

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	13 th June 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To agree the Sports Capital grants.
1.2	To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
1.3	To note the Gortgonis Community build project and proposed usage by Forever Friends Play Group.
1.4	To note proposed usage by Clogher Valley Pre school Play Group at Clogher Community Centre.
1.5	To note the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) minutes.
1.6	To seek Committee approval for the Festive Lights provision for rural villages.
1.7	To note the update on Connecting Pomeroy re partner programme delivery.
1.8	To approve request from DFC Syrian Refugee Team to contribute towards VPRS storage scheme.
1.9	To note the update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community sports capital grants – Council annually distributes sports capital funding for community led sports facilities across the District.
2.2	Community Grants – Council annually delivers two rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
2.3	Neighbourhood Renewal Gortgonis Community Provision – As part of the leisure, community and wellbeing development at Gortgonis a new recreational and community building is being proposed and current legacy tenants are being engaged for relocation to the new build.

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>2.7</p> <p>2.8</p> <p>2.9</p>	<p>Clogher Valley – As part of the development of the new strategic child care centre led by Early Years at Clogher, the preschool facility has to fine temporary accommodation and is liaising with Council regarding the use of Clogher Community Centre (old school).</p> <p>Housing Sub Committee - As part of Community Planning, Council has established a subcommittee/working group to seek to address the provision of social housing across the District.</p> <p>Festive Lights Provision for Rural Villages – Council annually delivers funding across the District to support local communities provide festive lighting for their settlement.</p> <p>Connecting Pomeroy – As part of the Connecting Pomeroy project there is partner delivery for the Peace capacity building and activity programme currently being delivered by RDC which is no longer in place as an organization, with Rural Action having taken over its main projects and activity.</p> <p>The VPRS storage scheme is a scheme to support Syrian Refugees whereby any donations of food, household items etc. are stored at The Storehouse North Down. The Storehouse North Down is an ideal space to collect, hold, sort and distribute the donations received and in partnership with their sister charity Kiltonga Christian Centre are providing volunteers and resources towards the refugees’ needs at a regional basis.</p> <p>Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Village Planning, Community Centres, DFC Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main Report</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Sports Capital Grants – – 37 Applications awarded £118,335. One application was deemed ineligible as double applicant from the year before, please see Appendix 1 for approval.</p> <p>Rolling Community Grants: 17 Good Relations applications awarded £12,845 – 1 application ineligible as from a regional organisation and 34 Community Local Festivals applications awarded £20,900 – 1 application did not the minimum score threshold while another was ineligible as is being supported under the Irish Language Programme, and another private sector led, please see grant award recommendations in Appendix 2 for approval. Please note a grant award for the small arts, community, and heritage fund was missed off the April grant report as an administration error. This amount is included for approval; Cookstown North Community Group award £590 refer to Appendix 2.</p> <p>Gortgonis Community Provision – As part of the development at Gortgonis a new recreational and community building is being proposed. The recreation element of the building is in the region of 750sqm and provides for gym and changing for both</p>

