

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Thursday 14 January 2021 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt and by Virtual Means**

Members Present

Councillor McNamee

Councillors Ashton*, Black, Burton*, Clarke*, Corry*,
Cuddy*, Doris*, Hughes*, Kearney*, Kerr*, Milne*,
Molloy*, Monteith*, Wilson*

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism**
Mr Gordon, Head of Leisure**
Mr Hill, Head of Parks**
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts**
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development **
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Councillor McKinney***
Councillor S McGuigan***

Agenda Item 4 – Deputation - ICBAN

Chief Executive ICBAN, Mr Campbell***
Chair, Councillor McNeill*** (Armagh City, Banbridge and
Craigavon Borough Council)
Vice Chair, Councillor Maxwell*** (Monaghan County Council)
Co-Treasurer, Councillor Nicholson*** (Armagh City, Banbridge
and Craigavon Borough Council)
Immediate Past Chair, Councillor Treanor*** (Monaghan
County Council)

* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes Others present by remote means

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. Cllr McNamee in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee wished everyone a Happy New Year, he stated that last year was difficult but that there was now a vaccine and the infection rate was coming down and that he hoped the situation would improve in the coming months.

D001/21 Apologies

Councillor Elattar and Head of Community Development.

D002/21 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Ashton declared an interest in InterTrade Ireland.

D003/21 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor McNamee expressed condolences to Councillor Cuddy whose mother passed away over the Christmas period.

Councillor Cuddy thanked Members for their messages of condolence which were appreciated.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee referred to Irish Language signage on Council property both internal and external which he stated was to go out to tender and requested update on same.

The Head of Culture and Arts stated that the tender process closed on 4 December and that the assessment panel had met and that a report will be brought to Committee in February seeking approval to appoint contractor to deliver road name signage and facility signage.

Councillor Doris acknowledged the good work done since the last Development Committee in relation to play parks across Mid Ulster and stated that the provision of disability equipment in the play parks is also appreciated. The Councillor also welcomed work carried out by Forestry Service at Drumcaine Forest. Councillor Doris referred to the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Strategy and asked for update, she commended staff for the work carried out at Knockmany Forest which she stated is in immaculate condition but that it was frustrating to see a number of other areas which are not being used to potential. Councillor Doris also referred to previous discussion in relation to walking trails for Mid Ulster and proposed that a list of walkways be made available going forward as there are a lot more people out walking at present.

The Head of Parks advised that both the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Strategy have been approved by Council. In relation to the Parks Strategy the officer advised that the specification process was almost complete and the first year tranche was due to be released. It was advised that there has been quite a lot of activity in relation to Village Renewal Schemes which were also a large part of the Parks Strategy. The Head of Parks advised that the Outdoor Recreation Strategy was approved towards the end of last year and officers are working on year one feasibility studies for a number of locations and advised that a more thorough update will be brought to the next Development Committee.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee stated that whilst there has been slippage in relation to play parks due to Covid it is important to keep focus on this programme.

Councillor Burton referred to constituent who is trying to get a UTR (Unique Tax Reference) number but that the National Insurance office has been closed since the start of the pandemic. The Councillor stated that in order to get the UTR number the person needs to have a face to face meeting but that this cannot be done at present. Councillor Burton advised that similar offices in England, Scotland and Wales are open and that in the Republic of Ireland similar meetings are taking place via Zoom. The Councillor stated that for an office to be closed for almost a year is something which needs looked at and asked that Council raise this matter with the Executive Office and HMRC.

The Chief Executive agreed to investigate the matter and revert back to the Councillor.

D004/21 Deputation - ICBAN

The Chair welcomed the Chief Executive, Chair, Vice Chair, Co-Treasurer and Immediate Past Chair of ICBAN to the meeting and invited the board members to make their presentation.

