

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 March 2023 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor Clarke, Chair  Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Corry, Cuddy*, Doris*, Kerr*, McNamee*, Martin*, Milne*, Molloy*, Quinn*, Wilson
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place (SD: C&P) Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing (AD: HL&W)** Ms McKeown, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes (AD: EDT&SP)** Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Services & Finance (SD: CS&F) Mr Clarke, Neighbourhood Development Manager, Community Development Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT** Mrs Grogan, Committee and Member Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Councillor S McGuigan  Agenda Item 4 – Deputation ICBAN Mr Shane Campbell***

\* 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 Clarke welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Clarke 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.*

**D041/23 Notice of Recording**

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

## **D042/23 Apologies**

Councillor Elattar.

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

## **D043/23 Declaration of Interests**

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

*Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Sean item 8 – SLA – Broughderg.*

## **D044/23 Chair's Business**

No items.

## **D045/23 Deputation – ICBAN**

The Chair, Councillor Clarke welcomed Mr Shane Campbell from ICBAN to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Campbell updated the committee on the workings and progress of ICBAN (appendix 1).

Mr Campbell took members through the outputs of the organisation as follows:

- 1) 'The Framework of Regional Priorities, 2021-2027' strategy programme
- 2) Broadband Infrastructure
  - Utilise reports for continued Advocacy
  - Complete implementation of 'Digi2Market' project with SMEs in Agri, Engineering and Tourism sectors
- 3) Regional Literary Tourism – Complete implementation of 'Spot-lit' / BLITZ' Project
- 4) Brexit – Making representations on Regional Data; Exploring the Opportunities and Challenges of Brexit

The Chair thanked Mr Campbell for his excellent presentation and invited any comments in which members may have.

Councillor Molloy thanked Mr Campbell for his very indepth presentation on the sterling work in which ICBAN has carried on for a long period of time. The Councillor referred to comment made in relation to the Ulster Canal and the intention for a feasibility study and hoped that this was not a duplication as Mid Ulster District Council and ABC also carried this study out along with Lough Neagh Partnership, presented by Mr Gerry Darby last Autumn with costings for the lower Blackwater as part of the Ulster Canal, the Blackwater navigatable from Benburb down to Lough Neagh. The member felt if this could be incorporated into Mr Campbell's study as it

was very indepth and came back with good recommendations as to how to access the river and how it can be used at the significant part that is already navigatable.

Mr Campbell thanked the member for his kind remarks and said that he had read the study which had been completed by Mr Gerry Darby from Lough Neagh Partnership and confirmed that there would not be a duplication between the terms of reference proposed for this feasibility study. He said that this was taken into account when papers were being developed as the basis for the study and no doubt wants to link in with Lough Neagh Partnership and their findings as a key constituent and stakeholder organisation as the group develop these plans.

Councillor Burton felt that this was a very important point as she recalled one of the former Council's programmes where there were people in a business situation had a shelf ready project to go forward to the bank which was not acceptable. The Councillor felt that when working with these feasibility studies people do not want to be doing the exact same thing all over again and was important that this was not lost and took on board. The member referred to the slide where it alluded to cross-border education programme and asked if Mr Campbell could elaborate on and who was involved in either training or benefitting from it.

Mr Campbell advised that these were proposals at this stage between further education, higher education institutions of the regions which includes South West College, Southern Regional College, three educational training boards which were in the south of the area and also Atlantic Technological University. ICBAN were looking towards developing three priority project areas in learning of education skills and training which includes cross border apprenticeships, particularly focusing on the areas of sustainable construction. The second area relates to digital citizens and coding for secondary schools, with one element looking towards augmented reality, virtual reality opportunities for the tourism sector. The third area relates to supporting SMEs in directing capital investments through an advanced manufacturer initiative, which is at quite an early stage and it is anticipated that the Peace Plus programme will open quite soon, possibly in May or June and would anticipate that the efforts of the six educational bodies with ICBAN would probably excelerate. Mr Campbell advised that efforts of the organisation strive to make sure there is a communication linkage between the work of the FE and HE sectors on this with the ambitions of the Mid South West Councils Group as well to ensure that all those efforts can be joined up in this region.

