporting and Community Wellbeing Project	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Friends of Killymoon Castle	Commerative Plaques	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Friends Of Kilronan	Summer Fun Day	£990.00	3	£792.00	£693.00
Friends of Knocknagin	Afterschools drama programme	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Friends of Little Woods	Mid Ulster Bat Walks	£1,432.80	4	£1,002.96	£859.68
Friends of Stewartstown Primary School	Sports & Arts Activities	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Friends of the Somme Mid Ulster Branch	Programme of Events 2024	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Galbally Country Club	Galbally Country Club	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Girlguiding Moneymore	We discover, we grow	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Glenburn Community Association	Glenburn Community Activities 2024	£320.00	5	£192.00	£160.00
Golden Star Temperance RBP 979	RBP 979 Hall	£1,450.00	5	£870.00	£725.00
Granaghan & District Women's Group, Swatragh	Working for and with our Community	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Granaghan Art Society	Weekly Art Class and Annual Exhibition	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Groundforce	D-Day	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Hilltop Highland Dancers Dergina	Hilltop Improvement Project	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Institute of Irish Leadership	Ciorcal Comhra 2024	£1,445.00	6	£0.00	£578.00
Island Triathlon Club	Island Triathlon Club	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Kilcronaghan Mothers Union	A Time of Socialising	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Kildress ABC	Kildress ABC - Community Sport	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Kildress Crafters	Kildress Crafters	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Kildress Health Matters	Kildress Matters	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
kildress Kare	Kildress Kare for 2024-5	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Kildress Mother's Union	Speakers, Christmas Lunch, Annual Outing, Kitchen Equipment	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Killeeshil Open Door Club	Killeeshil Stays Connected	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Killyman & District Cultural Group	Activates for the Community	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Killyman Craft & Leisure club	Candle wicking - sewing activity	£795.00	7	£0.00	£238.50
Killymoon Rangers Football Club	Community Wellbeing Project	£1,484.00	4	£1,038.80	£890.40
Killymuck Clay Pigeon Club	Community at Heart	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Kilnaslee Bowling Club	New Indoor Bowling Mat	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Ladies Guild Desertmartin Parish Church	Ladies Guild in the Community	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Lisbeg Pipe Band	Purchase of Instruments, equipment and uniform for new members	£1,497.00	7	£0.00	£449.10
Lough Fea Ladies Group	Remembering our Past at the Lough Fea Gathering	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Loughshore Community Services Ltd	Over 50s Exercise Classes	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Loup & District Historical Society	Researching/Documenting Items of Historic Interest in the Area	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Loup Women's Group	Autumn /Winter Classes 2024	£1,494.00	4	£1,045.80	£896.40
Maghera & District Gardening Group	Programme Speakers and Summer Visits	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Maghera Cricket Club	Maghera Cricket Club - Equipment and Coaching Investment	£1,491.94	5	£895.16	£745.97
Maghera Parish Caring Association	A time of Socialising and education	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Maghera Strollers Football Club	Hire of 4G Pitch	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Maghera Vintage Rally	An Evening of Country and Western Music	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Maghera Women's Institute	Programme of events 2024-2025	£1,410.00	6	£0.00	£564.00
Magherafelt Sky Blues FC	Getting young people active and healthier at MSB!!	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Magherafelt Titans Basketball Club	Development of basketball in the local area	£1,140.00	2	£1,026.00	£912.00
Magherafelt Versus Arthritis	Magherafelt Versus Arthritis Group Activity Plan 2024/25	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Magherafelt Welfare Group	Mental Health and Wellbeing	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Magherafelt Womens Group	Pilates and Crafting	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Magherafelt Women's Institute	Activities for the coming year April 2024	£1,210.00	3	£968.00	£847.00
Martial Fitness	Move with Martial Arts	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Mid Ulster Beekeepers Association	Beekeeping outreach	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Mid Ulster Disability Forum	Mid Ulster Disability Forum promoting inclusion & accessibility	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Mid Ulster Floral Art Society	Floral Art	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Mid Ulster Lithuanian Community Baltic Together	Mid Summer Festival - Jonines 2024 (or Sain't Jonas Festival)	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00

Mid Ulster Netball Club	MUNC 2024-25	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Mid Ulster Squash Club	Diverse and Inclusive Squash in Mid Ulster	£556.00	4	£389.20	£333.60
Mid Ulster Swimming Club	Mid Ulster Swimming Club	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment Project	MUVE	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Milltown Arch & Cultural Group	2024/2025 Milltown Community Events and Upkeep of area	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Milltown Area Community Association	Milltown Area Community Activities 2024	£1,020.00	5	£612.00	£510.00
Money more Art Group	Art For All	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Money more WI	Money more WI - Activities	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Montober LOL 661	Community Development 2024/2025	£1,300.00	4	£910.00	£780.00
Moortown Community Hall	Moortown Community Hall Activities	£1,400.00	2	£1,260.00	£1,120.00
Moygashel Lambeg Drumming Club	Bringing the arts and culture alive to all ages	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Moygashel LOL708	Lodge Events	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Moygashel Regeneration Group (MRG)	Improvements in quality of life through community cohesion and	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Moyola Clay Target Club	Looking Forward	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Na Fianna Runners	Couch 2 5 K Program	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Newmills Football Club	Club Running Costs and Woman's Program 24/25	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Northern Counties Development Association	Swatragh in Bloom 2024	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
O40 Cookstown Ltd	Arts and craft classes for Older People	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
ONeill Country Historical Society	Annual History Program	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Open Doors Club	Mindful Rainbow Colours and Sunshine Project	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Parkview Community Group	Our Community = Our Home	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Pomeroy Afterschool	Summer scheme 2024	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Pomeroy CCE	Autumn Session with focus on new player and new instruments	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Pomeroy Horticultural Group	Creating a garden at the Sale Yard Corner	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Pomeroy Players	2024 Production	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Pomeroy Plunketts Handball Club	Handball for All	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Pomeroy Plunketts Ladies GAC	Introduction Programme for New Comers	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Queen Elizabeth Pipe Band	Easter Piping and Drumming Workshops	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Richmond Parent Support Group	Building, developing & supporting relationships	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Riverside and Blackhill Community Association	Riverside and Blackhill Community Activities 2024	£560.00	6	£0.00	£224.00
Rock and District Historical Society	Bringing the Past to the Present	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Royal British Legion, Magherafelt	Branch Pensioner Welfare	£1,300.00	5	£780.00	£650.00
Sandholes Community Group	Increasing the development of the local community	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Sean O'Leary Camogie Newbridge	Newbridge Community Sports Initiative	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Simpson Grant Association Dergina	Providing a Dergina Community Facility	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Slieve Gallion Community Preschool	Summer Scheme	£1,500.00	7	£0.00	£450.00
South Tyrone Men's Shed	Building Connections in Dungannon	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
Sperrin Cultural Awareness Association	An Older Persons Health and Wellbeing Initiative in the Sperrins	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
Sperrin Kidz and Sperrin Youth Choir	Administration and Development of Childrens Choirs	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
Sperrin U3A	Visit to Benburb and Coalisland Bog and Industrial Museum	£1,300.00	4	£910.00	£780.00
Sperrins Hillwalking Club	Hill and Low Level Walking for May 2024 to December 2024	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Spires Magherafelt Branch of Parkinson's Uk	Meetings, Christmas Lunches, Electric heater, Holistic Therapies	£300.00	4	£210.00	£180.00
Square Wheels Cycling Club	Couch to 40k	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
St Andrew's Mother's Union (Killyman)	Transformation - Now! - St Andrew's Mother's Union (Killyman)	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00
St Colman's Parish Community Group	Lifelong Learning	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
St Columba's PTA	Mother and Toddler Art and Support	£1,500.00	6	£0.00	£600.00
St Johns Boxing Club	Boxing Sisters	£1,500.00	2	£1,350.00	£1,200.00
St Macartans Ladies GFC	Female Strength and Conditioning Programme	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
St Trea's AOH Community Hub	Socialising, Education and bringing the community together	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
St. Columba's Camogie Club Greenlough	Greenlough Camogie Participation Project	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
ST. John Bosco Community Association	Building our Community	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
St. Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil	St Mary's Bowling Club - Bowling Events & Activities 2024/2025	£540.00	5	£324.00	£270.00
St. Patricks Camogie Club, The Loup	Annual programme of delivery of coaching and games	£1,500.00	4	£1,050.00	£900.00
Stewartstown & District Environmental Outreach	Ulster in Bloom	£1,025.00	5	£615.00	£512.50
Stewartstown Community Group	Stewartstown Community Activities 2024	£1,365.00	4	£955.50	£819.00
Superstars Club	Drama Club - Joseph The Musical	£1,500.00	3	£1,200.00	£1,050.00
Syerla and District Pipe Band	Pipe band music tuition and leadership.	£1,500.00	5	£900.00	£750.00