Councillor McNeill thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak to them tonight and provide update on The Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region 2021 – 2027. Councillor McNeill thanked the Council for their support of the Framework document in the past and Mid Ulster Council representatives on ICBAN. Councillor McNeill also congratulated Mr McCreesh on his recent appointment as Chief Executive of Mid Ulster District Council and wished him well for the years ahead in his new role. Councillor McNeill introduced Mr Campbell, Chief Executive of ICBAN who would make the presentation to Members.

Mr Campbell provided presentation (appendix 1) on The Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region 2021 – 2027 and how it is hoped it will impact the Mid Ulster Council area which is one of the 8 local authorities in the ICBAN partnership. Mr Campbell stated that this Framework builds on and works with frameworks already in place and deals with the key issues now such as Brexit, Covid 19 and climate change. Mr Campbell took Members through the features of the Framework and explained the Regional Priorities and five Catalyst Projects which are in the early stages of development. Mr Campbell also stated that the Framework is a living document which can be added to and developed through time and as opportunities and challenges present themselves. Mr Campbell acknowledged the support of Council for the Framework document and asked for the continued support of Members by inputting into its development and engaging in advancing the priorities and catalyst projects of the Framework.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee thanked Mr Campbell for the presentation and invited Members who come forward with questions/comments.

Councillor Molloy referred to the blue/greenways and stated he would be keen to examine what is in it for Mid Ulster in that respect. Councillor Molloy stated there has been recent development of the Western Greenway and the Shannon-Erne linkages and asked if there was any proposed further development within ICBAN for the Ulster Canal route which will link in with the Blackwater catchment area and Coalisland. Councillor Molloy stated he felt there was huge potential for the development of this route and the benefits which could come from it.

Councillor Molloy referred to Peace Plus replacing Peace IV and asked if there are any projects which Mid Ulster could tap into going forward.

Councillor Treanor stated he was aware of the campaigns for a project on the Ulster Canal and referred to an announcement before Christmas of 7 million towards a project on the Canal from Clones to Lough Erne. Councillor Treanor stated that there is more money to come and that at least there is some movement forward. Councillor Treanor referred to past plans for the Ulster Canal and completing work in stages and appreciated that the project Councillor Molloy spoke of is a good example in which there could be collaboration to seek funding. Councillor Treanor referred to the Slieve Beagh masterplan which comes into the Mid Ulster area and is already in place and could go forward for funding. Councillor Treanor stated that there are a number of funding avenues for projects such as Peace Plus and including Shared Island Fund and Growth Deal Funds and if strong cases are put together then ICBAN can compete for funding.

Mr Campbell referred to the five catalyst projects mentioned in the presentation and felt these would be of interest to Mid Ulster and the other 7 Councils in ICBAN. Mr Campbell stated that it is hoped that a number of initiatives will come from these five projects and there will be opportunities for partnership working outside of each Council's own area.

Mr Campbell stated that Peace Plus is a real opportunity for local authorities to work together and is a mix of Peace monies and INTERREG monies. Mr Campbell stated that it is hoped the monies will amount to €850 million to €1 billion of funding for projects up to 2027. Mr Campbell stated that the funding will be for social and economic projects and that it is important for Councils to be ready and have projects to deliver.

Councillor Clarke referred to earlier comments in relation to the Ulster Canal and Lough Neagh and felt that as a representative of Magherafelt DEA he could also comment on what he felt was the jewel in the crown of Lough Neagh and the fantastic facilities at Ballyronan Marina. Councillor Clarke asked what support there has been from the Councils North and South to work together in the delivery of the Framework.

Councillor Maxwell stated that all political persuasions work together in ICBAN to come together to a common consensus of what is good for the region. Councillor Maxwell stated that all Councils needed to continue to work together to try to leverage as much funding as possible into the region.

Councillor McNeill stated that ICBAN met with the North/South Ministerial bodies before Christmas at which funding was discussed and the Regional Framework was provided to the representatives. Councillor McNeill stated it was good to see the ICBAN Board and all political persuasions working together for the betterment of the whole area.