Councillor Burton enquired if ICBAN would be engaging with the regions within the border areas i.e. Aghnacloy which was a border town and Fivemiletown also close to the border. She enquired if there was a possibility with a linkage if the schools were interested as she was aware of the schools very recently taking their young people out to different events for future career paths and was wondering if this was something that could be tapped into, either by the schools or by ICBAN.

Mr Campbell advised that this would be something that he would pass on the Southern Regional College i.e. the project in which they were looking at is coding in secondary schools which is most relevant to those skills beyond schools and FE/HE. He said that he could certainly pass on to Southern Regional College for schools within the border regions of Aghnacloy and Fivemiletown. Mr Campbell advised

that there was also a different project called vertical transition which is looking at supporting communities along the border in developing their own climate action responses, one of these projects has already been completed in a united block which is Cavan, Leitrim and Fermanagh borders and looking at securing funding to roll this out into other areas. There was a significant element of that project in Lough Neagh areas which included local schools and children within the area about their futures and what climate actions they would like to be involved in and how they could promote that with their parents and this would be something that the organisation would be keen to deliver to other areas. Mr Campbell stated that this would be something that he would be keen to engage with Council Officers on to open out to other areas.

*Councillor Kerr declared an interest in ICBAN as he was employed by the company involved with Project Stratem.*

Councillor Kerr congratulated Mr Campbell on his excellent presentation and alluded to comments made regarding the massive investment by the 26 County Government in the Ulster Canal. The member said that a huge issue within the Torrent area is the Coalisland Canal, with one of the main objectives being trying to get it reopened as there was a linkage from the Ulster Canal to Coalisland Canal. The member said that although the investment was very much welcomed, he hoped that there could be further projects lobbied by the 26 County Government for the smaller waterways and hopefully further down the line it could be a joint effort between Mid Ulster Council and all the other Councils to link to Ulster Canal to try and get the Coalisland Canal back to its original status.

Mr Campbell advised that the work which will be completed on the feasibility study, the costings on the route would have to be considered on the linkage to the Coalisland Canal. He advised that he appreciated that Mid Ulster Council were very keen to see the development on the Ulster Canal with the element of the Coalisland Canal also and this would be certainly considered and would be mindful of that in the future.

Councillor Quinn concurred with previous comments about the excellent presentation and said it would be a remiss of him not to join in and shout about the Coalisland Canal as it was something that the community would like to see established. He was aware of the sterling work which the organisation has been doing through Councillor Kearney and could certainly see physically what ICBAN were doing around the country with a lot of exciting plans for the future.

Councillor Corry thanked Mr Campbell for the presentation and referred to Ringforts Feasibility Study and advised that Mid Ulster were developing a Heritage Strategy and part of that study was to investigate Ring Forts and different tins etc. which may be an idea to tie into together. The Councillor referred to Climate Friendly Farming/ Biodiversity, particularly the hedgerows and said that it was disappointing to see over the last number of years the number of hedgerows and trees which were being taken away as she had witnessed this for herself locally with flooding and half a mountain sliding down on to the road.