Community/Sports and Venues Facilities Grant (Maximum £3500)

Organisation name:	Title of Project/Activity:	Requested	BAND	Award - As per original scheme
Aghaloo & Blackwater Community Association Ltd	Running Costs of Community Venue	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Aghaloo O'Neills G.A.A. Club	Facility Utilities and Maintenance Costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
An Clochar Eire Og	Overhead Club Running Costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Ardboe Community Centre	Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC	Project Rossa Survival and Growth 2023	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Augher St Macartan's GAC	Overhead Club Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Aughintober Regeneration	Advance Aughintober 2024-25	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Ballinascreen GAC	Ballinascreen GAC Sports Facilities Support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Ballinderry Shamrocks Community Hub	Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Ballysaggart Area Community Association	Running costs	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Bawn Development Association	The Bawn Hall Activity	£3,261.00	6	£1,000.00
Bellaghy Wolftones GAC	Bellaghy Wolftones Facility Support Project	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Bonn Cultural Group Pomeroy	Ongoing costs	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Brocagh and District Regeneration Group	Running Costs	£2,350.00	5	£1,500.00
Brocagh Emmets G F C	Brocagh G F C Running Costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Broughderg Area Development Association Ltd	Peoples Centre, welcoming all who wish to avail	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Caledon Community Centre	Operational running	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Caledon Regeneration Partnership	Running Costs	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Caledon Rovers Football Club	Running costs,	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Cavanakeeran Community Association	Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Clogher Valley Community Centre	Running costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Clogher Valley Outdoor bowling Federation	Maintenance costs	£3,350.00	7	£500.00
Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd	Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Coagh and Drummullan Network Group	Running Costs	£2,750.00	5	£1,500.00
Coagh United Football Club (incs Coagh United Youth)	Coagh Summer Soccer Camp	£2,950.00	4	£2,000.00
Coalisland & District Development Association	Room Hire	£3,500.00	2	£3,000.00
Coalisland Foodbank & Community Hub	Running Costs	£2,800.00	5	£1,500.00
Cookstown Boxing Club	Boxing Sports Wear & Equipment	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Cookstown RBL Club	Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Craigmore and District Community Association	Glen Centre Support Project	£3,365.00	4	£2,000.00
Crossdernott Bowling Club	Community Venue	£2,300.00	6	£1,000.00
Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's GAC	Derrylaughan GAC Facility Improvement	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Donaghmore District Community Association	Torrent Complex Community Venue	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Donaghmore GAA	Donaghmore GAA - Social Inclusion	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Dungannon Football Club t/a Dungannon Rugby Football Club	Property maintenance/ energy efficiency and reduce energy costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Dungannon Swifts FC	Stangmore Community and Sporting Hub	£3,500.00	2	£3,000.00
Edentilone Hall LOL321	Running Costs	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club, Dungannon	Community walkway and building support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Erins Own Lavey GAC (Lavey GAC)	Erins Own Lavey Community Venue Support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Fivemiletown Royal British Legion Club Ltd	speaker/projector/audio system	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Fivemiletown United Football Club	Goal Quest: Enhancing Community Play Spaces	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Galbally Youth & Community Association	GYCA Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00

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Glenageeragh Pipe Band	Community Venue	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Glor Na Speirini	Supporting growth and development	£3,240.00	7	£500.00
Gortalowry House Project Ltd	Running costs	£3,500.00	2	£3,000.00
Henry Joy McCracken Moneymore GAC	Facility Development and Sustainability Project	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Hope 4 U Foundation	Community Centre	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Involve NI	Involve House	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Kilcronaghan Community Association	Kilcronaghan Community Association 2024/25	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Kildress Wolfe Tones GAA	Hub Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Killeeshil Community Centre	Community Venue Grant Towards Overheads	£3,500.00	2	£3,000.00
Killyman St Marys GAC	Facility Overheads and running costs for our Community Sporting F	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Kilnaslee Community Development Group	Running Costs	£3,500.00	6	£1,000.00
Knocknagin Hall Committee	Knocknagin Community Hub	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Liberty Church Mid-Ulster	Community Outreach program	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Loughans Cultural and Development Association	Loughans Community User Groups	£3,500.00	7	£500.00
Maghera Cross Community Link	Venues grant	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Michael Davitt Swatragh GAC	Swatragh GAC community venue support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Moneyneena & District Development Initiative	Community Venue Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Moortown St Malachys GAC	Running Costs of Moortown Community Hub	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Moy GAC	Perimeter Spectator Fencing	£2,000.00	5	£1,500.00
Moygashel Community & Cultural Association	Running Costs	£3,500.00	7	£500.00
Moyola Park AFC	Maintaining our Pitch at Moyola Park AFC	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Muintir N Mointeach	Washingbay Centre	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Ochill Cultural Group	Running Costs for Ochill Cultural Group	£3,467.38	7	£500.00
O'Donovan Rossa GAC Magherafelt	O' Donovan Rossa Sporting Facility Support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Pomeroy Development Projects Ltd	Running Costs	£3,216.60	5	£1,500.00
Pomeroy Plunketts GAC	Running Costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Rainey Rugby Football Club	Hattrick Park, Rainey Facility Support Project	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Rhone Valley Community Group	Syerla Hall Venue Upkeep & Activities 2024	£2,903.33	6	£1,000.00
Roughan Orange Lodge & Cultural Group	Running costs and Overheads	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Sean O'Leary GAC Newbridge	Newbridge GAC Facility Support Project	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
St Michael's GAC Lissan	General running costs & Maintenance upgrades to club facilities	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
ST Patrick's GAC Loup Co Derry	Upgrade of toilet facilities	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
St Trea's GFC Ballymaguigan	Support for running costs	£3,350.00	5	£1,500.00
St. Martin's GAC, Desertmartin	Football Versatile Goal Posts	£3,160.00	4	£2,000.00
St. Oliver Plunkett Greenlough GAC	Greenlough Community Sports Venue Support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Stewartstown Harps Gaelic Athletic Club	Club Running Costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
TABBDA	Ballyronan Marina Centre Running Costs	£3,500.00	5	£1,500.00
Tamnamore Community Development Association	Running Costs	£3,500.00	3	£2,500.00
Termoneeny Community Association	Community Venue Running Costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
The OpenDoor Complex	The OpenDoor Community Project	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Tirgan Community Assoc.ltd	Running costs	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00
Tobermore Community Projects	Tobermore Mckinney Hall	£3,500.00	7	£500.00
Tobermore Village Hall Development Assosiation	Village Hall Upgrade	£3,500.00	7	£500.00
Tobin Centre (Moortown) LTD	Community Venue Contribution Towards Running Costs	£3,324.00	3	£2,500.00
Upperlands Community Development Limited	Upperlands Youth	£3,200.00	6	£1,000.00
Watty Grahams GAC	Watty Grahams GAC Sports Venue Support	£3,500.00	4	£2,000.00