	<p>internal and external track and pitch usage. The community provision is approx... 616 sq.m which provides for flexible usage of 366 sq.m and 250 sq m for current group usage (day centre provision and play group provision). To agree to go to LPS to finalise a rental agreement with the Play Group.</p>
3.4	<p>Clogher Valley – A temporary solution is being proposed to accommodate the Clogher Valley Preschool Play Group at the Clogher Community Centre to allow for the strategic development of the new Clogher Child Centre. To agree a temporary rental agreement similar to other current tenant (The Rural Centre).</p>
3.5	<p>Housing Sub Committee – please see attached at Appendix 3 minutes of the previous meeting for information.</p>
3.6	<p>Festive Lights Provision for Rural Villages – to agree the same funding award as per 2019. Please see attached in Appendix 4 for approval. It is also proposed to continue with the existing allocation for a 3 year period to allow groups to plan ahead with regard to the development of festive lights provision in their areas, based on an annual review and continuous monitoring and verification. Letters of offer will be allocated each year pending budget.</p> <p>To continue to engage with any small settlement as noted within the Mid Ulster Area Plan that is not currently being provided for as part of the current arrangement, who would like to provide festive lights in their area. To continue to provide Council indemnity for insurance for areas with minimum £1million insurance to value of £10 million, if required (DFI requirement for some areas).</p>
3.7	<p>Connecting Pomeroy – Notification of an amendment to partner for delivery of the Connecting Pomeroy Capacity Building and Activity Programme, as agreed with SEUPB to be finalized by their Steering Group. RDC, a project partner with Mid Ulster District Council in the delivery of the £5.1M PEACE IV Shared Space Project “Connecting Pomeroy” went into administration due to an unresolved pension issue when transferring from a DARD NDPB to a charity; and due to a time pressure this issue could not be resolved and the charity was advised to go into administration. A new, not for profit social purpose organization, “Rural Action” has been established since 1st April 2019 with the same aims and objectives as RDC. The key personnel involved in RDC are now within Rural Action. Following a due diligence assessment and review of the Connecting Pomeroy project requirements along with SEUPB, Council is satisfied to formalize Rural Action as a partner to deliver the capacity building and activity programme.</p>
3.8	<p>Approve financial assistance for 3 years to continue to support the VPRS storage scheme to assist with needs of Syrian Refugees resettled in Northern Ireland and Mid Ulster area. The annual cost is £300 per year as part of the Good Relations support for integration and diversity. Please see letter request at Appendix 5.</p>
3.9	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u> Grant letters of offer are currently being compiled for all successful awards.</p>

	<p>Neighbourhood Renewal: DFC projects for 2018 – 2019 are continuing to deliver. The DUY capital build remains on progress to complete October 2019. The application for support funding for Gortgonis to DFC has been submitted.</p> <p>The Dungannon Paupers Grave – a letter was issued to the Health Trust regarding protection of the site. Council officers met with the Development Planning team of the Trust with regard to any potential site development and referenced the issue of the paupers grave and it was confirmed they were aware of this and were taking due consideration. The History Group has since met with the Trust who are developing plans for a Garden of Memories on the site and it is envisaged a memory of reference to the Workhouse would be within the Garden and the History group are happy with this approach and continuing to liaise.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u> Good Relations Action Plan 2018 – 2019 - Project development commenced.</p> <p>Peace IV delivery is ongoing – The Shared space design team has been appointed and has commenced designs; consultation meetings are being planned for early July and will be issued to members. The Peace Arts Engagement Phase II is being awarded as per Council tender process. The remainder of projects are delivering to target and timescale.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> PCSP plan 2019 – 2020 has commenced.</p> <p>Ongoing support to communities on a range of initiatives to help keep people and communities safe.</p> <p>PCSP Community Safety Awards 2019. DOJ and NIPB arranged an awards ceremony for PCSPs to submit projects for recognition. Mid Ulster PCSP obtained three out of seven awards at the recognition event. Mid Ulster PCSP awards were as follows: Award for Innovation for our Youth Engagement Project: Fatal Road Traffic Collision Reconstruction and Mock Court Room Trial. Confidence in Policing Award: Youth Alcohol Engagement Programme Award for Excellence in Community Engagement: Positive Relationships</p> <p>Please see attached PCSP minutes for information in Appendix 6.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Sports Grant Awards total £118,335 budget £120,000.</p> <p>Community Local Festival 34 awards allocated £19,940 Good Relations 17 awards allocated £12,845 Additional small arts, community, heritage grant award £590 Festive Lights awards up to £102,500.</p>

	<p>VPRS Support £300 per year for 3 years out of the annual good relations plan.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u> None</p>
5.0	<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p>
5.1	To agree the Sports Capital grants as per grant recommendations in Appendix 1 to a value of £118,335.
5.2	To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations £12,845, Local Community Festivals £19,940 and additional small grant as per Appendix 2.
5.3	To note the Gortgonis Community build project and proposed continued usage by Forever Friends Play Group, based on LPS valuation.
5.4	To note the Clogher Valley Pre School proposed temporary usage of Clogher Community Centre.
5.5	To note the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) minutes as per Appendix 3.
5.6	To seek Committee approval for the Festive Lights provision for rural villages as per Appendix 4 for a 3 year period.
5.7	To note the update on Connecting Pomeroy re partner programme delivery.
5.8	To approve support for VPRS storage scheme at a cost of £300 per year for next 3 years.
5.9	To note the update on Community Development.
6.0	<p><u>Documents Attached & References</u></p>
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Sports Capital grants.</p> <p>Appendix 2 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals grants.</p> <p>Appendix 3 Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) minutes.</p> <p>Appendix 4 Festive Lights grants.</p>

