

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 15 September 2022 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor Clarke, Chair

Councillors Corry, Doris*, Elattar*, Kerr*, McNamee*, Martin*, Milne, Molloy, Monteith*, Quinn*

Officers in Attendance

Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing

Ms Linney**, Assistant Director of Development
Ms McKeown**, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes
Mr John Kennedy**, ICT Support
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Deputation: Start360 – Kathleen Grego

* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes Others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 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.

D127/22 Notice of Recording

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

D128/22 Apologies

Councillors Black, Ashton, Burton, Cuddy, Wilson.

D129/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chair, Councillor Clarke reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest drawing attention in particular to agenda item on grants. He stated that if Members had already declared the interest it did not need reiterated.

D130/22 Chair's Business

Councillor Molloy wished to raise the issue of Railway Park Dungannon and Ballysaggart Lough. He said that there had been DEA meetings which other members here tonight also attended up until September 2021 and checking through the minutes there had been proposals that the work at Ballysaggart Lough would be going to tender Spring this year and had checked through different papers and was disappointed to see that there has been no movement since. He said that he was aware that the retaining wall at Ballysaggart was almost complete but would like to see an update and possibly to reinstate those DEA meetings for both Railway Park and Ballysaggart Lough project to see where we are currently at in relation to the reservoir work at Ballysaggart Lough.

The AD: Development referring to Railway Park advised that her team were still working away and that Railway Park DEA meetings were going to be handed over to her remit and advised that these would be instigated again. She said that the designs were ongoing in terms of the actual Railway Park concept which was being finalised at the moment and anticipated this being brought to the next DEA meeting which will be arranged ASAP. With regards to the reservoirs she advised that she was linking in with AD: HL&W and his team so that the two departments can work together.

The SD: Communities and Place advised that the DEA meetings would be pulled back together again. He said that there was obviously a sequencing issue relating to Ballysaggart Lough and Railway Park and would be linking in with SD: Environment as she was the senior officer responsible in respect of Ballysaggart Lough and Railway Park sitting under his remit. He said that it was important that the two were tied together as Ballysaggart Lough works needed to be completed before progressing with the Railway Park project.

Councillor Molloy said that he appreciated that there were personnel changes within SMT and would appreciate if this could be progressed.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that DEA meetings for Ballysaggart Lough and Railway Park be reinstated.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Ballysaggart Lough.

Councillor Monteith concurred with Councillor Molloy's comments and said that once again these two projects had completely fallen of the radar as far as elected members were concerned. He said that it had taken the initiation of DEA meetings to get any head of steam up again and good to see it progressing.

He referred to Ann Street, Dungannon and advised that there had been a DEA meeting at the beginning of the summer and great anticipation for announcements etc. and now we are still none the wiser and no further on and requested that a DEA meeting be arranged as a matter of urgency as these are three projects within Dungannon which keep rumbling on and the community was losing all faith in this organisation.

The SD: Communities and Place reassured member from an Officer's prospective that work has not fallen of the radar as work is ongoing but will bring to members attention so they are aware of the progress which has been made.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a DEA meeting be arranged with regards to Ann Street, Dungannon as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Quinn asked that an invite be extended to Ms Máire Coyle from Dungannon to present to a future Development Committee meeting. Ms Coyle has developed a fantastic initiative in taking autistic children to restaurants right across the country but particularly Mid Ulster which allows parents to "bring your own food scheme" for the children. Children with autism going to a restaurant is not an easy experience, especially when they react to different surroundings, sounds, atmospheres and textures of food etc. Ms Coyle has designed a fantastic initiative to help parents with autistic children enjoy some family time.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that an invite be extended to Ms Máire Coyle to attend a future Development Committee meeting to provide an update to committee on her initiative of "bring your own food scheme" to restaurants for autistic children.

D131/22 Deputation: Start360

The Chair welcomed to the committee Ms Kathleen Grego from Start 360 and invited her to address the committee (appendix).

Ms Grego advised that Start360 is one of the leading providers of support services to young people, offenders, and families across Northern Ireland providing a range of services and interventions in the areas of Health, Justice and Employability. Their mission statement is that 'Change Starts Here' and our vision is 'Every Person Stronger'.