Councillor Nicholson stated that the Framework document has got the full support of Councils, the Councillor stated it is a strategic document which gives a framework for all member Councils to move forward in collaboration. Councillor Nicholson stated that ICBAN has a proven record for delivering shared infrastructure projects and that he hoped opportunities would arise with the five catalyst projects being put forward within the Framework document.

Councillor Clarke asked if funding opportunities are available to deliver the overall Framework of Regional Priorities.

Mr Campbell stated that a number of sources are being considered for the funding of the programme and that ICBAN will seek to bring about monies to enhance the delivery of projects. Mr Campbell stated that one of the greatest resources to the delivery of projects is the time and effort of Councillors and officers across the member Councils working together in the development and delivery of projects. Mr Campbell stated that the catalyst projects identified within the Framework are the developing themes of Peace Plus funding and that he felt there are opportunities for funding from this source.

Councillor Cuddy stated he sits on the Tourism Forum of Mid Ulster Council and that Members have seen the success of the Wild Atlantic Way and Hidden Heartlands initiatives. Councillor Cuddy asked if ICBAN was involved with either of these projects.

Mr Campbell stated that ICBAN has delivered a number of tourism projects and that the Wild Atlantic Way includes the Council areas of Donegal and Sligo. Mr Campbell stated that there is currently a European Programme which looks at opportunities for delivering tourism across the ICBAN region and the West of Ireland. Mr Campbell stated that ICBAN could provide an opportunity to bring together all the tourism destinations within the regions ie. Wild Atlantic Way, Hidden Heartlands, Ireland's Ancient East, Embrace the Giant Spirit, Sperrins and Fermanagh Lakelands. Mr Campbell felt that the ICBAN region sits at the crossroads of all these destinations however this is something that is yet to be developed.

Councillor Cuddy stated that the Wild Atlantic Way initiative has been a tremendous success and that he felt any funding should be spread across as many Council areas as possible.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee thanked Mr Campbell and the ICBAN board members for their presentation tonight and that Council looked forward to working together in the future.

ICBAN deputation left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Matters for Decision

D005/21 Mobile Catering Concessions

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval to procure mobile concession Grab & Go catering services at selected council owned/managed venues and public Parks.

Councillor Corry referred to recent news reports regarding people gathering in parks and other outdoor locations with takeaway coffees etc and not enough social distancing in place. The Councillor asked that if catering services are approved can Council ensure that a similar situation will not arise at the locations being put forward. Councillor Corry also stated that there were more locations detailed on the original list and asked if this is a trial.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that the sites being put forward tonight were for trial and if successful then the list can be expanded to include other sites. The Director advised that Council will monitor situation with regard to compliance of contracts and health requirements and if there was found to be a breach Council would

have to deal with that as it saw fit. The Director advised that it was likely to be the summer before catering services were in place and hopefully the situation in relation to Covid would be improving by then.

In response to question from Councillor Ashton regarding catering provider at Dungannon Park the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there is currently no provider at Dungannon Park as the person who had the contract terminated their contract therefore there is no provider at that location currently and there will be no competition in relation to what is being put forward tonight. The Director advised that if Council were to re-tender the catering contract for Dungannon Park at the moment it was unlikely to get anyone due to the current situation and economic conditions.

Councillor Ashton referred to local hospitality businesses which have been badly affected by Covid and asked if there would be a push to market this opportunity to those businesses to ensure that Council would not be going into competition with them.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the catering services would be sought via public tender and everyone would have opportunity to apply.

Councillor Kearney referred to Portglenone Riverside Path and how well used that path is and that grab and go catering would be very much welcomed at that location.

Councillor Burton referred to facilities at Brantry and Round Lake which are both well used but are outside of a village/town and that she felt it this offered an opportunity for enterprise at such locations.