	Appendix 5 Letter from Ian Snowdon, DFC Syrian Refugee Team requesting support
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	Appendix 6 PCSP Minutes
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Appendix 1 Sports Capital Grant Awards

Sports Capital 2019 - 2020					
No	Organisation Name	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Award
1	An Charraig Ladies GFC	Rock Get Active	5	£5,000	£3,000
2	Bellaghy Wolfe Tones GAC	Install commercial heater, painting of pavilions, car park markings and fencing.	5	£5,000	£3,000
3	Brocagh Emmets GFC	Upgrading Infrastructure to Camogie/Hurling Pitch improve Disabled access & health and safety	3	£5,000	£4,000
4	Cookstown Fr Rock GFC	Upgrade & Installation of new Floodlight System	4	£4,872	£3,410
5	Cookstown RBL Football Club	KICKSTART - football training equipment	4	£5,000	£3,500
6	Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's GAC	Safety fencing & Multi-Use 1km Trail	3	£5,000	£4,000
7	Desertmartin Football Club	New flooring in changing rooms	5	£6,000	£3,000
8	Doiretreasc Cailini an Choic	Wall Ball	5	£5,000	£3,000
9	Dungannon Rugby Football Club	Scrummage machine	5	£1,725	£1,035
10	Dungannon Sub Aqua Club	Dungannon Sub Aqua Club/ Search And Recovery	6	£5,000	£2,500
11	Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC	Enhance Facility, Pitch Drainage and Entrance Gates	3	£15,180	£4,000
12	Dungannon United Youth	New Training Facility	1	£5,000	£5,000
13	Edendork GAC	Build a Ball Wall.	5	£5,000	£3,000
14	Eglish GAC	Illuminated Rural Walking path	5	£10,000	£3,000
15	Emmets GAC Slaughtneil	Refurbish -changing rooms, Walking/Running track	3	£5,000	£4,000
16	Erins Own Lavey GAC	LED Lighting Upgrade	3	£5,000	£4,000
17	Greenhill Tug of War Club	Equipment/Upgrade Facility	6	£5,000	£2,500
18	Harps Cycling Club	Cycling Skills Equipment	6	£5,000	£2,500
19	Leo`s Boys & Girls Tug of War Club	Upgrade of Training Facility	6	£5,000	£2,500
20	Logues Hill CPC	Improvement of facilities	5	£5,000	£3,000
21	Magherafelt Sky Blues	Facility Upgrade & Lighting	5	£5,000	£3,000

22	Magherafelt Tennis Club	Bring a different sport to the local area	5	£4,848	£2,910
23	Moneymore Clay Pigeon Club	New lightweight transportable trap	5	£4,968	£2,980
24	Na Fianna Runners	Sports Venue Lighting Upgrade & Extension	3	£17,040	£4,000
25	Naomh Colm Baile na Scríne GLC	High Performance Athletic Development Centre	3	£5,000	£4,000
26	O'Donovan Rossa GAC	Maintenance Work to Playing Pitches	5	£6,000	£3,000
27	Pomeroy Plunkett's GAC	Parking and Viewing Facilities for Disabled People	5	£5,000	£3,000
28	Pomeroy Plunkett's Handball	New Flooring and Painting facility	5	£10,000	£3,000
29	Rock St Patricks GAC	Multi-purpose hard area surface	3	£5,000	£4,000
30	St Malachy's GAC Castledawson	Sports Pavilion Refurbishment Works	3	£3,570	£3,000
31	St Michaels Lissan GFC	Ball Stop Nets / Fencing of Training Area	5	£15,600	£3,000
32	St Oliver Plunkett's GAC, Greenlough	'Lights Up' Project & new stoned pathway	4	£5,000	£3,500
33	St Patricks GAC Loup	Boundary Fence Repairs to meet Health & Safety	5	£5,000	£3,000
34	Termoneeny Running Club	Two new treadmill running machines	5	£5,000	£3,000
35	Tobermore United Football Club	Provision of ramp, conversion of stand for disability	5	£13,200	£3,000
36	Upperland's Cross Community FC	Capital Equipment	5	£5,000	£3,000
37	Watty Graham's GAC, Glen	Multi-sport all weather area, repair of the ball wall	5	£10,000	£3,000
				TOTAL	£118,335