Mr Campbell advised that the Peace Plus programme was a £1.144 billion package that was going to be rolled out, but has to be launched yet and due to be agreed by the end of April and early May. He stated that an element of the programme was going to be for large scale regional projects and wants to ensure that all the Councils in the partnership can secure as much of that funding into the region as possible and whilst certain funding will be for these large regional scale projects, there will be elements of the Peace Plus programme which will be for smaller projects for communities up to £100K which is the level of funding being talked about on Peace Plus element 6.2 which was community initiatives on cross-border basis. Mr Campbell advised that discussions had been taking place on how some of that information could be shared on what could be coming up on Shared Island and Peace programmes and what opportunities could be taken advantage off for the area. He hoped that there could be opportunities for Heritage improvements and Biodiversity in the Peace Plus programme as these smaller scheme levels up to £100k schemes which could still make a significant difference. Mr Campbell advised that the Shared Island programme continues to open up new areas and opportunities and at the moment there is a programme looking into Climate Action Plans which will be raised with the Council within the coming days. Mr Campbell said that it was important to see what was out there and how best to sieze upon such opportunities as ICBAN listen to what plans Mid Ulster Council may have or other adjacent District Councils may have in trying to create links i.e. linkage between Carrigallen and Tullyhogue Ringforts. There is large amount of funding being made available for cross-border initiatives over the next number of years and would be important to seize every opportunity to try and secure that.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that a lot of good work is being done in every area by ICBAN i.e. canals, schools/colleges, boardband etc. and concurred with Councillor Corry's comment about this Council being very upfront about development of our heritage and especially our environment which was absolutely essential. The Chair, stated that there has been a lot of protections in place but our environment is deteriorating at a rapid pace. The member referred to the Sperrin Partnership of the four Councils within the Sperrins area which have come together and are working upon a good project but there is still so far to go, 55 years since the Sperrins was declared an AONB, but in that time the landscape has been obliterated so there is a huge job to be done to try and restore it the way it was in 1968, never mind enhancing it. The Chair stated that there was a lot of work being done and was confident that there would be a massive amount of work to be done in the future and thanked Mr Campbell for attending the committee tonight to provide members with an update and also the organisations ongoing work alongside the Council.

Mr Campbell left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D046/23 Facilities Room Hire Chares at Arts, Leisure and Tourism 2023/24**

The Strategic Director of Communities and Place (SD: C&P) presented previously circulated report to update Members on Room hire charges in Arts, Leisure and Tourism venues/ facilities and to seek approval to implement from 1st April 2023.

Councillor Ashton said that whilst scanning through the breakdowns she noticed that some of the figures seemed to be different from what would have been passed as a similar kind of space. The member referred to the Hill of The O'Neill for non-commercial for Sunday, hourly rate £105 and full day £262 and felt that this was totally out of sync with all the other hourly and daily rates. The member also referred to the Helicon and Square Box and enquired if these would not be of similar size in space and felt that the hourly/daily rates seemed to be totally out of sync right across the board.

The SD: C&P in referring to Ranfurly advised that as noted within the report, a further review of the Ranfurly was required in the context of the strategic review currently being progressed and that a further report may need to be considered around pricing, once that review was completed. In terms of the Square Box and Helicon he advised that the Helicon does have a greater capacity than the Square Box.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Proposed Room Hire Charges at Arts, Leisure and Tourism venues/facilities 2023/2024 as outlined in appendix A of this report.

#### **D047/23 Community Wealth Building**

The Strategic Director of Communities and Place (SD: C&P) presented previously circulated report and sought approval on Community Wealth Building.

Councillor Corry said that she would be happy to propose the recommendation as she attended the working group which was a very exciting project going forward and great to secure funding to support that.

Proposed by Councillor Corry  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the Community Wealth Building Update and accept the offer of funding from DfC (£29,000) to support the development of our CWB work and 'test and learn' plan.

#### **D048/23 Development Report**

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

- Rolling Community Grants
- Grant Funding Allocation 2023-2024 Update
- DfC Advice Salary & Cost of Living Uplift Payment
- Good Relations – Additional Funding
- Community Arts Plan 2023 – 2024

- Community Arts – King’s Coronation 2023
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Grant 2023
- Cross Border Arts and Climate Change Project
- Development Update

Councillor Kerr proposed the recommendation.

Councillor Wilson said that he would be happy to second the recommendation but wished to raise a few points.

Councillor Wilson advised that there were a number of programmes within the report which has been an absolute success for this Council and felt that our Council did not promote them enough. The member referred especially to the programme for Traditional Music in Schools run by Mr Donald Canavan which is run by all schools which wanted to be involved, this was brilliant and this Council should be taking credit for this. The member advised that this was the initiative of the legacy Cookstown Council and now it has expanded out and felt that this should be linked in with the promotion and also credit for the Piping School also. Councillor Wilson said that it was encouraging to see Mid Ulster Arts Festival being run again, which was a good idea, as in previous Cookstown Council there was a Comedy Festival which run over a few days and attracted people to the area and welcomed that development. The member stated that although it was a very full report, felt that Council should be taking credit for some of the tremendous projects that Officers and teams were delivering.

