

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Wednesday 3 April 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present

Councillor McNamee, Chair

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Elattar, McEldowney,
Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan and G Shiels

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D074/19 Apologies

Councillors Doris, Forde, Milne and J Shiels

D075/19 Declaration of Interests

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

The undernoted interests were declared in D077/19 Community Development – Grant Awards

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in

- Community Development Report Grants;*
- Cookstown Community Allotments;*
- Cookstown Father Rocks GFC; and*
- Gortalowry Park Community Group*

Councillor Elattar declared an interest in Ballinascreen Community Forum

Councillor McEldowney declared an interest in Brocagh Emmets GFC

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in Aughintober Regeneration

Councillor Molloy declared an interest as a member of Cycling Ireland, the governing body regarding the Cycul Ltd organisers of the Lap the Lough event

Councillor G Shiels declared an interest in

- *Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre*
- *The Lighthouse (Magherafelt) Ltd*

Councillor Burton declared an interest in

- *Bawn Development Association (family connections interest)*
- *Caledon Regeneration Partnership*
- *Caledon in Bloom*
- *COSTA*

D076/19 Chair's Business

None

Matters for Decision

D077/19 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following –

- **Community Grants Awards**

Councillor Molloy commended officers on their work and welcomed the money being invested in local community group activities.

The Head of Community Development advised that she had not the exact detail of number of applications but there was over 600 grants awarded in a year.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the grant award recommendations listed within Appendix 1 of the report.

- **Community Development Service Plan 2019-2020**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy

Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Community Development Service Plan 2019-2020 as per Appendix 2 of report.

- **PCSP (draft) Action Plan 2019-2020**

Members noted the PCSP (draft) Action Plan 2019-2020 as per Appendix 3 of report.

Councillor Burton declared an interest in the PCSP (draft) Action Plan 2019-2020

- **Community Development Update**

Members noted the Community Development Update contained within the report.

The Head of Community Development provided an update to the Community Development Good Relations report and sought approval to seek quotes for the Traditional Music in Schools Programme at a budget of £13k. It was noted that Community Development partner with Arts & Culture Services in the delivery of this programme.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy

Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed to seek quotes for the Traditional Music in Schools Programme at a budget of £13k.

Councillor Clarke entered the meeting at 7.05pm

The Head of Community Development advised Members that in relation to the Peace IV Connecting Pomeroy project one partner (Church of Ireland) was yet to sign the appropriate documents for inclusion and highlighted that a deadline has been set for 30 April 2019. In response to Members questions she advised that officers were endeavouring to resolve the issues the proposed partner had with the project conditions and funder stipulation and it was hoped they would come on board by the aforementioned date.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's request for an update regarding Breakthru the Head of Community Development advised that Breakthru had ceased on 31 March 2019 and that their parent group Dungannon Development Association (DDA) was currently still in existence and were tying up the ends of the project. She advised that discussions were taking place with DDA when they cease re the land/building returning Council.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Breakthru understood that Council as a corporate body could not provide the assistance they required and were gracious in their appreciation of Council's efforts.

The Head of Community Development advised that meetings were scheduled for the incoming week with 360⁰ and the Health Trusts to ensure gaps in service would be addressed.

The Director of Business and Communities left the meeting at 7.07pm

D078/19 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following –

- **DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that officers from Mid Ulster District Council work with the nine other Councils to compile a Business Case to submit to DAERA to secure funding for a Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme, which if successful will provide a minimum funding allocation to each participating Council in 2019/20 of £50,000.

- **PLATO 2 Proposal (2019/20)**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to decline the proposal from the PLATO Network for 2019/20, seeking funding from the Council to deliver a PLATO 2 Programme at a cost of €20,000, due to the enhanced costs to Council and to business participants.

- **NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to decline the Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal from the NOW Group, seeking financial support from Council of £60,000, equating to £20,000 per annum for three years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22).

- **ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20)**

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query as to whether Council receives a fair return from ICBAN the Head of Economic Development drew attention to appendix 3 of the Economic Development report and advised that officers were satisfied that Council received a positive return for their investment.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve funding to ICBAN of up to £12,500 from Council's Economic Development Budget 2019/20, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and progress updates). Furthermore to approve the release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested, as outlined above.

- **Invest NI – International Conference**

Members noted the progress in relation to the Invest NI International Conference being held in Cookstown on 10 and 11 June 2019.

- **Retail NI Meeting Minutes – 18.02.19**

Members noted minutes of meeting held with Retail NI on 18 February 2019.

- **Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Minutes – 26.11.18**

Members noted minutes of meeting of Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group held on 26 November 2018.

D079/19 Walk NI Consortium 2019-20

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought approval to commit to Walking NI Marketing Consortium Campaigns for 2019-20.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to participate as a Regional Partner with the Walking NI Marketing Consortium and contribute £3,445 to the 2019-20 campaign.

D080/19 Recommendations on allocation of Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants (Re-advertised)

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report which advised on the re-advertised Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants as set out at appendix to report.

Matters for Information

D081/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 March 2019

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on 14 March 2019.

D082/19 Corporate Events 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined the programme of corporate events for 2019.

D083/19 Mid Ulster Tourism Development Group

Members noted the previously circulated report which provided minutes of Mid Ulster Tourism Development Group held on 9 January 2019.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Head of Tourism advised that the minutes presented within the report were 9 January 2019 as they were agreed as an accurate record at the meeting on 12 March. He confirmed that the 12 March 2019 minutes would be presented to committee once approved at the next meeting of the Tourism Development Group.

D084/19 International Women's Day 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which highlighted activities delivered through Culture and Arts Services to mark International Women's Day 2019 on 8 March.

Councillor Burton advised that she had received feedback regarding the event which would not have been as positive as that detailed in the report and stated that going forward she would like to see more Councillor involvement in the events for International Women's Day. As Deputy Chair in 2019 she expressed her disappointment that she could not attend Council led events due to a clash of dates/timings and when she had queried this was advised they could not be changed.

In response the Director of Business and Communities advised that the Councillors comments would be considered in the planning of such future events.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton
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 D085/19 and D087/19.

Matters for Decision

D085/19 Redevelopment of the former Maghera High School Site
D086/19 Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund

Matters for Information

D087/19 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 March 2019

D088/19 Duration of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor McNamee acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the committee in the current council term and thanked Members and officers for their contribution to the committee during his time as chair. He extended best wishes to fellow Members going forward to election and to Councillor McEldowney who was standing down from Council.

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 7.25 pm

CHAIR _____

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