In 2020-21 financial year, the group worked with over 20,009 people across all age groups and have offices across Northern Ireland – Belfast, Ballymena, Lurgan, Derry/Londonderry, and in the three prisons – Maghaberry, Magilligan and Hydebank College. The organisation currently employ approx. 85 staff, delivering 26 services across all 5 Trust Areas.

Start360 connections within Mid Ulster include joint working on key objectives with:

- PCSP
- Councils
- PSNI
- Schools
- Colleges
- Youth Service
- Community and Sporting organisations
- Traveller Thematic Group
- Staff training and awareness sessions

- Responding to identified need

The Chair thanked Ms Grego for her very informative presentation and sought Members comments.

Councillor Corry thanked Ms Grego for her very good presentation and alluded to comment made regarding a couple of items raised. She referred to base for Start360 in Dungannon and the impact of drugs for parents and children as well as younger people in the area and how drugs has escalated now to smaller towns, villages and rural areas. She enquired how people from rural areas could reach out to Start360.

Ms Grego advised that Start360 connection team worked in a lot of rural areas and would be very happy to come to where is required. She said that if there was a requirement to connect in with the team there could be an opportunity to arrange an open night within the area and invite parents etc. which took place in Ballymena with the Minister in attendance recently to meet a group of parents of adult substance users to talk to them about what needs they had. She said that she would be happy to accommodate anyone which feels the need to reach out and would be more than happy to hold virtual meetings or come into the area to try and provide support. She said that the day to day services work in all areas except the Southern Trust as this is covered by another provider but all work together and there was opportunity to work together as a multi-agency approach to it.

Councillor Doris thanked Ms Grego for her presentation and she said that she wouldn't feel right if she didn't acknowledge Conor McHugh tonight. She said that Conor was from the Dungannon area and was a volunteer which worked with Start360 and had reached out to her a numerous occasions to see how things were and wished to acknowledge the importance he had within the community whilst working through the organisation.

Ms Grego advised that Conor came through the organisation as a service user and then his journey proceeded with them as a staff member before progressing to a different job. She said that Conor was an absolute star and was fortunate enough to be at his wedding 3 days before lockdown hit and everyone had a great day and was devastating for the organisation his passing has had.

Councillor Doris said that she hoped his legacy would live on in the work which Start360 were currently doing now.

Ms Grego advised that the organisation were currently working with his family dedicating a Conor McHugh room within their building for therapeutic works.

Councillor Doris said that would be a great way to honor Conor and hoped to touch base with Start360 in the future around Neighbourhood Renewal for Dungannon and Coalisland areas.

The Chair thanked Ms Grego for her attendance tonight at which she withdrew from the meeting at 7.18 pm.

Matters for Decision

D132/22 Development Report

The AD: Development presented previously circulated report which provided update and sought approval on the following:

- **Rolling Community Grants – Rolling Grants Programme 2022-2023 –**
Rolling Grants Programme 2022-2023 recommendations
- **CCTV, Moy –** Inclusion of new CCTV Hardware
- **Seamus Heaney HomePlace Faber and Faber License Agreement –**
Extension to license and Inclusion of Open Ground Elements
- **Peace Plus Partnership and Plan –** Note update
- **Bellaghy Bawn Literary Residential Project –** Note update
- **Development Plan Update –** Note update

It was

Proposed by Molloy
Seconded by Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the following:

- **Community Grants – Rolling Grants Programme 2022-2023**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the allocation of the Community Grants as recommended in appendix 1 of the Officers report.

- **CCTV, Moy**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the inclusion of any new CCTV hardware at Moy into the Councils existing monitoring and recording contract.

- **Seamus Heaney HomePlace Faber and Faber License Agreement**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the extension to the Faber & Faber license relating to Seamus Heaney HomePlace and the inclusion of the Open Ground elements.

- **Peace Plus Partnership and Plan**

Note update.

- **Bellaghy Bawn Literary Residential Project**

Note update.

- **Development Plan Update**

Note update.