Councillor Quinn concurred with Councillor Wilson’s comments regarding the Arts Festival as it was an excellent idea and was happy to push it forward himself. The member congratulated the Council on getting it implemented and said that whilst it may be small this year, he anticipated it escalating over the next decade. The member referred to the Comedy Festival and stated last year he had suggested trying to reignite it and attach it along with the Arts Festival and may be something that Officers could look into for next year. When it comes to the Arts, Mid Ulster is the envy of every other Council and referred to Fra Fee’s appearance in the Lyric Theatre celebrating his career, he’s from Killyman and started with the Bardic Theatre and Craic Theatre and this was the talent Mid Ulster was producing which was being celebrated all over the world for its success.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To approve Local Community Festivals and Good Relations grants
  - To note the updated Grant Funding Allocation 2023-2024
  - To approve DfC Advice Salary & Overhead Allocations
  - To approve receipt of Good Relations Additional Funding
  - To agree the Community Arts Plan 2023 – 2024
  - To approve the Community Arts King’s Coronation activity 2023
  - To approve the Seachtain na Gaeilge Grants
  - To support the Cross Border Arts and Climate Change Project
  - To note update the Development Department

The SD: C&P sought permission to raise a verbal item which was linked to the Development Report, he apologised for not raising the item verbally, however indicated that the matter had only recently come to Officers attention.

The SD: C&P advised that this week correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) offering Council a share of funding to facilitate the local screening of the King's Coronation and the Coronation Concert with additional funding being made available to facilitate the screening of the Eurovision Song Contest the following weekend. Confirmation of our intention to accept or decline this funding is required to be confirmed with the NIO tomorrow therefore the committee is being asked to consider the request.

Councillor Ashton said that she would be happy to propose the recommendation, but would add previously in these incidents with NIO that we actually partner with a community organisation that has been able to roll out a wider programme on behalf of the Council and would ask that Officers be given that space to have those discussions if it's linking in with a strategic partner.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to accept NIO's offer of funding to facilitate the local screening of the King's Coronation and Coronation Concert and Eurovision. It was further agreed that Officers are to liaise with the NIO to explore the opportunities to progress this funding with community organisation(s) in supporting and enhancing relevant events which may already be being planned.

#### **D049/23 Health, Leisure & Wellbeing Service Level Agreements 2023/24**

The Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing (AD: HL&W) presented previously circulated report and sought approval to agree proposals on Community Service Level Agreements (SLA's) for the financial year 2023/24 only.

Councillor Doris said that she would be happy to propose the recommendation, but referred to the work which was being carried out at Drumcairne Forest at the moment where there had been talk of an SLA with a community group for closing of the gates which wasn't included within this report. The member also referred to Coalisland Mens Shed carrying out good work litter picking down at Coalisland Canal and was wondering if the AD: HL&W could explore these two requests to see if anything could be accomplished.

Councillor Kerr said that he would be happy to second the report. The member referred to the Washingbay Walkway and said that he wished to raise a few issues regarding Washingbay Walkway.

- Fencing to the entrance – Member had met with Mr Nigel Hill a few years ago and still this has not been painted which was promised 2 to 3 years ago.



- Reed Bed for central sewage system, still not fixed after Council workers entered 2 years ago, reeds have not been replaced and causing a smell within the public park area
- Trees recently cut down and branches left shrewn throughout the local nature reserve

Councillor Kerr proposed that a report be brought back to next month's Development committee meeting on a proposed timescale as to when the fencing would be painted, the reed issue sorted and shrewn branches to be removed and sorted.