Score	Band	Award
40-49	6	50%
50-59	5	60%
60-69	4	70%
70-79	3	80%
80-89	2	90%
90+	1	100%

	INELIGIBLE	
	Galbally Pearses GFC	2 nd Application within restricted 2yr time period

Appendix 2

Good Relations – June 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Award
1	Aughadarragh Parents Support Ass	Community	Across The Generations	7	£770	£310
2	Ballinderry AOH	Cultural	Getting it Right !	4	£800	£560
3	Caledon Women's Institute.	Community	Our Community Matters	6	£1,340	£670
4	Cloughfin Pipe Band	Cultural	RSPBA Championships 2019	1	£1,200	£1,200
5	Cookstown Garden Club	Community	Gardening in our community	5	£907	£545
6	Donaghmore Historical Society	Community	Series of Lectures at Heritage	1	£1,420	£1,200
7	Dungannon Probus Club	Cultural	Historical Cultural Study visits	2	£800	£720
8	Ealu	Community	Men's Shed Project	2	£1,700	£1,080
9	Fairhill & District Youth Club	Cultural	Visit -Boyne Centre & Irish War Museum	6	£1,460	£600
10	Kildress Youth & Community Club	Community	Our Youth - Their World	6	£950	£475
11	Laghey Parent Support Group	Community	Good Relations, Safe Community	5	£990	£595
12	N Ireland Ex Firefighters Mid Ulster	Community	Cross Border Events & Connections 2019	5	£690	£415
13	Pomeroy Afterschool	Community	Pomeroy Youth - Summer of Diversity	4	£1,200	£840
14	Rock and District Historical Society	Cultural	Shared Journey, Shared History	5	£1,200	£720
15	Slatequarry Dev Association	Cultural	Cultural trip to City of Derry	1	£900	£900
16	Spires Parents Community	Community	Family Fun Night	3	£1,169	£935
17	St. Patrick's Academy, Dgn	Community	Academy Engagement event	2	£1,833	£1,080
						£ 12,845

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland	Ineligible - Regional Organisation
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Score	Band	%
30-39	7	40%
40-49	6	50%
50-59	5	60%
60-69	4	70%
70-79	3	80%
80-89	2	90%
90+	1	100%

Community Local Festivals June 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Award
1	Ballynakelly CPLC	Community	Summer Fun day	7	£1,446	£480
2	Ballyronan & District Vintage Veh Club	Community	Vintage vehicle annual static show.	4	£1,200	£840
3	Bellaghy Wolfe Tones GAC	Community	Church Island 5 & 10k Road Run	5	£1,200	£720
4	Blessed Patrick O' Loughran Parent Support Group	Community	5k and family fun day	4	£1,000	£700
5	Cookstown Harps	Community	Cookstown Festival of Cycling 2019	5	£1,700	£720
6	Cookstown Motocross	Sports	The Maxxis British Championship - Round 5	2	£8,700	£1,080
7	Cookstown North Community Group	Community	party in the park 2019	7	£900	£360
8	Derrygortreavy Vintage Club	Community	Vintage Rally and Funfair	5	£883	£530
9	Dungannon Chest Heart and Stroke	Community	'Hooley at the Lough'	1	£11,500	£1,200
10	Dungannon Gateway Club	Community	20 Year Anniversary Celebrations	5	£1,090	£660
11	Edendork PTA	Community	2019 Community Fun Day	6	£2,100	£600
12	Fivemiletown Cultural & Sports Assoc.	Culture	July 12th Festival	2	£1,600	£1,080
13	Galbally ABC	Community	Mid Ulster Boxing Festival & More	5	£1,100	£660
14	Gortalowry Park Community Group	Community	50th Anniversary Festival 2020	6	£1,240	£600
15	Granaghan & District Women's Group	Community	25th Birthday Party	5	£1,100	£660
16	Killyman & District Cultural Group	Cultural	Mini Tattoo	2	£1,786	£1,080
17	Knockloughrim Community Dev. Assoc	Community	Knockloughrim Community Funday	7	£1,200	£480
18	Little Rainbows Early Years	Community	Little Rainbows Early Years Community Fun Day	7	£1,200	£480
19	Loughfea Ladies Group	Community	Entertainment for all	7	£1,140	£460
20	Loup Women's Group	Community	BBQ at The Loup	7	£900	£360
21	Molly and Mia foundation	Community	Big Lunch	2	£1,730	£1,080
22	Moygashel Community & Cultural Assoc	Community	Moygashel Community Festival	5	£760	£460
23	Naíscoil Mhachaire Rátha	Community	Lá Spraoi an Phobail-Com Fun Day	6	£1,200	£600
24	Phoenix Parents Council	Community	Summer Fayre 2019	6	£1,313	£600