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West Street Community Hub	Running Costs	£2,390.00	6	£1,000.00
1st Aughnacloy Scouts	Running Costs	£3,500.00		Ineligible. Core funding
Acorn Women's Group	Overhead Costs	£3,500.00		Ineligible. Core funding
Augher Stars FC	Club Running Costs	£3,500.00		Double Category Application
Ballyronan Boat Club	Refurbishment of Changing Rooms	£3,425.00		Did not meet Score threshold
Great Rossa Run	Fixed Assets	£3,500.00		Ineligible. Ownership
Kileeshill & Clonaneese Historical Society	People of Note	£2,360.00		Ineligible. Ownership
Magherafelt Titans Basketball Club	Club running costs	£1,140.00		Ineligible. Ownership

89 Awards

TOTAL £160,000.00

Score	Band	Award
90 - 100		1 £3,500
80 - 89		2 £3,000
70 - 79		3 £2,500
60 - 69		4 £2,000
50 - 59		5 £1,500
40 - 49		6 £1,000
30 - 39		7 £500

3. Strategic Community Development (Maximum £8000)

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Organisation name:	Title of Project/Activity:	Requested	Band	Award As per original scheme	Comments
Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas Ltd (COSTA)	Mid Ulster Community Development Support Service 2024 / 2025	8000	1	8000	
First Steps Women's Centre (FSWC)	Women Into Education, Training, Wellbeing and Volunteering	8000	3	6000	
Hope Magherafelt (Christians Against Poverty)	CAP Mid Ulster Debt Centre, Money Coaching Course & Eat Well Spend Less	5155	4	4000	Reduced in line with request
Mid Ulster Community Transport Services Ltd T/A Out and About Community Transport Ltd	Mid-Ulster Rural Dwellers	8000	4	5000	
Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre	Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre	8000	2	7000	
ADDNI LTD	Tackling ADHD: Supporting and empowering the ADHD Community	8000		Ineligible	Not Strategic Community Development
BEAM Creative Network	Building relations through music and climate action	7935		Ineligible	Not Strategic Community Development
Shopmobility Mid Ulster	Gobility Plus	8000		Ineligible	Not Strategic Community Development

TOTAL	£30,000.00
	5 Awards

Score	Band	Award
90 -100		1 £8,000
80 - 89		2 £7,000
70 - 79		3 £6,000
60 - 69		4 £5,000
50 - 59		5 £4,000
40 - 49		6 £3,000

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4. Strategic Arts and Culture Grant (Maximum £20,000)

Organisation name	Title of Project/Activity	Requested	Band	Award - As per original scheme
Bardic Theatre	Arts - Theatre - Dance	£20,000.00	1	£20,000.00
Brantry Area Rural Dev Assoc	Brantry Bard Arts and Culture Programme 2024-2025	£10,900.00	7	£5,000.00
Carntogher Community Association	Carntogher Arts Projects 2024/2025	£20,000.00	2	£17,500.00
Craic Arts Centre	Affordable Arts For All	£20,000.00	1	£20,000.00
Glasgowbury	Cornstore Creative Hub	£20,000.00	3	£15,000.00
The Hubbt80	Open Door Arts Project 2024	£15,578.00	-	did not meet threshold score
			TOTAL	5 Awards
				£77,500.00

Score	Band	Award
90 - 100		1 £20,000
80 - 89		2 £17,500
70 - 79		3 £15,000
60 - 69		4 £12,500
50 - 59		5 £10,000
40 - 49		6 £7,500
30 - 39		7 £5,000

5. Strategic Events Grants (Maximum £8000)

Organisation name	Title of Project/Activity	Requested	Band	Award
Annahoe Historical Cultural and Sports Society	Last Saturday Cultural Event	£7,550.00	5	£4,000.00
Benburb District LOL 13	12th July Demonstration & Cultural Day 2024	£8,000.00	3	£6,000.00
Cookstown & District Motorcycle Club (Road Racing) Ltd	The 2024 Cookstown 100 Road Races	£8,000.00	2	£7,000.00
Cycul	Lap The Lough	£8,000.00	3	£6,000.00
Dungannon Gaelic Forum	St Patrick's Day Cultural Parade	£7,003.00	4	£5,000.00
Eglis Road Bowls Club	All Ireland road bowls Final 2024	£5,615.00	6	£3,000.00
Erins Own Lavey GAC	Mid Ulster Truckers Festival 2024	£8,000.00	5	£4,000.00
Friends of Killymoon Castle	D-Day + 80	£8,000.00	6	£3,000.00
Irish Junior Open Committee	Irish Junior Open Tour Players Championship	£8,000.00	5	£4,000.00
Magherafelt and District Motor Club	Annual Motorsport Event	£7,866.00	3	£6,000.00
Moneymore District LOL No 10	Celebrating our Culture through the Ages	£8,000.00	4	£5,000.00
Pomeroy Social Activity Group	Santas Magical Forest	£8,000.00	2	£7,000.00
The Clogher Valley Agricultural Society Ltd	Clogher Valley Show 2024	£8,000.00	2	£7,000.00
The Great Rossa Run	The Great Rossa Run 2023	£8,000.00	6	£3,000.00
Tri Limits Triathlon Club	Tri Tyrone 70.3 Triathlon	£7,300.00	5	£4,000.00
Loughinsholin Tourism Cluster	Ballyscullion Book Festival	£8,000.00	Ineligible: Governance	

£74,000.0015 Groups
awarded

Score	Band	Award
90 - 100	1	£8,000
80 - 89	2	£7,000
70 - 79	3	£6,000
60 - 69	4	£5,000
50 - 59	5	£4,000
40 - 49	6	£3,000

RETURN**6. Strategic Sports Development Grants (Maximum £15,000)**

Organisation name	Governing Body	Request	Band	Award As per original Scheme
Derry GAA	Ulster GAA8-10 Market Street, Armagh.02837521900	£15,000.00	3	£10,000.00
Irish FA Foundation	Irish Football Association / Irish FA Foundation	£15,000.00	2	£12,500.00
Swim Ulster Limited	Swim Ulster are the Governing Body in Ulster	£15,000.00	5	£5,000.00
Tyrone GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association	£15,000.00	3	£10,000.00
Ulster Hockey LTD	Ulster Hockey	£15,000.00	3	£10,000.00
Ulster Rugby	The Ulster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union	£15,000.00	3	£10,000.00

TOTAL £57,500.00

6 groups supported

Score	Band	Award
90 - 100	1	£15,000
80 - 89	2	£12,500
70 - 79	3	£10,000
60 - 69	4	£7,500
50 - 59	5	£5,000

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7. Local Community Festivals (Maximum £1500)