Proposed by Councillor Corry
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to procure mobile catering concessions for Grab & Go services across selected Council owned/managed venues for an initial period of 6 months with the option to extend for a further two, 6 month periods subject to satisfactory performance and subject to terms and conditions of a Catering Agreement.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee referred to a member of the public who had been watching last month's meeting and had contacted himself after the meeting to state that he had a contract with Forestry in relation to Drum Manor Forest for the last couple of years and the next year and a half. The Chair stated he had been assured that all locations had been cross checked to ensure there are no contracts in place.

D006/21 Community Development Report

The Chief Executive presented previously circulated report which provided update in relation to the following:

- Community Grants; to agree the Grants Policy and budgets for 2021-2022
- Emergency Support Funding; to agree the allocation of additional DFC funding
- Community Development – to note the community development update

Councillor Doris stated she was happy to propose the report and commended staff who have worked unbelievably hard to get grants out on the ground throughout the year. The Councillor also thanked the Department for Communities and stated that the help was making an impact on peoples lives during this really difficult time.

Councillor Doris referred to the Free School Meals and that there are a number of children who are just above the threshold to receive these and that this is putting families under additional pressure. Councillor Doris stated that this is something Council should look into with the Education Authority.

Councillor Corry stated she would second Councillor Doris's proposal and also concurred with the comments in relation to the good work of the Council team and Department for Communities and also volunteers who have been working in foodbanks and other services. Councillor Corry also stated she was happy to see the inclusion of funding for mental health as Covid has taken a toll on mental health.

Councillor Ashton referred to appendix 1 of report and the Discretionary Grant and that it was noted there is no budget for this grant which will stop the grant from opening this year. Councillor Ashton stated she proposed a budget of £150k for Discretionary Grants which would allow this budget to open.

The Chief Executive advised that it is the intention to reignite that particular support programme for the forthcoming year as demand is significantly increasing and that officers would be keen to incorporate the Discretionary Grant into the programme for 2021/22.

Councillor Monteith stated he did not have difficulty with the thrust of the proposals but that he did foresee some issues as he believed there will be an outcry from families who only have children in primary school that are entitled to free school meals and that they would therefore not be eligible for fuel stamp support. The Councillor stated he understood there was a limited budget available but that he felt this matter needed some work and rejigging of monies to ensure support can be given to all families with children entitled to free school meals.

Councillor Monteith also referred to public confusion in relation to the Well and Warm Scheme which is being rolled out differently across Councils. The Councillor stated that the public were confused as to what they could be entitled to and that there was an expectation being created among communities. Councillor Monteith stated that if possible any surplus monies should be set aside to deal with demand.

Councillor Monteith proposed that the fuel stamp support be expanded out to include those who have children in primary schools that don't have children in post primary schools and are entitled to free school meals. Councillor Monteith also proposed that consideration be given at next Development Committee to the Anti Poverty Strategy as foodbanks and fuel stamps were becoming normalised and people who are working do not have enough to feed their family or heat their home. Councillor Monteith stated that there needed to be a society which pays people to work and provide for their family as reliance on foodbanks and fuel stamps is not normal.

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal and declared an interest in Coalisland Community Foodbank. Councillor Kerr also thanked everyone who donated to the Coalisland Foodbank following the Christmas appeal and the volunteers who worked

hard throughout 2020 and will continue to do so through 2021. The Councillor also praised the other community groups and individuals who assisted throughout the Council area in 2020.

Councillor Black stated he seconded Councillor Ashton's proposal in relation to Discretionary Grant.

The Chief Executive stated that no one would disagree with the desire to roll the fuel stamp support scheme out to all schools but that the difficulty is that there is limited monies available and that £50 would make a valuable contribution and impact to a family. The Chief Executive stated that the proposal as it stands would allow that impact to be made across 2500 individuals and if the scheme was to be expanded out there are in excess of 50 primary schools across Mid Ulster which would mean that the impact would be greatly reduced. The Chief Executive stated that the scheme is designed to have an impact and that is why it is targeted to post primary schools and suggested that the scheme be rolled out as proposed and that officers go back to the Department to request additional funding for similar roll out to primary schools. The Chief Executive stated that throughout Covid Council had led from the front and has demonstrated that it can innovatively deliver schemes and has been able to access resources time and again. The Chief Executive stated that there was a limited resource for this scheme and that if Council can demonstrate that the scheme can work efficiently and with impact as proposed it provides a good basis when making a request for further resources.