25	Servite Trust NI	Community	Benburb Sunday Weekend	1	£2,400	£1,200
26	Square Wheels CC	Sports	Squids Summer Scheme	3	£600	£480
27	St Michaels Parish Church	Community	Flower Festival	4	£1,200	£840
28	St Patrick's P.S. Donaghmore PTG	Community	Donaghmore Traditional Music Camp	4	£1,850	£840
29	St Treas Ballymaguigan	Sports	Fundraising 10k Fun Run	6	£815	£410
30	Tobermore Community Projects	Community	Summer Festival and Funday	6	£1,200	£600
31	Tobermore Village Hall Dev Association	Community	Tobermore Community Funday	7	£1,200	£480
32	Torrent Cycle Club	Sports	Charity Cycling Fun Day	6	£800	£400
33	Tullylagan Vintage Owners Assoc Ltd	Community	Mid Ulster Vintage rally and community family fun day	3	£1,450	£960
						£19,940

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

Bellaghy Classic Cars & Vintage Club	Annual Classic Cars & Vintage Club Show	Did Not Meet Minimum Score
The Institute of Irish Leadership	Féile Ghaeltachta Thír Eoghan	Already in receipt of Irish Language Grant
Keep Er Lit	10k Run with Newell Stores	Private led Newell Stores run

Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community						Award
	Cookstown North Community Group	Community	One Day Outing/Trip	5	£975	£590

Appendix 3

Mid Ulster Housing Forum (Sub Committee)

Monday 11th March 2019 at Mid Ulster Council Offices Dungannon

Meeting Report

Attendances

Mona Conway	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Michael McGibbon	Mid Ulster District Council - Planning
Tim Gilpin	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ben Collings	Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations
Ray Forbes	Apex Housing Association
Carol McTaggart	Clanmil Housing Association
Raymond Nicholl	Triangle Housing Association
Kate Clifford	Rural Community Network
Mark Graham	Co-Ownership
Katrina Smyth	Habinteg Housing Association
John Brooks	North Belfast Housing Association
Niall Sheridan	Choice Housing Association
Ursula Toner	Choice Housing Association
Cllr Michael Gillespie	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr Robert Colvin	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr Martin Kearney	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr Ronan McGinley	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr Trevor Wilson	Mid Ulster District Council Member

Apologies

James Wright	South Ulster Housing Association
Anita Conway	Radius Housing
Ailbhe Hickey	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ailish O'Neill	Department for Communities
Colm McDaid	Supporting Communities
Michael Kelly	Rural Development Council
Cllr J McNamee	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Paul Fox	Rural Housing Association

1. Barrier to Development

Sewerage systems are major factor in delaying development of social housing in Mid Ulster. Currently development is blocked in Dungannon due to lack of capacity of existing system; however Cookstown also starting to raise issue.

This has been raised through Council and communication has taken place with NI Water. Follow up meetings to be held. Previously in legacy Council a short – medium term solution had been found to the Dungannon sewerage system. Will be seeking to look at this again. Need to ensure all areas are considered, including rural, to ensure there is sufficient provision for future housing development. There is limited

funding to develop housing and therefore expensive sewerage alternatives to the main provision is not viable – Council to update on meetings and progress.