Organisation name	Title of Project/Activity	Requested	Band	Award as per original scheme
33rd Derry Ballinascreen Scouts	30 Years Celebrating Scouting within our Community	1500	6	£750.00
Aghaloo O'Neills G.A.A. Club	19th May	1500	5	£900.00
Augher Central PS PTFA	Community Fun Night	1500	6	£750.00
Ballinacross Accordion Band	Community Opening Evening	1500	6	£750.00
Ballinderry Shamrocks Community Hub	Health & Wellbeing Weekend	1500	4	£1,050.00
Beechland Development Group	Annual festival/party in the park	1500	6	£750.00
Benburb Library & Museum	Summer Fete at Benburb Library & Museum	1500	3	£1,200.00
Blackhill LOL 681	Community Family Fun Event	1500	6	£750.00
Brocagh After School Club	Summer FunDay	1250	7	£500.00
Bush Primary School PTA	Community Fun Night	1040	5	£624.00
Caoram Teoranta Cúram Teoranta	Grúpa Tuistí agus Táchran Fun Day	1500	6	£750.00
Castledawson Community Partnership	Castledawson Community Togetherness	1500	5	£900.00
Castledawson LOL 96	Castledawson Community Together	1500	6	£750.00
Cavanakeeran Community Association	Green Weekend	1500	4	£1,050.00
Christ Church Castledawson	with Santa	1500	6	£750.00
Clogher Valley Playgroup	Community Fun Day	1500	6	£750.00
Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd	Outdoor Marquee Festival	1500	5	£900.00
Coagh United Football Club	Community Fun Day	1150	5	£690.00
Coalisland Parochial Centre Bowling Club	C.P.C. Open Bowling Festival 24/25	1500	4	£1,050.00
Cookstown Youth Football Club	CYFC Community Festival 2024	1500	4	£1,050.00
Coolnafranky Park Residents Association	Kids Fun Day	1500	6	£750.00
Curran Heritage Culture and Community Association	Curran Community Concert	1500	6	£750.00
Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's GAC	Derrylaughan Community Festival	1500	4	£1,050.00
Desertcreatives	Christmas is coming	1500	6	£750.00
Desertmartin Parish Church	Vintage Rally	1500	4	£1,050.00
Donaghmore Primary School PTA	90th Anniversary of Donaghmore Primary School	1500	6	£750.00
Drumnaglough Flute Band	Drumnaglough Community Summer Festival	1000	7	£400.00
Dungannon Choral Society	Spring Concert	1500	6	£750.00
Dungannon Classic Car and Vehicle Club	Classic Vehicle Show	1500	5	£900.00
Dungannon Friends of Chest/Heart & Stroke	Community Engagement & Awareness Event	1500	3	£1,200.00
Dungannon Music and Drama Festival Association	Dungannon Speech and Drama Festival	1500	3	£1,200.00
Fivemiletown Primary School PTFA	Fivemiletown Fun Run	1500	5	£900.00
Friends of Knocknagin	Family fun night & BBQ	1500	6	£750.00
Friends of Magherafelt High School	and prettiest pouch competition	1500	6	£750.00
Friends of Rock (sub-committee Rock St Patrick's GAA Football club, Rock)	The annual 2024 Rock 5k run	1500	4	£1,050.00
Friends of Stewartstown Primary School	Fun Night	1500	6	£750.00
Gran Quilters	Gran Quilters Annual Exhibition	800	5	£480.00
Granaghan & District Women's Group, Swatragh	30 Years Young and Still Going Strong!	1500	6	£750.00
Kilcronaghan and Ballynascreen Girls Friendly Society	Community Concert	1500	6	£750.00
Kilcronaghan Community Association	Family Fun Day	1500	4	£1,050.00
Kilcronaghan Parish Church	A Community Garden Tea party	1500	6	£750.00
Killyman St Marys GAC	Killyman Vintage Car and Tractor Show 2024	1500	4	£1,050.00
Killymuck Clay Pigeon Club	Killymuck Clay Pigeon Shoot	1500	7	£600.00
Kilnaslee Community Development Group	Christmas Party & Wreath Making Workshop	1500	7	£600.00
Knockloughrim Accordion Band	Knockloughrim Accordion Culture Day	1500	5	£900.00

Local Community Festivals

Knockloughrim Parents Association	Fun Colour Run	1500	5	£900.00
Leckagh Neighbourhood Partnership	The July Festival	1500	4	£1,050.00
Leo's boys and girls tug of war club	Annual international tug of war competition	1500	5	£900.00
Loughshore Community Services Ltd	Moortown Summer Festival 2024	1500	5	£900.00
Maghera Cricket Club	Festival of Cricket (2024)	1460	6	£730.00
Maghera Parish Caring Association	Cultural Garden Fete & Vintage Rally	1500	5	£900.00
Maghera Vintage Rally	Maghera Vintage Rally	1500	5	£900.00
Moneymore Community Group	Motor Show & family funday	1500	4	£1,050.00
Moygashel Community & Cultural Association	Festival Event	1250	6	£625.00
Moyola Clay Target Club	Moyola Cup Challenge	1500	4	£1,050.00
Na Fianna Runners	Running festival	1500	7	£600.00
Naiscoil Charn Tóchair	Back To School Hooley	1500	5	£900.00
Naiscoil Mhacahire Rátha	Safari Summer Fun Day	1500	6	£750.00
Newmills Playgroup	Community Festival	1010	6	£505.00
O Donovan Rossa Magherafelt	Magherafelt GAA Community Festival	1500	5	£900.00
Ochill Cultural Group	Ochill Summer Festival	1420	7	£568.00
ONeill Country Historical Society	Anniversary of the Battle of Benburb	1500	3	£1,200.00
Open Doors Club	Silver Summer In The SWA	1500	6	£750.00
Parents, Teachers and Friends of Dungannon Primary School	Community Festival BBQ and Fun Day	1250	5	£750.00
Parish of Termoneeny	Termoneeny Parish Summer Fete and Funday	1500	6	£750.00
Queen Elizabeth Pipe Band	Cross Community Variety Concert	1500	6	£750.00
Ren Bu Kan Judo Club	Judo Festival	1500	7	£600.00
Royal British Legion, Magherafelt	Magherafelt Royal British Legion Community Concert	1500	6	£750.00
Soul Resort	You cant teach a Granny	1446	7	£578.40
Sperrin Harriers	Stunnerz and Runners	1500	7	£600.00
Sporting Hearts	Dungannon Truck Run	1500	5	£900.00
St Malachys GAC Castledawson	Dawson Summer Festival 2024	1500	4	£1,050.00
St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil	2024/2025	1280	5	£768.00
St Mary's Fivemiletown Parent, Teacher and Friends Association	Community Halloween Festival and Spooky Walk	1500	4	£1,050.00
St. Brigids Camogie Club	BrocaghFest 2024	1300	6	£650.00
Stewartstown & District Environmental Outreach	Stewartstown Christmas Market	1500	5	£900.00
Tamlaght O'Crilly District LOL No9	Five a side football Competition	1500	6	£750.00
Tamlaght O'Crilly Parish Vintage Group	Vintage Group	1500	4	£1,050.00
The BASE @ Tobin	The BASE Olympics/Summer Fun Day	1450	6	£725.00
Tiny Tots Pre-School Education Centre	Tiny Tots Summer Fayre	1450	6	£725.00
Tirgan Community Assoc.ltd	Festival	1500	6	£750.00
Tobermore Community Projects	Family Fun Day	1500	7	£600.00
Tobermore Old Standard LOL 131	200 Year Anniversary Event	1500	7	£600.00
Tobermore Primary School Parent Teacher Association	Summer Fair and Duck Race	1400	7	£560.00
Tobermore Village Hall Development Association	Community Funday	1500	6	£750.00
Walker Memorial Primary School, Castlecaulfield Parents Support Group	Family Summer Fun Evening	850	6	£425.00
Annahoe Historical Cultural and Sports Society	Clogher Valley Twelfth JULY Celebrations	1500	Ineligible	
Ballinascreen Men Shed	Present.	1500	Ineligible	
Ballymacall True Blues Flute Band	Darts Festival	850	Ineligible	
Bc Wolves	3x3 NI Community	4460	Ineligible	
Caledon Playgroup	Evening and Flower Demonstration	1500	Ineligible	
Country Roads Women's Group	Good Food and Good Health, how to prepare.	1600	Ineligible	
Errigle Keerogue Parish Church	The Big Helpout	1502.54	Ineligible	

