



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council



Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum Meeting

Monday 20th March 2023 at 5.30pm

Microsoft Teams

Present

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| 1. Cllr Niamh Doris | Mid Ulster District Council (Chair) |
| 2. Cllr Niall McAleer | Mid Ulster District Council |
| 3. Francie Molloy MP | Coalisland Residents & Community Forum |
| 4. Avril Sharkey | Department for Communities |
| 5. Evan Maxwell | PSNI |
| 6. Dermot McGirr | Translink |
| 7. Patricia Toner | Sole Sister |

In Attendance

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| 8. Colin McKenna | Mid Ulster District Council |
| 9. Emma Hughes | Mid Ulster District Council |

DISCUSSION	
Apologies	
Cllr Dan Kerr	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Robert Colvin	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Joe O'Neill	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Malachy Quinn	Mid Ulster District Council
Adrian McCreesh	Mid Ulster District Council
Fiona McKeown	Mid Ulster District Council
Michael McGibbon	Mid Ulster District Council
Raymond Lowry	Mid Ulster District Council
Seamus Warnock	Mid Ulster District Council
Johnny McNeill	Mid Ulster District Council
Raymond O'Neill	Eden Blooms (Vice Chair)
Melanie Campbell	Coalisland Community and Voluntary Representative

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	<p>Connor Lowe Sharon McGowan Ursula Marshall Lesley Maxwell Brian O’Neill</p>	<p>Frank McGirr’s Department for Communities Mid Ulster Disability Forum Department for Infrastructure Coalisland Credit Union</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Cllr N Doris, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting – Monday 16th January 2023 Proposed by Cllr N Doris Seconded by F Molloy and agreed: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 were a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – Monday 16th January 2023 Cllr N Doris asked Council Officers for updates on the following matters arising:</p> <p><i>3.1 Tourist Information Point</i> C McKenna advised that a meeting took place on Friday 3rd February 2023 and a location was decided within the Civic Space. Installation is to be in this financial year so the Tourist Information Point is expected to be installed by 31st March 2023.</p> <p><i>3.2 Land Issues DfC / Mid Ulster District Council</i> C McKenna updated Members about the query in relation to land issues – the lands are in the Brackaville/Derry Road area which are located outside the town centre boundary. He advised that the relevant Council Officers have been contacted and asked DfC representative whether any contact had been made. A Sharkey reported that no contact has been made yet but that it would be better if consultation with Council could be at the start of the new financial year in April. C McKenna stated that it would be useful to pass on the relevant Council Officers’ contact details so that direct contact could be made. Action: C McKenna to forward relevant contact information to A Sharkey</p> <p><i>3.3 Gateway signage</i></p>	

	<p>C McKenna informed Members that the gateway signage for the districts towns and villages hasn't been agreed at Council level yet. However, when signage is agreed, it will be one uniform sign for the District.</p> <p><i>3.4 Fly posting</i></p> <p>E Hughes reported that fly posting falls under planning legislation. This is a reactive service and therefore a complaint needs to be raised. The complaint is with the Planning Enforcement Team ref: LA09/2023/0071/CA and she will update Members at the next meeting of any progress. F Molloy stated that the fly posting was unsightly on the fencing and it any progress on this would be welcomed.</p> <p>Action: E Hughes to monitor progress of fly posting complaint and report to Members at next meeting.</p> <p><i>3.5 Coalisland Town Centre Forum Constitution</i></p> <p>C McKenna advised Members that the Coalisland Town Centre Forum Terms of Reference state that the agreed number of members is 19. As there are some members unavailable to attend meetings, C McKenna suggested that this could be re-evaluated so that new Members could be given the opportunity to sit on this forum. F Molloy agreed that new membership would be advantageous and put forward a recommendation of a possible member who works in the town.</p> <p><i>3.6 Town boundaries</i></p> <p>E Hughes informed Members that as per advice from DfC and Mid Ulster District Council's Planning Team, the town centre boundaries are determined by the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan. The area plan is currently being revised by the Mid Ulster District Council's Planning Team. It was advised that businesses within the town centre boundary fall within different planning legislation. Cllr N Doris recommended that there should be consultation with local businesses outside of the town centre boundary to see if there is support for progressing this.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Town Centre Updates - C McKenna updated Members</p> <p><i>Coalisland Public Realm</i> – The final accounts are being finalised ahead of approval which is expected in April 2023.</p>

