

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of a DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 17th December 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor McElhone (Chair)

Councillors: Clarke, Glasgow, Kelly, Lees, Mallaghan, Mayo, McAleer, McCartney, McCrea, McFlynn, McGarvey, McNamee, Quinn and Wilson

Officers:

Adrian McCreesh	Chief Executive (Acting)
Ivor Paisley	Director of Corporate & Operational Services
Mark Kelso	Director of Environmental Health & Building Control
Mark McAdoo	Head of Waste & Contract Management
Emma Bell	Administrative Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were reported on behalf of Councillor McIvor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PRESENTATION

3.1. Mid Ulster Transition Committee

The Chief Executive (Acting) provided Members with an update on the Mid Ulster Transition Committee, which included progress to date and its short to medium term objectives from now until June 2014. In addition, Members received an update on the progress of the Local Government Bill and its implications for the new Mid Ulster Council.

The Director of Corporate & Operational Services highlighted potential challenges which may be encountered by the Statutory Transition Committee.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 7.42pm.

The Head of Waste & Contract Management entered the meeting at 7.44pm.

Councillor McAleer re-entered the meeting at 7.46pm.

Councillor McNamee thanked the Chief Executive (Acting) for his valuable presentation and recommended that updates are presented to Members as necessary.

It was AGREED that the Chief Executive (Acting) provide Members with a Cluster and Regional Transition Update on a bi-monthly basis at Council's Development Committee Meeting.

4. DUNGANNON & COOKSTOWN BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

It was proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and AGREED

That Council release its first 50% payment of £1,250 to Dungannon & Cookstown Business Education Partnership for 2013-2014, subject to the relevant documentation being submitted to Council.

Members NOTED Dungannon & Cookstown Business Education Partnership's Progress Report for the period up to 30th November 2013.

5. LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Lough Neagh Partnership has secured £2.58 million funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which is to be welcomed.

Councillor Clarke advised that several Landscape Partnership schemes are being delivered in the Draperstown, Glenelly and Limavady areas, and there is an opening for a similar scheme to be rolled out within the Sperrins area. It was AGREED that the Chief Executive (Acting) would refer this matter to Council's Tourism Sub Group for consideration.

Members NOTED Lough Neagh Partnership's Progress Report for the period up to 30th November 2013.

6. ICBAN

Members NOTED ICBAN's Progress Report for the period up to 31st December 2013.

7. NATURAL GAS NETWORK EXTENSION TO THE WEST AND NORTH-WEST

The Chief Executive (Acting) reminded Members of the background to this proposal and he advised that correspondence, dated 26th November 2013, was received from Ms Fiona Hepper, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment (DETI) in response to Council's invitation to attend a future meeting to update Members on the Natural Gas Network Extension.

It was AGREED that a sub group of Members would attend a joint meeting with Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council and Magherafelt District Council to receive a presentation from DETI representatives with regards to the Natural Gas Network Extension proposal. It was further AGREED that this meeting may be held in Cookstown Council Offices in January 2014, following agreement with DETI.

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that following this meeting Council may carry out a Public Relations exercise to advise local businesses of the Natural Gas Network Extension proposal or alternatively local businesses may be invited to receive information at a special meeting.

8. MID ULSTER SPORTS ARENA

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that the MUSA Upgrade and Proposed Pricing structure applies to the new single and double courts. He advised that the new courts will be Officially Opened in January 2014.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and AGREED

That Council ADOPT the report and recommendations from the Head of Sports Services with regards to the MUSA Upgrade and Proposed Pricing structure, as outlined below:

Single Court					
Off Peak		Priority Group		Community Group	
Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult
£10	£15	£15	£20	£25	£30

Double Court					
Off Peak		Priority Group		Community Group	
Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult
£15	£25	£25	£35	£40	£50
Off Peak is from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday					
6pm to 9pm Monday to Friday is for the Priority Groups (Women and girls, those with a disability and the elderly)					

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1. Senior Citizens Christmas Events

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson
 Seconded by Councillor McNamee and AGREED

That Council ADOPT the report and recommendations outlined within the Senior Citizens Christmas Events Report for 2013, as outlined below:

GROUP NAME
Ardrea & Desertcreat Senior Citizens Group
Broughderg Area Development Association
Claggan Presbyterian Church
Coagh & District Local History Group
Coagh Community Crossroads Club
Coagh Time & Talent Group
Cookstown Arthritis Care Group
Cookstown & District History Group
Cookstown Gardening Club
Cookstown North Community Group
Coyle's Cottage Women's Group
Derryloran Parish Church
Desertlyn Bowling Club
Elevenes, First Cookstown Presbyterian Church
Gortalowry Park Tenants Association
Kildress Kare

Lissan Leisure Club
Lissan Parish Church
Loup Womens Group
Magheraglass Womens Group
Mid Ulster Ex Firefighters NI Association
Moneymore Activity Group
Moneymore WI
Muintirevlin Historical Society
Parkview Community Group, Pomeroy
Riverside Drive and Blackhill Association
Sperrin Court
St Vincent De Paul Society, Stewartstown
Stewartstown Community Group
The Royal British Legion
The Monday Club
The Tuesday Craft Club
Woodschapel Branch Mother's Union

9.2. Good Relations

Members NOTED minutes of Good Relations Meetings held on 18th September 2013 and 16th October 2013.

10. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

10.1. Cookstown Revitalisation Scheme – Cookstown Shop Improvement Scheme

Members NOTED update report, dated 10th December 2013, with regards to Phases 2 and 3 of Cookstown Revitalisation Scheme – Cookstown Shop Improvement Scheme.

10.2. Cookstown Public Realm Scheme

Members NOTED letter, dated 6th December 2013, from Ms Emma Murray, Department for Social Development (DSD) with regards to Cookstown Public Realm Scheme following Council's request to extend the expenditure period for the scheme to be completed.

10.3. Shopmobility Cookstown

The Chief Executive (Acting) commended Shopmobility Cookstown for receiving 447 bookings for wheelchair and portable scooters in July 2013.

Councillor Wilson advised that Shopmobility Cookstown was awarded 'Best Community Business' at the Mid Ulster Business Awards on 21st November 2013 and he proposed that Council write to Shopmobility Cookstown to congratulate them on this significant achievement. AGREED

Members NOTED minutes of Shopmobility Cookstown Committee Meeting held on 12th September 2013.

11. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that he and the Director of Corporate and Operational Services are seeking to convene a meeting with representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) with regards to spend commitment and potential future implications.

11.1. South West Local Action Group

Members NOTED minutes of South West Local Action Group Meetings held on 4th September 2013, and 2nd October 2013.

11.2. Rural Development Programme Joint Council Committee

Members NOTED minutes of Rural Development Programme Joint Council Committee Meetings held on 9th September 2013 and 14th October 2013.

Meeting ended at 8.03pm.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive (Acting)

Date