D133/22 Capital Discretionary Grant

The AD: Development presented previously circulated report and sought approval for the Capital Discretionary Grant.

As the total number of applications has exceeded the total annual budget available (capital fund £150,000), the following options were being presented for consideration:

- Option 1 – Allocate maximum award to the top scoring groups until budget is exhausted
- Option 2 – Allocate a proportion of funding to each eligible group based on their ranked score
- Option 3 – Equally split of funding across all 5 eligible applicants

Councillor McNamee said that he was under the impression that funding was carried over from last year, that being the case, are Council in a position to fund all these groups because to dilute the funding wasn't what it was set for originally.

Councillor McNamee referred to Clogher Valley Rugby Club application and said that he was aware of a previous conversion regarding the Club being in a different Council area and sought clarification.

The AD: Development said that as it was a yearly fund, any previous year underspend would revert into the Council reserves. Should Members wish to 'top up' this fund in year, a recommendation from the development committee would be required to go to Policy & Resources Committee seeking an in year allocation from the reserves of the remaining balance which was not fully utilised from previous years, to be used to support the actions which were initially agreed by this committee in relation to about the Discretionary Grant Scheme.

In response to query regarding Clogher Valley Rugby Club, the AD: Development advised that in the past the Club was funded by Dungannon legacy Council and under a phase with the LAG group (old rural programme) it was decided that it fell into the Fermanagh & Omagh district due to its location, so it actually went on address and location rather than beneficiaries. She said that there has been some confusion in relation to the club over the past number of years with Officers having analysis with the club and engagement with Fermanagh and Omagh and has decided that due to the club confirming 80% of their beneficiaries are from Mid Ulster, that it would remain within the Mid Ulster area in terms of community grants if members are in agreement. She said that it was unknown how it would be with Rural Development going forward and Officers will be liaising with Fermanagh & Omagh with regards to that to make sure the groups are not disadvantaged and that they remain in one area for one set of funding only.

Councillor Monteith proposed to recommend to P&R committee to release reserves to allocate a balance of £100k to the existing fund to allow an allocation of £50k for all eligible groups. Councillor Monteith commented that some of the groups were not able to move forward with their plans due to the pandemic and therefore should not be penalised as it was hard enough for groups to try and put projects together. He said that the whole ethos of the funding was to be as accommodating as possible and help people get over the line and should not be penalising due to the fact they weren't shovel ready or ready to go when the other four groups are ready to go.

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal and said that it was a great opportunity to send it back to P&R and get the five projects an equal amount. He said that it was great to see three projects from the Torrent area.

Councillor Doris concurred with previous comments and said that it was great to see funding going towards those clubs as it would have a positive impact.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to seek recommendation from P&R committee to release a one off £100,000 allocation from reserves to the current discretionary grant scheme to allow the maximum allocation to be applied to all 5 eligible groups.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve all of the applications to their full £50,000 and seek recommendation from P&R committee to release a one off £100,000 allocation from reserves to the current discretionary grant scheme to allow the maximum allocation to be applied to all 5 eligible groups.

D134/22 Sports Representative Grants

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report and sought approval for the Sports Grant allocations as recommended within appendix 1 of the report.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Sport allocations as outlined within appendix 1 of the report.

D135/22 NIEA Challenge Fund

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report to update on the successful application to NIEA Challenge Fund to produce a detailed Feasibility Study and to seek approval to appoint suitably qualified personnel/company for the delivery of same.

Councillor Doris advised that she would be happy to propose the recommendation. She said that there had been a great onsite meeting held with AD: HL&W and SD: Communities and Place a month ago and was great to see all the ideas as there was an awful lot of potential in the area which just hasn't been tapped into yet.

Councillor Kerr said that he would be happy to second the recommendation. He said that he welcomed what was before us again but would like to reaffirm that there was a need to push on with the project. A huge majority of the Cappagh proposed project is within the Mid Ulster District Council's boundary and there was a need to invite press and other stakeholders as this was in the Council's purgatory for a number of years.

He proposed that Council sit down with representatives from Cappagh Regeneration within the next six weeks and try and continue to get the local groups and communities' aspirations into realities.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to arrange a meeting between Council and representatives from Cappagh Regeneration within the next six weeks to try and get local groups and communities aspirations.