Councillor Monteith stated he accepted what was being said and that Council were dealing with a limited amount of money but that he felt it is a glaring omission to leave primary schools out. Councillor Monteith stated that whatever decision is taken tonight is not ratified until Council and proposed that officers approach the Department now with a view to getting additional finance and also engage with the primary school sector to ascertain the number of additional individuals there would be if the scheme were to be rolled out to primary schools even if this meant a reduced amount as it would still be better than nothing. The Councillor stated that this was no reflection on officers but that he just felt the matter needed a bit more work to make sure Council is being as fair as it can be with limited resources.

Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments and that it would not be difficult to get the numbers receiving free school meals. Councillor Molloy stated that Councillor Ashton's proposal in relation to Discretionary Grants is important as a number of community groups and sports clubs have seen the effect of Covid on their activities and that changing facilities and toilets etc will need to be looked at in a different light going forward. Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Doris stated that everyone acknowledged that there will be lot will come from the funding as set out in the report with the additional tweaks mentioned. Councillor Doris asked if there was any merit in Council writing to the Education Minister to establish if anything further could be rolled out to primary schools.

The Chief Executive stated that the difficulty with writing to the Minister would be that it would open another channel which would take time to achieve any output. The Chief Executive stated that officers would do their best to increase the resource for fuel stamp support and would talk to the Department and schools on the matter and if this required revising allocations there would be no difficulty with that.

Councillor Hughes stated she was supportive of the report and the issues raised.

Councillor Hughes declared an interest in Rural Support.

Councillor Cuddy stated that at last night's Policy and Resources Committee Members were advised that Council currently have 80 staff furloughed and that whilst Council had offered its services to other Stormont departments nothing had been taken up. Councillor Cuddy stated that there was an opportunity to utilise Council staff within the community at this time and suggested that this be investigated.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee stated he wanted to place on record his appreciation of the good work of the community development section in the roll out of grants over the past year.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To agree the Community Grants Policy and budgets 2021 – 2022 as set out at appendix 1 of report with the addition of a £150k budget for Discretionary Grants to be included.
 - (II) That officers engage with the Department in relation to additional funding for the fuel stamp support scheme and rollout to primary schools. Officers to also engage with Education Authority on the number of individuals involved in the roll out of the scheme to primary schools with updated figures and allocations to be brought to the Council meeting.
 - (III) To bring report on Anti Poverty Strategy to next Development Committee.
 - (IV) To note Community Development update report.

D007/21 Sperrins Future Search Project Update

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report which provided update and sought approvals in relation to the Future Search Initiative. The Head of Tourism highlighted that due to current restrictions it is now proposed to put the Launch Event on hold until a more suitable time.

Councillor Clarke stated it was good to see the project moving forward and noted that it is proposed to hold the launch event in the Alley Theatre in Strabane. Councillor Clarke felt it would be more appropriate for the launch event to be held at a location within the AONB.

The Head of Tourism stated he would raise this issue at the officer meeting taking place tomorrow.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To put the Launch Event on hold until a more suitable time.
 - To continue to support the delivery of the Sperrins Future Search initiative and collaborative projects.
 - To support the suggested project name going forward, that being, Sperrins Partnership Project.

Matters for Information

D008/21 Minutes of Special Development Committee held on 29 October 2020

Members noted minutes of Special Development Committee held on 29 October 2020.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee stated that there have been a number of presentations made to the Development Committee recently and requested an update report on any follow up meetings with the groups.

D009/21 Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 December 2020

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on 10 December 2020.