Local Community Festivals

Fivemiletown United Football Club	Football Fest	1500	Ineligible	
Killymoon Rangers Football Club	Football Festival for Young People Programme	1484	Ineligible	
O40 Cookstown Ltd	Seasonal Celebrations	1500	Ineligible	
			Total Award	£69,553.40
			Balance	£7,343.78
TOTAL BUDGET		£76,897.18		
Score	Band		% Award Option 1	
90 - 100		1	100%	
80 - 89		2	90%	
70 - 89		3	80%	
60 - 89		4	70%	
50 - 89		5	60%	
40 - 89		6	50%	
30 - 89		7	40%	

9. Sports Representative Teams (Maximum £500) and Individuals (Maximum £250)

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TEAMS

Organisation name	Title of event/Project.	Requested	Band	Award	Comments
Tullylagan Pony Club	Pony Club UK National Quiz	500	3	£400	-
33rd Derry Ballinascreen Scouts	Phoenix Challenge 2024	500			Ineligible

Total £400

INDIVIDUALS

1 Team Award

Name of Participant	Title of event/Project.	Requested	Band	Award	Comments
Benjamin Patterson	Hockey Ireland under 16 4 nations tournament i	250	2	£225.00	
Cathaoir Purvis	Valencia 10K, Spain Armagh International 5K Eur	250	1	£250.00	-
Cayden Cummings	All Ireland Championships	250	4	£175.00	
Charlie Costelloe	Hockey representation. UK LIONS hockey team.	250	2	£225.00	-
Colin Hogg	British Isles Indoor Senior Fours Event 2 British Is	250	2	£225.00	-
Deagan Registe	Leinster Long Course Meet	97	2	£97.00	
James Shaw	British isles championships	250	2	£225.00	-
Luke Haycock	Series Vs Wales U20 team	250	5	£150.00	-
Mark Wilson	Hong Kong Classic 2023 British Isles Indoor Britis	250	2	£225.00	-
Matthew Henry	EPF European Powerlifting Championships	250	2	£225.00	-
Robert Vozar	British schools Championship	250	3	£200.00	-
Tanya Scullion	Masters Home Internationals	97	2	£97.00	-
Tom Irwin	Oster cup, Flensburg, Germany.	250	1	£250.00	-
Megan OKane	The Dance Worlds	250	Ineligible		
			TOTAL	£2,569.00	

13 Individual Awards

Score	Band	Teams	Individuals
90 -100	1	£500.00	£250.00
80 - 89	2	£450.00	£225.00
70 - 79	3	£400.00	£200.00
60 - 69	4	£350.00	£175.00
50 - 59	5	£300.00	£150.00

[Return to Index](#)**10. Capital Discretionary Grant (Maximum £50,000)**

Organisation name:	Title of Project/Activity:	Requested	Award	Notes
Cairde Ui Neill	Gael-Ionad Ui- Neill	50000	£50,000.00	Recommended
Cookstown Fr Rocks GFC	Cookstown Fr Rocks Capital Developm	50000	£50,000.00	Recommended
Galbally Youth & Comm Associati	Youth Annexe	50000	£50,000.00	Recommended
Murley Silver Band	Centenary Band Hall Project	50000	£0.00	Did not meet the score threshold
			£150,000.00	
			3 Awards	

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Pitches & Recreational Spaces Strategy, Feasibility Development Grant Applications Budget £50,000 (Maximum Grant £10,000)

Organisation	Project Activity	BAND	Total Cost of Project	Request from MUDC	Award Option 1 - As per original scheme until budget exhausted	Award Option 2 - reduced pro rata across all eligible groups
Donaghmore GAC	feasibility study for construction of a new full size Gaelic football pitch	1	£21,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
St Treas GAC Ballymaguigan	synthetic pitch and replace the community hall	2	£12,064.00	£6,032.00	£6,032.00	£5,428.80
Cookstown Hockey Club	enhancing the hockey facilities at Cookstown Hockey Club	2	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£9,000.00
Ballinderry GAC	Changing Rooms & Community Wellbeing Space	2	£20,280.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£9,000.00
Lissan GAC	club plans for a hub that serves our local community	3	£19,800.00	£9,900.00	£9,900.00	£7,920.00
Loup GAC	development of a Multisports 5G Surface Indoor Pitch	3	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£8,000.00
				£55,932.00	£45,932.00	£49,348.80

Band	% Award Option 1
1	100%
2	90%
3	80%

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Pitches & Recreational Spaces Strategy, Infrastructure Development Grant Applications

Budget £150,000 (Maximum £50,000)

Organisation	project	Score Total	Requested	Award
Dungannon United Youth C.I.C	Replacing floodlights and resurfacing the 3G pitch at Dungannon Youth Stadium Black Lane	98	£50,000	£50,000
Tyrone County Board	Installation of Floodlights at O'Neill Park Dungannon	98	£50,000	£50,000
Rainey Rugby Football Club	Development of Rainey RFC Clubhouse - Phase 1 (changing rooms/sporting/social space)	98	£50,000	£50,000
CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille, Oilean Agus Cluain	Ball Wall & 3G Surface	53	£50,000	£0
TOTALS			£200,000	£150,000

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GEOGRAPHIC AREA	NAME OF GROUP	ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
Coalisland	Cairde Uí Néill	“Gaeilge sa Phobal 24/25 – Irish in the Community”	£3,500.00
Swatragh	Grúpa Ban Ghreanacháin - Granaghan Womens Group	Series of Irish Language Workshops	£650.00
Maghera	An Carn Centre	“Clár Gníomhaíochta na Gaeilge” Language Revitalisation Plan	£14,685.00
Maghera	Conradh na Gaeilge Charn Tóchair	“Gaeilge sa Phobal” (Support programme for Irish speaking families)	£5,275.00
Ballinascreen	Glór na Speiríní	“Gníomhaíochtaí Bhaile na Scríne”	£3,050.00
Magherafelt	Glór Mhachaire Fíolta	“Gníomhaíochtaí Mhachaire Fíolta”	£3,855.04
Swatragh	Naíscoil Ghreanacháin	“Is Féidir Leat (Family Support Programme)”	£2,350.00
Kildress	Campa Chill Dreas	“Campa Chill Dreas (Kildress Summer Camp)” Irish language summer camp for local children	£1,588.00
Desertmartin	St Martin’s GFC	“Physical and Wellbeing Activities” Irish language GAA coaching training.	£1,440.00
Cookstown	Cairdeas Eoghain	“Seal Spraoi Summer Schemes”	£582.00
Brocagh	St Patrick's Camogie Club	“Promotion of the Irish Language in the Club and Wider Community”	£300.00
Ballygawley	Coláiste Naomh Chiaráin	“An Teanga Bheo” Irish language lunch time club culminating with a school Irish language céilí.	£350.00
Edendork	Edendork GAA	“An Ghaeilge Chun Tosaigh/ Irish First”	£1,000.00
Kildress	Kildress Wolf Tones	“Promoting Irish in Kildress”	£330.00
Ballinascreen	Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group	“Public Relations and Advertisement”	£200.00
The Loup	St Patrick's GAC, The Loup	“Development of Irish Language and Cultural Offering”	£1,000.00
Maghera	Cúram Teoranta	“Ceol agus Craic”	£2,424.96
Dungannon	Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club, Dungannon	“Running Costs for Irish Language Conversational Meet Ups”	£300.00