The SD: Communities and Place advised that he would be happy to pick that up and concurred with Councillor Doris regarding the site visit with Altmore/Cappagh group and ongoing work which was going to be completed through the NIEA funding. He said that the group was going to be heavily engaged as one of the principle stakeholders and assured that members that there would be ongoing engagement with that group as moving forward with the NIEA project implementation.

Councillor Monteith advised that he was at the meeting in Cappagh and that the potential at the site was unreal but felt that it was taking a long time to take it to fruition and needs to be taken over the line as it has been on the radar for years from the legacy Dungannon days.

Councillor Quinn concurred with previous comments regarding Cappagh and agreed that it has been talked about for possibly a decade. He said that it was a place of natural beauty and there was a need to get it over the line as it seemed to be going round and around. He praised the people in the area for getting things done and would welcome the development on site hopefully sooner rather than later.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted for the acceptance of the letter of offer from NIEA and to grant approvals to appoint suitably qualified personnel/company following Council's procurement process.

D136/22 Ulster Way

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report to update Council on the current insurance for Ulster Way and to seek permission to enter into a Permissive

Path Agreement with one number landowner for the lands to the north east of Eagles Rock, Moydamlaght Forest.

Proposed by Councillor Corry
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to grant permission to enter into a Permissive Path Agreement with one number land owner on the lands to the north east of Moydamlaght Forest.

D137/22 The Regulation of Cosmetic Treatments in Northern Ireland

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report to inform of request from The Local Authority Health and Safety Liaison Group (HSLG) seeking Council's written support to request better regulation of cosmetic treatments in Northern Ireland, along with the introduction of a licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

Councillor Doris welcomed this as she felt it was sad to see people feeling under pressure to get fillers and Botox due to social media posts. She felt that there was a rise in these sort of procedures and was concerned due to a lot of unqualified people providing these treatments as it was unknown sometimes what's in these products and welcomed the regulations.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the Local Authority Health and Safety Liaison Group's request and to agree to send a letter to the Health Minister to ask for better regulation of cosmetic treatments in Northern Ireland along with the introduction of a licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

D138/22 Consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report to inform members about the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and sought any comments/ amendments from Members on the enclosed Mid Ulster District Council's draft response.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the enclosed draft consultation response to the consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023.

D139/22 Review of Commissioner for Older People Northern Ireland

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report to inform Members about the Commissioner for Older People Northern Ireland review and seek any comments/amendments on the enclosed Mid Ulster District Council draft response.

Councillor Corry commended officers on a good report which raised a lot of good points. She said that older people had a really tough time over Covid and now the issue of the rising costs associated with the cost of living and felt there was good coverage relating to mental wellness and also accessing GPs and the fear of contacting GPs and possibly letting things go on longer than necessary. In relation to communication and social media, she said that she was aware of everyone hyping things up, but felt that older people preferred the old method of face to face and something kind of communication in their hands.

Councillor Corry proposed to send a request to meet the Commissioner or Age Friendly Co-ordinator and to include some of our relevant groups to include Agewell, Mid Ulster Loneliness Network and Mid Ulster Seniors Network.

Seconded by Councillor Doris.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to send a request to meet the Commissioner or Age Friendly Co-ordinator, to include some of our relevant groups to include Agewell, Mid Ulster Loneliness Network and Mid Ulster Seniors Network.

Councillor Doris advised that she had been in contact with the Evergreen Club based at the Cornmill in Coalisland. She said that they had just got back up and running after Covid and now there is issues with the cost of living in relation to cost of travelling i.e. fuel and issues relating to accessing transport to the Club. She said that she would appreciate if the relevant Officers would liaise with the Group to see if there was any kind of funding which could be accessed as it was vitally important for people within the rural areas as this was sometimes their lifeline.

Proposed by Councillor Corry
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the enclosed draft response on the Commissioner for Older People Northern Ireland review.