Councillor Monteith asked if a date had been set in relation to meeting with the Department of Education with regard to special education and process of statementing. The Councillor also asked if there had been any feedback from the Timorese Community in relation to the issue with id and referred to agreement at last meeting to write to the Trust in relation to the Valley Care Home and if an update had been received.

The Chief Executive stated that he would seek clarification on the issues raised and come back to Members.

Councillor Doris requested update in relation to email previously sent by Linda Dillon MLA in which it was requested that Council investigate if lands at Derrylaughan side of Maghery Bridge could be transferred from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to Mid Ulster District Council.

The Chief Executive advised that the Director of Environment and Property was discussing the matter with his counterparts in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and that an update will be brought to the Environment Committee in due course.

Councillor Corry referred to email received from Draperstown Celtic requesting support from Council. The Councillor stated that this club does a lot of good work in the community particularly during the pandemic and referred to the pitch which becomes waterlogged and unusable during the winter months and that she hoped that Council would provide all the support it can.

The Head of Leisure stated that he had been speaking with the club this week and it is hoped a meeting will take place in the near future. The Head of Leisure advised that officers will work with the club to see what support and assistance Council can provide.

Councillor Kerr requested update in relation to Altmore/Cappagh projects and the transfer of licences from the Forestry Service regarding Drumcairne.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that Terms of Reference were issued before Christmas in relation to Altmore and Cappagh and are due back next week. The Director advised that the Forest Service have requested masterplans for these sites prior to them entering into a lease agreement and that this is in process.

D010/21 Ballysaggart Lough Enhancement Scheme

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on recent works to upgrade and enhance visitor facilities at one of Dungannon's best known local beauty spots, Ballysaggart Lough.

Councillor Monteith thanked officers for the work done and referred to previously held Member workshop in which it was his understanding that Council would be moving towards a masterplan for Ballysaggart Lough. Councillor Monteith stated that there needed to be more strategic discussion in relation to Ballysaggart Lough and proposed that a report be brought to the next Development Committee on the medium to long term future development of the Lough. The Councillor stated that the matter has been raised on a number of occasions and that there needs to be significant investment in the area as the potential is immense and the community are not prepared to wait any longer.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal and asked that Ballysaggart Lough is added to the agenda for the next Railway Park meeting.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) That a report be brought to the next Development Committee detailing a strategic investment plan for Ballysaggart Lough and building towards a major capital investment in the area.
 - (II) That Ballysaggart Lough be put on the agenda of the Railway Park meeting to be held next week.

D011/21 Macmillan Move More Research Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on a research and evaluation report completed in partnership with Queens University Belfast and Macmillan, demonstrating how proactive the Macmillan Move More programme has been throughout the Covid pandemic. The initial findings of the research were circulated for noting at Development Committee in September 2020.

D012/21 Arts Council of Northern Ireland Survey on Arts and Culture engagement levels during COVID-19 Pandemic

Members noted previously circulated report which provided findings of research commissioned by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland that demonstrate levels of Arts and Culture engagement in Northern Ireland during Covid-19 Pandemic.

D013/21 Tourism Business Engagement Programme

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined the business engagement work ongoing through the Tourism Forum, webinar series and Whats App group.

D014/21 Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group

Members noted previously circulated report which provided the Minutes of the Tourism Development Group meeting held on 22 September 2020 and approved at Tourism Development meeting held on 9 December 2020.

D015/21 Santa visit to Primary Schools in the Mid Ulster District

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of a special visit from Santa to all the Primary School children in Mid Ulster, Christmas 2020.

Live broadcast ended at 8.43 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Doris

Seconded by Councillor Molloy 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 D016/21 to D018/21.

Matters for Decision

None

Matters for Information

D016/21 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 December 2020

D017/21 Sport NI EBA 2020 Programme

D018/21 DAERA (TRPSI) Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2020

D019/21 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.52 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, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

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

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I 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 first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.