Galbally	Galbally Pearses GAC	"Development of the Irish language"	£450.00
Stewartstown	Tobin Centre	"Activities in Irish for children between 4-11 years"	£2,420.00
Ballygawley	St Mary's Ballygawley PTA	"St Mary's After-School Irish Club"	£200.00
Desertmartin	Knocknagin Hall Committee	"Dúchas Dhíseart Mhártain" Irish language community activities for the Desertmartin area.	£350.00
Cookstown	Naíscoil & Gaelscoil Eoghain	"Cur chun cinn na Gaeilge"	£3,700.00
			Total Grant Amount Awarded:
			£50,000.00

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	25 April 2024
Reporting Officer	Joe McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services & Engagement
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Policy Engagement and Equality Officer

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 consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NI Water	Consultation on Draft Water Resource and Supply Resilience Plan & Supporting Documents	This draft Plan shows how the NI Water will manage and develop water resources to make sure there is enough water to meet future supply needs. The draft Plan takes into account changes in population, housing, water usage and incorporates any predicted changes to our climate.	24 May 2024	No
	Link Consultation to	https://www.niwater.com/managing-northern-irelands-water-resources/		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No- a draft response could be considered at May Full Council meeting.	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	A29 Cookstown Bypass - Consultation	DFI Roads Western Division are progressing the design and development of the A29 Cookstown bypass. The aim of the project is to provide a new transport link improving the connections between A29 Moneymore Road and the A29 Dungannon Road and also upgrade the link between A29 Dungannon Road and the A505 Drum Road, reducing traffic congestion in Cookstown and improving the reliability of journey times for vehicular travellers.	29 May 2024 at 17:00	No

	Link to Consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/a29-cookstown-bypass-consultation
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?	No- a draft response could be considered at May Full Council meeting.

Report on	Correspondence to Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 25 April 2024
Reporting Officer	J McGuckin Head of Strategic Services & Engagement
Contact Officer	E Forde, Committee & Member Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure (Dfi)</p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme – Notice of Intention to make a vesting order. Refer to Appendix A</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Department of Health and Social Care</p> <p>The Chair has received a response from the Department of Health and Social Care in relation to access to Cystic Fibrosis medication. Refer to Appendix B</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from NI Water</p> <p>The Chair has received a response from NI Water in relation to response times to elected member calls. Refer to Appendix C</p>
3.4	<p>Correspondence from Police Service of Northern Ireland</p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from Police Service of Northern Ireland in relation to closure of police service enquiry offices. Refer to Appendix D</p>
3.5	<p>Correspondence from BT</p> <p>Correspondence received from BT in relation to Mid Ulster payphone removal proposals. Refer to Appendix E</p>

3.6	<p>Correspondence from Derry City and Strabane District Council</p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from Derry City and Strabane District Council in relation to motion passed by that Council on 31 January 2024. Refer to Appendix F</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p> <p>Appendix A: Department for Infrastructure Appendix B: Department of Health and Social Care Appendix C: NI Water Appendix D: Police Service of Northern Ireland Appendix E: BT Appendix F: Derry City and Strabane District Council</p>



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Our reference:
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RECORDED DELIVERY

Dear Adrian McCreesh,

A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme – Notice of Intention to Make a Vesting Order

As you may already be aware, the Department proposes to carry out the above scheme which necessitates the acquisition of some land in which you may have an interest.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, and the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, I enclose a formal Notice of the Department's Intention to make a Vesting Order, together with schedule and map extracts specifying the land which the Department proposes to acquire.

A similar Notice will be published for 2 consecutive weeks in Irish News, Belfast Newsletter, Belfast Telegraph, Mid Ulster Mail, Tyrone Courier and Belfast Gazette during the weeks ending 5th April 2024 and 12th April 2024.

Documents relating to the scheme, including the Vesting Order, Direction Order, Stopping-Up of Private Accesses, and Environmental Impact Assessment Report, may be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours between 3rd April 2024 and 29th May 2024, at the following locations:

- DfI Roads Headquarters, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB
- DfI Roads Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF
- Mid Ulster Section Office, Loughrey, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown BT80 8SG
- The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown BT80 8DN

Electronic copies of these documents are available to view or download on the Department's website: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a29-cookstown-bypass-overview>

If you wish to object to the proposed vesting order being made or express an opinion on any of the reports, you must write to the Divisional Roads Manager, DfI, Roads - Western, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh, BT79 7AF, or email dfiroads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk before 29th May 2024, giving your reasons.

If we do not hear from you by 29th May 2024, it will be assumed that (INSERT STAT CON NAME) has no comment to make on the Scheme.

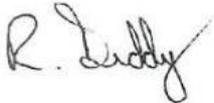
Information you provide in your response, including personal information, could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

For information regarding the Departmental Privacy Notice following the introduction of GDPR please go to the following link <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/gdpr-privacy-notice-dfi-business-areas> or phone the Data Protection Office on 028 9054 0540.

For further details on confidentiality and FOIA/EIR please refer to www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 028 9595 3065 or A29Consultation@wsp.com.

Yours sincerely,



Rory Duddy
Divisional Lands Officer

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A29 CIS Statutory Notice – NIMVO Apr 2024

DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
A29 COOKSTOWN BYPASS

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The Department for Infrastructure hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(3) and (9) of the 1993 Order that it has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment Report on the effects of the proposed construction of the A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme.

The general effect of the project will be to construct 3930 metres of new trunk road including four new roundabouts to form part of the Warrenpoint – Newry – Dungannon – Coleraine Trunk Road T15. It also includes the upgrading of 1635 metres of the Sandholes Link Road to form part of the Cookstown – Omagh – Enniskillen – Aghalane (land frontier) Trunk Road T10.

The aim of the project is to provide a new transport link improving the connections between A29 Moneymore Road and the A29 Dungannon Road and also upgrade the link between A29 Dungannon Road and the A505 Drum Road, reducing traffic congestion in Cookstown and improving the reliability of journey times for vehicular travellers.

In addition to earthworks and drainage, landscaping will be carried out to improve the appearance of the road and lessen the visual impact of the proposed project.

TRUNK ROAD ORDER
THE TRUNK ROAD T10 & T15 (COOKSTOWN BYPASS SCHEME) ORDER
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2024

The Department for Infrastructure hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 8 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it proposes to make an Order under Articles 14(1) and 68(1), (3) and (5) of that Order.

The proposed Order will provide that 3930 metres of new road described in Part 1 of the Schedule, shall become trunk road and be part of the Warrenpoint – Newry – Dungannon – Coleraine Land Frontier T15 and 1635 metres of upgraded road described in Part 2 of the schedule shall become trunk road and be part of the Cookstown – Omagh – Aghlane (Land Frontier) T10.

The Order also provides for the stopping-up of certain junctions, the stopping-up of certain roads to road traffic and the stopping-up of certain roads to motor vehicles as set out in parts 3 to 6 of the schedule and to the abandonment of roads as per part 7 of the Schedule.

STOPPING-UP ORDER
THE PRIVATE ACCESSES ON THE A29 COOKSTOWN BYPASS
(STOPPING UP) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2024

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) gives notice of its intention to make an Order under Article 69 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 ("the 1993 Order") the effect of which would be to:

stop-up to motor traffic the following private accesses for which alternative access will be provided:-

- The unadopted Castle Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Nos. 39, 41, 41(a), 47, 49, 51 and 51(a) Castle Road); and
- The unadopted Killymoon Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Killymoon Golf Club, 280, 300 and 302 Killymoon Road).