Councillor Quinn concurred with comments from Councillor Kerr and said that he had the same issues and would also second his proposal for a report to be brought back next month. In referring to the Washingbay Waterway advised that there was still a lot of issues relating to sight coming out of the facility which can be quite dangerous, especially at night time. He was aware of Council Officers on previous occasions trying to find a solution with the landowner on either side and asked if this could be relooked at again to see if there could be some kind of compromise in regards to better sightlines coming out of the entrance.

The AD: HL&W in referring to Councillor Doris' issues stated that intensive discussions have been taking place regarding Drumcairne Forest which hasn't come to fruition as yet and this was why it wasn't included within this report.

The AD: HL&W advised that he would note the point around the Coalisland Mens Shed and if anything does materialise similar to the Slieve Gallion report a few months ago, then a report would be brought back to this committee, but this would need considered in line with the available budgets within the incoming year if there is capacity.

The AD: HL&W in response to Councillors Kerr and Quinn's point in relation to Washingbay advised that this would be inspected to see what can be accomplished. The Assistant Director advised that it may not be possible to bring a report back to next month's committee due to meetings being moved forward to the first week of April to accommodate the Easter period, with reports having to be in next week, but would try and put one together, but if this was not possible, including the absence of committee meetings in May, then an email will be issued to the two Councillors by way of an update if they were agreeable.

Councillor Kerr said that he would be happy to incorporate Councillor Quinn's comments into his proposal. The member said that he realised that it might be a tight timescale to have report brought back to committee next month but would appreciate an update on progress in the interim.

Proposed by Councillor Doris  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council note the contents of this report and give approval for the Health, Leisure & Wellbeing Service Level Agreements for the period 2023/24 financial year only.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Quinn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that an update on progress be provided to members on concerns related to Washingbay Walkway.

**D050/23 Affordable Warmth Scheme SLA 2023-2024**

The Assistant Director of Health, Leisure & Wellbeing (AD: HL&W) presented previously circulated report to update Members on communications received from the Department for Communities (DfC) on the Affordable Warmth Scheme 2023-2024 and the consideration of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the April 2023 – March 2024 year.

Councillor Burton said that she would be happy to support the proposal. The member said that she was aware of this being very well oversubscribed and enquired if there was a waiting list or were the Council able to deal with the people who were in the current system as this was a very valuable service due to the current economic climate and people being on the breadline.

The AD: HL&W advised Council was making use of the current threshold with a maximum of 20 referrals each month which normally were sent off to the department within the first two weeks of every month. For any other enquiries which come in during that same calendar month, officers still work through the criteria, screening and ready to submit the next month and maybe just a time lapse due to the targets. The Assistant Director said that these were all being tracked and anyone which meets the eligibility criteria are kept in chronological order and once the new month is started then they are sent off to the department.

Councillor Corry said that she was happy to second the recommendation. The member was aware of the oversubscription of the programme and was disappointed at the number of referrals being reduced but hoped that a better increase can be met in the future. She also hoped that the Assembly could be up and running shortly and that the Minister can track more funds to the likes of Affordable Warmth to help people which are struggling.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the content of this report and to approve the Service Level Agreement between the Department for Communities and Mid Ulster District Council for the Affordable Warmth Scheme for the April 2023 – March 2024 year.

**D051/23 Catering Provision at Arts and Leisure Venues**

The Assistant Director of Health, Leisure & Wellbeing (AD: HL&W) presented previously circulated report to update members on current catering provision at arts and leisure venues and to seek approval for Cafe and refreshment contract for arts, leisure and recreation venues.

Councillor McNamee proposed to accept the officer's recommendation. The member enquired where the tenders would appear; papers or online tender.

The AD: HL&W said that it was envisaged to put these through eTendersNI but would also be seeking to promote it once it goes live on our social media. The Assistant Director stated that there was a requirement to change our procurement stance at the moment in terms of advertising within the printed media, but would investigate and come back to the member.

Councillor Molloy said that he had a similar kind of thought and if it was advertised necessarily as a procurement exercise, suggested it can be advertised by Comms through print media and to direct people to the eTender way of approaching it, possibly having much experience of leisure or tourism facilities outside of Mid Ulster, felt that the offerings within our centres are poor and this is recognised. The Member stated that in the past we have been much too restrictive in either awarding tenders or the way we do things and has been prohibitive to people hiring also and hoped that this could be looked at in a fresh light and looked forward to it coming back to committee on a decision on a final awarding.