	<p><i>Coalisland Revitalisation</i> – no further updates. Snag review is ongoing until retention ends.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Gift Card</p> <p>C McKenna updated Members with the Programme Summary Report to 20th March 2023. C McKenna stated that the Mid Ulster Gift Card is keeping money in our district.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Constable Maxwell informed Members of the current crime trends. Due to reports of incidents along the canal walk, there has been increased patrols along the path and in the town.</p> <p>There has been an increase of shoplifting in the local supermarkets, Newell Stores and Springisland. PSNI are running workshops for local businesses to help tackle this. Constable Maxwell advised that there is an increased police presence in the town due to ongoing matters in the area.</p> <p>Cllr N Doris asked if any Members had any issue which they would like to raise.</p> <p>C McKenna updated Members in relation to the query about carbon monoxide levels on Main Street/King’s Row. Environmental Health are aware of the air testing request for Coalisland. They are intending to get the monitoring installed within the next month or so. The testing is carried out over a 12-month period to take the seasonal changes into account. C McKenna will update Members at the next meeting of any progress.</p> <p>Action: C McKenna to get an update regarding the carbon monoxide/air testing query and report to Members at next meeting.</p> <p>C McKenna informed Members that this was the last meeting for Cllr N Doris. He thanked her on behalf of the Council for all her work and wished her success in her future endeavours. F Molloy also thanks Cllr N Doris for all her work.</p>

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	<p>Cllr N Doris said that it had been a pleasure serving the community of Coalisland and that she was particularly proud of the Public Realm work and the new Christmas tree.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 17.58pm</p>
6.	Date of Next Meeting TBC

MINUTES OF MAGHERA TOWN CENTRE FORUM

**Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 12:30pm
Via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

Cllr Brian McGuigan	Mid Ulster District Council (Chair)
Cllr Sean McPeake	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Cora Corry	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Martin Kearney	Mid Ulster District Council
Conall McKee	Department for Infrastructure
Michael McCrory	Mid Ulster District Council
Una Morgan	The Dugout
Gary Burns	Maghera Development Association
Kieran Bradley	Walsh's Hotel
Ursula Marshall	Mid Ulster Disability Forum

In Attendance:

Anne Marie Campbell	Mid Ulster District Council
Terry Scullion	Mid Ulster District Council
Fiona McKeown	Mid Ulster District Council
James Donnelly	Mid Ulster District Council
Colin McKenna	Mid Ulster District Council
Paul McCreedy	Mid Ulster District Council
Davina McCartney	Mid Ulster District Council

Apologies:

Sharon McGowan	Department for Communities
James Armour	Maghera Historical Society
Kyle Lucas	PSNI
Johnny Graham	Department for Infrastructure

	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	WELCOME Chairperson Cllr B McGuigan welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Wednesday 14 th October 2021 Proposed: Cllr Sean McPeake Seconded: Cllr Cora Corry	
3.	MAGHERA REGENERATION PROJECT - LEVELLING UP FUNDING UPDATE G Burns congratulated Council on securing the Levelling Up funding for Maghera Regeneration Project, which he felt was long overdue and much needed in Maghera.	

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	<p>Anne Marie Campbell explained the background to the scheme and Davina McCartney delivered a presentation on the scheme.</p> <p>G Burns asked would there be a complete circular walking route around the town following completion of the wetland park. Cllr B McGuigan confirmed there would be a number of interconnected walkways around the town.</p> <p>G Burns congratulated the team on the fantastic high level concept.</p> <p>U Marshall asked that Mid Ulster Disability Forum be included in the development of the Wetlands Park plans. Also that the Disability Forum is allowed to comment on the change for a one way scheme to a two way scheme and the impact on footpath widths.</p> <p>Cllr S McPeake also queried the footpath widths and if the further community consultation and would delay the project's progress.</p> <p>D McCartney explained the change from a one way to a two way system would not impact on the footpath widths proposed in the original scheme but on the car parking arrangements that would be accommodated at St Mary's Church. She also explained that the community engagement would not delay scheme progress it was simply about keeping people informed about what was happening.</p> <p>Anne Marie Campbell stated a stakeholder engagement plan was being developed for the project.</p> <p>G Burns said he was disappointed that the proposed one way system was not going ahead as originally proposed and feels this is missing a once in a generational opportunity to improve traffic flow in Maghera.</p> <p>Cllr C Corry stated she agreed with Ursula's comments and asked if there was more consultation planned for the Wetland Park Project.</p> <p>AM Campbell stated there would be further consultation / engagement as the project progressed and that is was really important to get agreement on the whole project as all three elements need to be delivered. She asked that everyone gets behind the project and supports the Council Officers to deliver it on the ground.</p>	
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	C McKee said they were very keen to see the Public Realm Scheme completed to allow them to follow on with the roads resurfacing.	
4.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING To be circulated.	