D140/22 Service Level Agreement

The AD: HL&W presented previously circulated report asking Members to consider a formal request from the Battery Harbour Management Company (BHMC) for a review to be conducted on their community Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Councillor Quinn said that he would be happy to support the recommendation as there was great work being done by the organisation and also agreed with AD: HL&W comments around the possible review of SLAs to make sure we are getting value for money and that the funding allocated to these groups is enough to cover costs.

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to grant approval for the amendment of the financial outlay associated with the current annual Service Level Agreement with the Battery Harbour Management Company to reflect a total annual payment of £16,011 (*increase of £6,086 on previous agreement*).

D141/22 Economic Development Report – OBFD

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- **Giant Spirit Awards 2022**
- **Travel & Tourism Awards 2022**
- **Brown Signage Audit in the Mid Ulster Area**
- **Annual Contribution to Lough Neagh Partnership (2022-2023) – Draft Service Level Agreement**
- **Social Enterprise NI: Council Membership 2022/23**
- **Future Business Start Provision Research**
- **Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch-On Event 2022**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the key activities as listed below in the Economic Development Report – OBFD.

- **Giant Spirit Awards 2022**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the attendance of the Council Chair, Tourism Manager and Seamus Heaney HomePlace Manager at the Giant Spirit Awards 2022 in Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle on 6th October 2022 at a cost of £65 + Vat per person.

Councillor Doris commended Mary McGee on her nomination.

- **Travel & Tourism Awards 2022**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the attendance of the Council Chair and one or two Managers representing Council's nominated projects at the Travel & Tourism Awards 2022 taking place at the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle on 14th October 2022 at a cost of £170 + Vat per person, subject to Council's projects being shortlisted.

- **Brown Signage Audit in the Mid Ulster Area**

Councillor Kerr welcomed the audit on the brown signs as it was a great opportunity to see what was needed in local areas as there were many tourist attractions within the Mid Ulster District Council area and any revamp of the scheme will hopefully heighten the interest for local tourists.

Councillor Monteith sought clarification as a matter of principle regarding the brown signage and enquired why this Council was paying for this when it should be the remit of TourismNI and TransportNI and contributions from them

The AD: EDT&SP advised that neither Transport NI or Tourism NI hold any form of database of brown signs within the Mid Ulster area and there is no intention on their part to fund a brown signage audit at this time. If Council wish to have more up to data on the brown signs which currently exist in our area, and review what's missing or needs removed/replaced etc, then Council will have to funding the initiative ourselves.

Councillor Monteith enquired if there were any gaps and if Council would be paying for them.

The AD: EDT&SP said if there were gaps in the signage that this would be brought back to committee for review. When individuals apply to Council for brown signage, Council liaise with Transport NI and Tourism NI but ultimately it is the applicant who pays for the signage. She noted however, that if Council was the applicant, and wanted signage installed for a new facility, then we would have to pay for that ourselves.

The Chair said that this has been a long time coming and away behind where we should be and up to this Council to take it forward.

Councillor Monteith said that once again we were going out to consultation and would have concerns. He said that fair enough but it was not our role or responsibility as this scheme was brought together by two organisations and now this Council seems to be doing their work.

Councillor Doris felt the whole system around brown signage was nonsense because it was under roads, it is meant to direct traffic away to avoid traffic jams from businesses. She said that she did try to lobby with the previous Minister for the Economy at the time to see if DfE could take this on instead of DfI but did not receive a response to her request. She said that it may be worthwhile looking into this again to see if there could be some lobbying done regarding DfE taking this on instead of Roads. She said that she does not feel comfortable and had raised it in many tourism groups on why this Council has to go out to source staff and pay £5,000 to an outside organisation to audit what brown tourism signage we have.

Councillor Quinn concurred with comments made by Councillors Monteith and Doris regarding Brown Signage.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve to seek competitive quotations for a suitably qualified organisation to complete a full brown signage audit of the Mid Ulster District. Provision has been made in the Council's Tourism budget for this work, with costs estimated to be in the region of £5,000 + Vat.