Councillor Wilson said that his concern would be around Cookstown Leisure Centre and childrens parties that take place there. The member stated that at present it allows for people to take their own food in and was vitually important that this stays as we do not provide the food the kids want for a childrens party. He felt it was very important that the option was given to parents rather than using vending machines.

The AD: HL&W stated that this could be taken under consideration as under the proposal for Cookstown Leisure Centre there is a commercial kitchen space which is not being utilised at present, but there is a hope that Council can attract a caterer to come in and run the space and be able to provide options for hot and cold food for snacks for a range of functions including birthday parties. The Assistant Director said that this can be taken on board around the current operations to see what flexibility that we can have within any specification, but there is an intention to make this as attractive as possible as a viable business opportunity as it would be good to see it up and running again.

Councillor McNamee advised that there was a good Café facility at Cookstown Leisure Centre previously and would be good to see it back to something similar again in the future.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to give approval for Council to:  
Proceed to seek to procure cafe and refreshment contract(s) for arts, leisure and recreation venues as outlined in section 3.8 of this report.

## **D052/23      Draft Mid Ulster LMP Action Plan 2023-24**

The Assistant Director of Economy, Tourism & Strategic Programmes (AD: ET&SP) presented circulated report to update Members on the development of Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership - Draft Action Plan 2023-2024.

*Councillor Wilson declared and interest in the above item as he sits on the Partnership and withdrew from the meeting at 8.03 pm.*

Proposed by Councillor Corry  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to:

- Approve the Draft Mid Ulster LMP Action Plan 2023-2024 subject to any final adjustments required by the Department for Communities (DfC) following assessment. A copy of the final Mid Ulster LMP Action Plan 2023-2024 to be brought back to the Development Committee for Members information once DFC has approved the Plan.
- Approve that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to;
  - (a) Sign and return the letter of offer from the Department for Communities;
  - (b) Make appointments to the successful organisations following the completion of all relevant procurement exercises. This will allow work on the Mid Ulster LMP Action Plan 2023-24 to commence as soon as possible.

## **Matters for Information**

### **D053/23      Minutes of Development Committee held on 16 February 2023**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 16 February 2023.

Councillor Kerr referred to D027/23 and enquired if there was any update on the correspondence from the Southern Trust regarding Cervical testing or was it going to be brought on the Correspondence list to full Council meeting at the end of the month.

The Strategic Director of Communities & Place (SD: C&P) advised that no update was available at present, but would investigate and come back to the member.

### **D054/23      Lands at Altmore/ Cappagh Update**

Members noted update on the current position regarding the proposed development of publically owned lands at Altmore/Cappagh.

Councillor Kerr welcomed the report and said that he was aware that there was a scheduled meeting next week but emphasised the importance of getting progress on this project as soon as possible.

## **D055/23 Economic Development Report – OBFI**

Members noted update on key activities as listed below:

- Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 16.11.22
- Tourism Development Group Minutes 11.11.22

Councillor Kerr referred to item 2.1 and enquired if there was any update on the local section of DfI regarding the flooding at Kings Row, Coalisland. The member stated that he had raised this issue a few times at Development committee and there was still no concrete date.

Councillor Kerr said that he has been in contact with Council Officers regarding this issue but felt there was a need to provide some kind of pedestrian safe crossing from Mamies Corner to Washingbay Road to give pedestrians priority for a right of way and asked if this could be also incorporated into the meeting with DfI as both areas are beside each other. The member would appreciate if this meeting with Roads Service could be scheduled as soon as possible.

The Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes (AD: EDT&SP) advised that she would need to liaise with the other Department involved with the project in terms of the technical side, in terms of flooding. The Assistant Director advised that an update would need to be sought in relation to that and an update provided to the member after the meeting.

*Live broadcast ended at 8.09 pm.*

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Corry

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** 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 D056/23 to D059/23.