2. Procurement

Need for greater clarity by DFC and NIHE regarding links between property developers and provision of social housing. Developers are getting planning for housing (that includes social provision) but are without knowledge of the process on how to engage housing associations and at what stage. Associations need to be in the development process early to allow housing projects be effective – NIHE seeking legal advice on this. If resolution is not achieved, it will present an obstacle for the new Area Plan Developer Contribution - percentage allocation of social housing provision in housing schemes.

3. Social Housing Sales

Considerable discussion took place on future sales of social housing stock; dual argument presented:

- (a) Housing Associations request that the scheme is ended to ensure remaining stock be available to address the growing social housing waiting list and future need;
 - (b) Concern regarding equality for all as the proposed change will not allow for purchase of Housing Association housing stock but still for purchase through NIHE.
- Further analysis to be take place on benefits of both named positions.

Members did feel that the scheme has benefited people to avail of low cost homeownership.

Concern was expressed at some original social housing stock is now in the rental market at exorbitant prices, with many tenants on low incomes paying these prices. Figures to be sought on number of persons who purchased homes in Mid Ulster under 'The Right to Buy' scheme but later ended up in social housing provision through NIHE or Housing Association.

4. Housing Allocations

Housing allocations being looked at by DFC at present. Points based on intimidation and often allocations to single occupants. Need to ensure mixed tenure of families particularly in community areas.

5. Welfare Reform and Bedroom Tax

Bedroom Tax will present a major issue in going forward, already starting to present. Considerable focus on single bed units - needs assessment of the impact on families, communities and wider regeneration. Need to retain the mitigations beyond 2020 or there will be a potential further increase in homelessness.

Homelessness caused by affordability of rental properties is a major issue in Mid Ulster. Welfare Reform and Bedroom Tax will further exacerbate the problem. This needs to be monitored going forward.

6. Housing Association Reclassification

Office on National Statistics (ONS) has taken decision to reclassify housing associations as public sector bodies. This decision is in parallel with the rest of UK. Again there is differing positions with regard to need for the above. The Housing Associations would state that there is a need for private investment to deliver on the Social Housing Development Programme. Housing Associations believe they need to be able to drawdown private finance from providers to match fund amounts from government. It is their view that new classification would make it impossible to address increasing social and affordable housing waiting lists. There is a housing association lobby on this at present.

There is other issues such as rental values to offset the private housing investment etc. which are also considerations.

A Multi agency approach is being proposed across the sector to support social housing provision and agencies working together.

7. Current Stock

Need for greater investment in social housing is required to meet rising waiting lists and backlog along with maintaining current stock to retain level of fitness. If current stock is not maintained it may become unfit for use and create further issues re homelessness and supply of social housing.

8. Mid Ulster Area Plan

Area Plan and Developer Contribution – considerable discussion with regard to the number of properties re allocation percentage to be applied. Mid Ulster proposed 50 housing units in scheme before social housing provision of 50%. Other areas including Belfast considering 10 units and they have a proposed specific policy on developer contribution and how it will be implemented. Potential for consideration of a similar format.

Planners taking consultation responses at present on Mid Ulster Draft Area Plan – do have technical guidance notes on all proposals and will have a robust implementation of all policies going forward to avoid issues such as splitting sites. Discussion took place on definition of 'Affordable Housing' in Draft Area Plan. New DfC definition being proposed but would seem to be restricted to intermediate or social. May need wider definition.

Affordable models - Some housing associations including Co-ownership, Clanmill Fairshare Scheme access Financial Transactions Capital (Government funding for Infrastructure Projects) to deliver affordable schemes. Other affordable models available include First Time Buyers Scheme re Cookstown Enterprise Agency and initiatives to seek to maximize first time buyer purchases

9. Rent Controls and High Rents

Local Housing Allocation

Local Housing Allowance needs review, as this has not happened in a considerable number of years. DfC is looking at a review of LHA. In some of the Broad Rental Market Areas, rents greatly differ within the area. In Lough Neagh Lower, Lurgan and Dungannon have the same LHA however; in Dungannon, rents are high while in Lurgan they are considerably lower. In some areas up to £50 - £60 per week required top up rent. This is a serious issue for disposable income and poverty.