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- The unadopted Castle Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Nos. 39, 41, 41(a), 47, 49, 51 and 51(a) Castle Road);
- The unadopted Castle Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (field access);
- The unadopted Killymoon Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Killymoon Golf Club, 280, 300 and 302 Killymoon Road);
- Clare Lane, Unclassified No. 728, Clare Townland (field access);
- Coagh Road, Route B73, Tullygare Townland (field access);
- (T15) A29 Moneymore Road (Southbound Carriageway), Ballymenagh Townland (access to No. 101 Moneymore Road);
- (T15) A29 Moneymore Road (Southbound Carriageway), Ballymenagh Townland (field access);
- (T15) A29 Moneymore Road (Southbound Carriageway), Ballymenagh Townland (access to No. 103 Moneymore Road);
- Old Moneymore Road, Unclassified No. 2208, Monrush Townland (field access);
- Old Moneymore Road, Unclassified No. 2208, Tamlaghtmore Townland (field access); and
- Strifehill Road, Unclassified No. 831, Coolkeeghan Townland (field access).

Articles 19 and 69(7) of the 1993 Order provide that where access to any land has been stopped-up in pursuance of an order made under Article 69 and any person has suffered damage in consequence thereof by the depreciation of any estate in the land to which they are entitled or by being distributed in their enjoyment of the land, they shall be entitled to recover from the Department compensation in respect of that damage.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A VESTING ORDER

The Department for Infrastructure ("the Department") proposes to make an order vesting certain lands in the townlands of Coolkeeghan, Killymoon Demesne, Gortalowry, Coolnahavil, Scotchtown, Coolnafranky, Clare, New Buildings, Tullygare, Ballymenagh, Cranfield, Monrush, Glebe (Derryloran), Ballyreagh, Derryloran Alias Kirktown, all of County Tyrone and Tamlaghtmore, County Londonderry in the Department under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

The Department proposes to acquire the lands in order to construct the A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme in Cookstown, County Tyrone and County Londonderry.

All documents and maps relating to the scheme may be inspected, by appointment, during office opening hours at the following locations: Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB; Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF; Mid Ulster Section Office, Loughrey, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown BT80 8SG; and at The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DT.

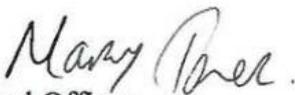
or at:- <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a29-cookstown-bypass-overview>

Any person who wishes to express an opinion on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report or to object to the making of The Trunk Roads T15 & T10 (Cookstown Bypass) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024, The Private Accesses (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024 or the proposed Vesting Order must, on or before 29 May 2024, write to the Divisional Roads Manager, Department for Infrastructure – Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF or e-mail dfiroads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk stating their opinion on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and/or the grounds of their objection to the proposed Orders. The Department will take into consideration any representations made, in support of or against the project, before deciding whether or not to proceed with or without modifications.

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For further details on confidentiality, the FOIA and the EIR please refer to www.ico.org.uk.

Signed: 
Authorised Officer

Date: 13th March 2024



Department
of Health &
Social Care

*From the Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE MP
Minister of State for Health and Secondary Care*

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Your Ref: C013/24

PO-1499852

Councillor Dominic Malloy
Chair
Mid Ulster District Council
By email to: info@midulstercouncil.org

28 March 2024

Dear Councillor Malloy,

Thank you for your correspondence of 31 January to the Prime Minister on behalf of Newry Mourne and Down District Council about access to cystic fibrosis medication. Your letter has been passed to the Department of Health and Social Care.

I am grateful to you for raising these concerns.

As you may know, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is the independent body responsible for developing evidence-based recommendations on whether medicines should be routinely funded by the NHS, based on an assessment of their costs and benefits. NICE appraises all newly licensed medicines, and the process means that the NHS can be confident that spending on NICE-recommended medicines will not displace spending on other treatments that may be more effective. These are difficult decisions to make, and it is right that they are made independently of Government by experts, based on the available evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness. It is important to note that NICE recommends the vast majority of medicines it appraises, often as a result of confidential commercial agreements between the NHS and pharmaceutical companies.

The cystic fibrosis medicines Orkambi, Symkevi and Kaftrio are currently available as treatment options for eligible NHS patients under the terms of an interim access agreement, which was originally reached in 2019. The interim access arrangements agreed with Vertex in each of the UK nations have made the medicines available at a reduced price and for a limited time, while enabling the collection of data to inform a NICE appraisal to determine whether the medicines should be routinely funded by the NHS. On 15 November, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved a new licence extension, and children as young as two with cystic fibrosis are now eligible to receive Kaftrio through the interim access agreement.

NICE published draft guidance on 3 November that does not recommend Orkambi, Symkevi and Kaftrio for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. While I understand this is extremely disappointing, it is important to note that recommendations on medicines can,

and often do, change during the NICE process. The draft guidance was subject to a public consultation that closed on 24 November, and NICE's appraisal committee met on 14 December to consider the comments received.

NICE has now reached a point in the process where it can pause guidance development to allow further commercial negotiations between the NHS and the pharmaceutical company. An update on the anticipated date of final guidance publication will be provided by NICE once timelines are confirmed.

Eligible children and adults with cystic fibrosis can continue to receive and be started on treatment with these medicines, as clinically appropriate, while NICE's appraisal is ongoing. Additionally, there is a flexible commercial mechanism in place between NHS England and Vertex to ensure that patients already receiving these treatments will have continued access following the publication of NICE's final guidance, regardless of the outcome.

If you have not already done so, you may also wish to raise this matter with Northern Ireland's Department of Health, at webmaster@health-ni.gov.uk.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



**THE RT HON ANDREW STEPHENSON CBE MP
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22 March 2024

Dear Dominic

Re: Your ref: C013.24 – NI Water complaint from Cllr Dan Kerr

Thank you for your most recent letter, reference above, which I received on 7 March 2024.

As you will be aware, this matter, concerning Cllr Kerr's dissatisfaction with the channels available to him for contacting NI Water, has continued for some time. I have confirmed previously that NI Water offers a direct phone number for Elected Representatives to contact our Customer Service teams on 0345 3006461. I accept that, conceivably, Elected Representatives who contact us on this number could, on rare occasion, experience delays in receiving an update on their query. However, I would stress that in general, NI Water is not aware of any wider dissatisfaction from any other Elected Representative across Northern Ireland with this phone line. We have a dedicated Liaison Officer for queries from the Department of Infrastructure and the Assembly and in speaking with him about this, I feel confident in suggesting that our Elected Representatives phone line is generally well thought of, and appreciated.

Of the four calls clustered around early to mid-December 2023, for which Cllr Kerr has provided details, I would confirm that I asked our Customer Service manager to investigate. We must advise that the phone number provided is a digit too long, however, we believe the number in question to be 07564132058. Reviewing calls received from this number, we have record of 3; on the afternoon & evening of 10 December, and on the afternoon of 14 December. Unfortunately there is no record of a call on the evening of 11 December.

These calls in December were not made to our Elected Representatives phone line but to our general Waterline phone line for all members of the public.

On 10 December, I believe the issue reported was to do with a manhole flooding outside the Mace shop known locally as Devlin's Mace in Coalisland. NI Water attended the following day to the shop in question, and confirmed that at that stage the manhole outside was no longer at risk of flooding, and that no issues could be detected in the sewer system serving the



property. As no underlying issues were found, it seems possible that the flooded manhole issue related to earlier rainfall.

On 14 December, our call notes state that Cllr Kerr wished to report another issue, and requested a call back.

Since that date, our Elected Representatives phone line team have attempted to return calls to that mobile number for Cllr Kerr on at least 5 occasions when there was no answer.