### **Matters for Decision**

D056/23	SHHP - Bellaghy Bawn Literary Residential Proposal
D057/23	Environmental Health Management System
D058/23	Feeney's Lane

### **Matters for Information**

D059/23	Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 16 February 2023
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**D060/23      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, [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

# ICBAN Progress Report Presentation

for year to 31/03/2023

By Shane Campbell, ICBAN

1. **'The Framework of Regional Priorities, 2021-2027' strategy programme**
2. **Broadband Infrastructure**
  1. Utilise reports for continued Advocacy
  2. Complete implementation of 'Digi2Market' project with SMEs in agri, engineering and tourism sectors
3. **Regional Literary Tourism** - Complete implementation of 'Spot-lit' / BLITZ' Project
4. **Brexit** - Making representations on regional data; exploring the opportunities and challenges of Brexit



Outputs



## 2. Broadband Representations

- ▶ Drawing on 'Fibre at a Crossroads' reports' evidence
- ▶ Monitoring for clawback of c.£14m funds to enhance delivery into rural areas
- ▶ Monitoring delivery of Project Stratum and potential clawbacks
- ▶ Best practice and oversight of National Broadband Ireland programme



## Digi2Market Immersive Technologies Project

Designed for SMEs to take advantage of new digital marketing opportunities, through Augmented and Virtual Reality technologies

**Digital City** - a gated business community portal where SMEs can interact internationally on solutions, product collaboration and accessing new overseas markets is to be released.



Business Co-operation

# 3. Spot-lit Project



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2014-2020



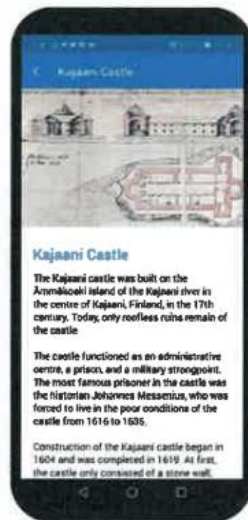
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## Digital Apps for 4 Regions including NI



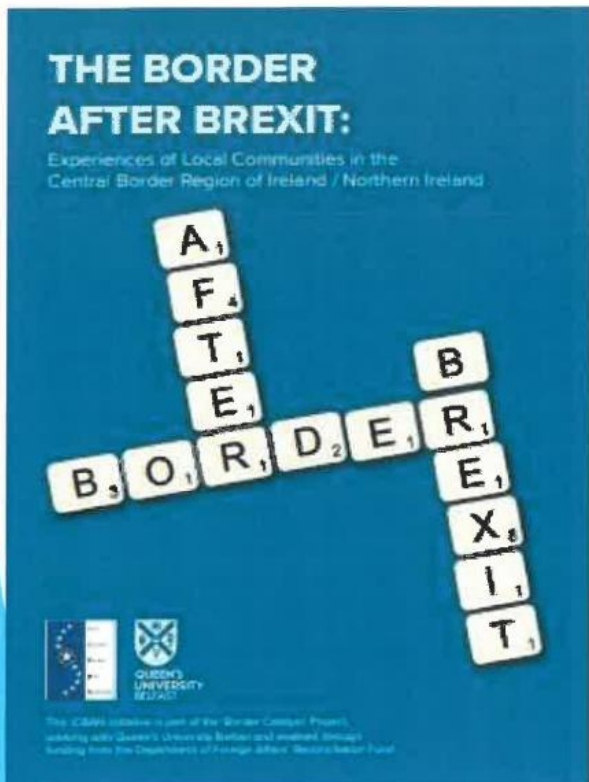
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# 4. Brexit



- ▶ Submitting evidence to committees and consultations, drawing on evidence from 4 research exercises / reports, and 2100 responses gathered, including:
  - ▶ House of Lords Call for Evidence
  - ▶ EU Parliament Regional Development research programme
- ▶ New research bid: Impacts from Brexit and Protocol / Windsor Framework on cooperation, within NI, North-South and island of Ireland / GB