The current benefits subvention is helping somewhat but not sustainable. DFC is also looking at a scheme of support for areas of high rental and not in line with LHA.

Lending

Strictness on lending is an issue for first time buyers. This links to the poverty trap as rental values are so high that people cannot afford to save deposits. Important to have more co ownership models.

High levels of fuel poverty and unfitness being experienced in Mid Ulster – these relate to the above situation where people cannot afford to heat homes resulting in wider negative impacts. The unfitness of houses is being accepted, as it is not being reported due to potential further increases in rent.

Rental controls

Discussion has a number of issues and positions re its feasibility -

(a) Seek to address housing led poverty particularly in areas of Mid Ulster where the market has gone beyond a reasonable level. The aim is to set controls to allow people to have an adequate disposable income to sustain a decent quality of life. Rent Controls – consideration to implement in housing association market first and private sector to follow (in partnership with DFC, NIHE and Associations). This would reduce social housing need as a number of people present with homelessness due to rent affordability in areas

(b) If housing associations cannot get an adequate rent then they cannot generate a return on investment to put into further supply – however, this counteracts above re the list rising due to levels of people who are homeless due to rental affordability. Further analysis required on above re the balance between market forces and provision of housing and affordability of market.

10. Public Sector Land Availability

Council and other government agency land needs considered for social and affordable housing. NIHE recently completed survey on surplus land – data sharing agreements being drawn up between NIHE and organisations. NIHE to share data sharing agreement with MUDC.

DFC looking at public sector estate across agencies. MUDC is currently undertaking an estates review.

Agencies to look at site development plans and include for social housing, where feasible and integrated solution is potential.

11. Any other Business

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

Meeting of the Housing Forum will happen three times per year.

Date in June to be agreed.

Appendix 4 Festive Light Funding (3 years)

	Area	2018 Figure & Proposed 2019
1	Ackinduff/Cabragh	£1,500.00
2	Ardboe	£2,000.00
3	Augher	£1,500.00
4	Aughnacloy	£3,000.00
5	Ballinderry	£1,500.00
6	Ballygawley	£2,000.00
7	Ballylifford	£1,500.00
8	Ballymaguigan	£1,250.00
9	Ballyronan	£2,000.00
10	Bellaghy	£3,000.00
11	Benburb	£1,500.00
12	Brocagh	£1,500.00
13	Bush	£1,500.00
14	Caledon	£1,500.00
15	Cappagh	£1,250.00
16	Carland	£1,250.00
17	Carntogher	£1,250.00
18	Castlecaulfield	£2,000.00
19	Castledawson	£3,000.00
20	Churchtown	£1,500.00
21	Clady	£2,000.00
22	Clogher	£2,000.00
23	Clonoe	£2,000.00
24	Coagh	£2,000.00
25	Culnady	£1,250.00
26	Curran	£1,250.00
27	Desertmartin	£1,500.00
28	Donaghmore	£3,000.00
29	Draperstown	£3,000.00
30	Drummullan	£1,500.00
31	Edendork	£1,500.00
32	Eglish	£1,500.00
33	Fivemiletown	£3,000.00
34	Galbally	£1,500.00
35	Granville	£1,500.00
36	Gulladuff	£2,000.00
37	Killyman	£2,000.00
38	Knockloughrim	£1,250.00
39	Moneymore	£3,000.00

40	Moneyneena	£1,250.00
41	Moortown	£2,000.00
42	Moy	£3,000.00
43	Moygashel	£2,500.00
44	Newmills	£2,000.00
45	Orritor	£1,500.00
46	Pomeroy	£2,000.00
47	Sandholes	£1,500.00
48	Sixtowns	£1,250.00
49	Stewartstown	£2,000.00
50	Swatragh	£1,500.00
51	Tamnamore	£1,500.00
52	The Loup	£1,500.00
53	The Rock	£1,500.00
54	Tobermore	£2,000.00
55	Tullyhogue	£1,250.00
56	Upperlands	£2,000.00
		£102,500.00
The village settlements and populations will be as per the Mid Ulster Development Plan.		
The grant allocation will be based on village settlement size range £1,250 - £3,000;		
£3,000 settlements greater than 1000		
£2,000 settlements greater than 500		
£1,500 all other listed village settlements		
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