They note Cllr Kerr called again last week on Tuesday 12 March, this time to the Elected Representative's phone line, to report a low water pressure issue affecting Columbas Villas, Coalisland. Again, we endeavoured to call him back with an update on the issue the next day, 13 March, when we were unable to get through. On our third call attempt, the call was hung up on mid-ring.

NI Water are continuing to investigate the water pressure at Columbas Villas, as there has currently been found no issue with the mains supply to the area, which is above our Service Level Agreement for pressure and flow. Certain properties are on a shared private pipe, and we are in the process of arranging further investigations to confirm that this is the source of the issue, and what further advice we can provide about private pipework matters.

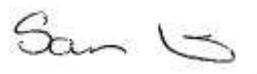
Going forward, I would reiterate that the Elected Representatives phone line on 0345 3006461 is the number Cllr Kerr should use, as he did last week, if he wishes to raise constituent issues with NI Water by phone.

If he is not available for return updates by phone, he may prefer to put such queries in writing via e-mail to waterline@niwater.com, where he can review our responses at convenience.

As we have corresponded on this matter several times now, I do feel I should query whether it merits further attention from the Council, as I feel that NI Water's response has been clear.

Cllr Kerr should not hesitate to contact us directly, by phone on the Elected Representatives number 0345 3006461, or by e-mail at waterline@niwater.com, with any further queries.

Yours sincerely



Sara Venning
Chief Executive



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15 April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

CLOSURE OF POLICE SERVICE ENQUIRY OFFICES

I previously wrote to you on the matter of Police Service Enquiry Offices.

You will be aware of the profoundly challenging budgetary situation facing the Police Service. Since he took up post, the Chief Constable has been clear about his concerns that this is affecting our ability to keep people safe.

The strategic financial outlook for policing remains stark; the Police budget remains insufficient and is not sustainable.

The Chief Constable previously told the Policing Board that as a consequence of the current financial and resource pressures we are facing, it has been necessary to review services and costs and to make savings in order to deliver a sustainable and effective organisation. One such service that has been subject to review is the provision of our Police Station Enquiry Offices.



Police Service of Northern Ireland

As a result of an extensive review which included analysis of the volume and type of demand in enquiry offices,

I am now in a position to advise that we are progressing the closure of the following Enquiry Offices:

- Belfast: Lisburn Road, Strand Town, Tennant Street and Woodbourne;
- Bangor;
- Banbridge;
- F District - Magherafelt;
- F District - Dungannon;
- Lisnaskea;
- Waterside;
- Newtownabbey.

It is not clear when these Enquiry Offices will close to the Public but it will likely be within three months. Transparency around this issue is crucial and the Chief Constable has been clear that further reductions in Enquiry Office provision or opening hours cannot be ruled out.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly and we are conscious there may be an actual and/or perceived loss of accessibility, visibility and ability to respond to the needs of the community. However this change will save the Police Service over £400K per year; these savings are necessary to deliver a sustainable and effective organisation.



Police Service of Northern Ireland

I want to be clear that these stations are not closing. Officers and staff will continue to work from

It is not our intention to cause alarm but the need for clarity and transparency on this issue is paramount. We want to be clear with you and the public about the challenges we are facing and the type of Service you can expect to see in the coming years.

Should you wish to discuss this announcement and any concerns you have please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or Chief Inspector Beverlie Reid.

I also want to be clear that the Policing team here in Mid-Ulster will continue to serve this community with professionalism. We remain committed to protecting the public in Northern Ireland to the very best of our ability.

Michael O'Loan

Michael O'Loan
District Commander

APPENDIX E

Ref.	Call box ID	Address	Post Code	Relevant Public Body	Removal proposal sent	Representation period ends	Mobile coverage				Mobile Coverage OK?	Total calls (last 12 months)	Helpline calls (last 12 months)	High frequency accident location	High frequency suicide location	BT Evidence of other reasonable need
							EE	Three	O2	Vodafone						
							EE	Three	O2	Vodafone		<52 calls	<12 calls or Helplines Partnership approve	No pattern of serious accidents in close proximity	Not identified by Helplines Partnership	No other evidence
1	02879628306	O/S NO. 46 PCO1 SIXTOWNS ROAD DRAPERSTOWN MAGHERAFELT	BT45 7BA	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	0	0	0	0	0
2	02885548608	PCO1 MAIN STREET CLOGHER	BT76 0AA	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	20	0	0	0	0
3	02885548691	PCO1 AGHINTAIN ROAD CLOGHER	BT76 0UY	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	0	0	0	0	0
4	02885549548	AT PICNIC AREA PCO1 BALLAGH ROAD CLOGHER	BT76 0HE	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	3	0	0	0	0
5	02886737208	O/S POST OFFICE PCO1 LITTLEBRIDGE ROAD MONEYMORE MAGHERAFELT	BT45 7NP	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	1	0	0	0	0
6	02886737430	MAIN STREET PCO1 WINDSOR TERRACE COAGH COOKSTOWN	BT80 0ET	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	7	0	0	0	0
7	02886761420	O/S NO 3 PCO1 BEECHWAY COOKSTOWN	BT80 8LG	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	2	0	0	0	0
8	02886762240	DUNMAN BRIDGE O/S DAIRY PCO1 MONEYMORE ROAD COOKSTOWN	BT80 8EH	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	0	0	0	0	0
9	02886766523	PCO PCO1 CHAPEL STREET COOKSTOWN	BT80 8QB	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	31	0	0	0	0
10	02887738802	PCO1 THE SQUARE STEWARTSTOWN DUNGANNON	BT71 5HU	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	10	0	0	0	0
11	02887740647	PCO1 O/S EDENDORK PRIMARY SCHOOL COALISLAND ROAD DUNGANNON	BT71 4DP	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	12	0	0	0	0
12	02887752153	PCO1 KILLYMERRON PARK DUNGANNON	BT71 6DN	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	8	0	0	0	0
13	02887752234	UP FROM 47 MAIN RRD PCO1 AT ENTRANCE TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MAIN RRD	BT71 7QU	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	2	1	0	0	0

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COPY CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: TJ/C49/24

16 February 2024

Mr Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council

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Dear Mr McCreesh

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 31 January 2024, the following Motion was passed:

That this Council notes with deep concern that at least 26,900 civilians have been killed as a result of the ongoing bombardment and siege of Gaza of which at least 10,000 are children Council notes that more than 8000 Palestinians are missing. Council Further notes there is an escalating death toll in the West Bank, with 370 people killed of which 99 are children.

Council is alarmed that almost 70 percent of the buildings in Gaza, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or severely damaged. The civilian population is facing a dire humanitarian crisis, with critical shortages of food, water, and medical supplies.

Council is particularly concerned that civilians are being confined to increasingly smaller areas without access to shelter or aid. This dire situation is leading to an escalation in civilian deaths due to bombing, shootings, starvation, disease, and lack of medical treatment.

Council resolves to:

1. Write to the British Prime Minister and Home Secretary, urging them to immediately implement a Palestinian Visa Scheme similar to the Ukraine Visa Scheme,

2. **Write to an Taoiseach asking that a request is put to the EU commission proposing a temporary protection directive, for those Palestinians seeking sanctuary, as was enacted in March 2022 in response to the Ukraine war.**
3. **Council will also write to the leaders of all political parties across Ireland urging them to support this call.**
4. **Council will seek collaboration from ALL NI councils and relevant Northern Ireland government departments, support this call pledging to facilitate and support the resettlement of Palestinian families in Ireland**

With this in mind, we as a council affirm our support to UN General Assembly resolution 194, article 11, which enshrines the Palestinian Peoples' Right of Return.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



John Kelpie
Chief Executive