- **Annual Contribution to Lough Neagh Partnership (2022-2023) – Draft Service Level Agreement**

Councillor Milne advised that he had a meeting with Lough Neagh Partnership today as a representative from the Council and proposed that the group make a presentation to committee. He said that the group are seeking an increase in funding for the next 3 to 5 years and felt that this was a good time to have it in the event of changes being made, the changes which would have to be made to the rate adjustments.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Lough Neagh Partnership be invited to attend a future meeting of Development Committee meeting to provide members with an overview of their organisation.

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes said that she would be happy for an invite to be forwarded to LNP to discuss future plans.

Councillor Milne referred to the dredging of the Blackwater and the possibility of this Council taking the lead on it. He enquired if tenders had been sought yet.

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes advised that discussions were ongoing internally and said that it was anticipated to bring a report back to Council recommending the way forward. She noted however, that discussions were also taking place with our colleagues in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council as the Blackwater runs between both areas. She assured members that Officers had been working behind the scenes to progress matters with colleagues in Lough Neagh Partnership.

He agreed with Councillors Milne and Monteith regarding a number of these projects being in the pipeline for a number of years as it was nearly two years this has come to the attention of Mid Ulster Council. We need to get the issue of the dredging of the Blackwater sorted ASAP. He said that one of the arguments he has is that it impedes Lough Neagh Rescue and its volunteers from reaching someone which was in distress and would welcome any progress on the matter as soon as possible.

Councillor Kerr said that he had requested previously a scoping study for Castlebay and Brocagh area and enquired if there was any update and if not proposed that a report be brought back to the next committee.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a report on the Scoping Study for Castlebay and Brocagh be brought back to the next committee.

Councillor Doris following on from Councillor Milne's comments regarding Lough Neagh requested that this report be brought back next month if possible as it has been dragging on and on. She said that there seems to be good will being now shown from the Minister of DfI to get something done and would urge the importance of receiving the report next month and not before Christmas and before we know it, it will be next summer again.

Councillor Quinn said that it was important to get the matter of dredging at Blackwater sorted as people were sick and tired of raising it. He said that this was a matter between life and death and there was no way of getting through to Stormont and urged that the Council get behind this.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve:

- i) Council's annual contribution to Lough Neagh Partnership (LNP) for 2022/23 of £22,000 and release the full payment to LNP subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation as detailed in the Service Level Agreement.
- ii) Mid Ulster District Council's Service Level Agreement with Lough Neagh Partnership for the financial year 2022/23 on Appendix 2.
- iii) That it be recommended to Council that Lough Neagh Partnership be invited to attend a future meeting of Development Committee meeting to provide members with an overview of their organisation.
- iv) That it be recommended to Council that a report on the Scoping Study for Castlebay and Brocagh be brought back to the next committee.

• **Social Enterprise NI: Council Membership 2022/23**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve that Mid Ulster District Council renew its membership of Social Enterprise NI for 2022/23 at a cost of £500.

• **Future Business Start Provision Research**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve for up to £8,000 to be set aside to resource technical assistance to support work to progress research into the future delivery of business start provision, with this allocation only to be drawn down as required.

• **Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch-On Event 2022**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve financial support to the CRAIC Theatre Company in Coalisland to the value of £4,200 to

deliver the Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch-on event in 2022, subject to Officers being satisfied with the proposals submitted.

Councillor Kerr welcomed the funding for Christmas Lights and also towards CRAIC Theatre as it was a tremendous night in the Coalisland calendar

Councillor Doris welcomed new lights for Coalisland and asked that the redundant lights from Coalisland be allocated to Stewartstown and Newmills as they did not have a lot of equipment.

She also enquired if there was any way the Council could support communities with erecting Christmas lights and some groups have better structures and support for doing so than other smaller villages and towns.

The AD: Development said that this would be looked at. She said that one thing that the Council does is look at insurance matters which can be linked to other villages and share that detail. She said that approximately 50 villages that are putting up the lights, but anticipate looking at some kind of support for LED structure and an energy efficient model and any group which needs support should liaise with Officers and they would be happy to work with them.

Councillor Quinn said that it was good to see the Christmas tree in Coalisland this year and was looking forward to the festivities.

Matters for Information

D142/22 Minutes of Development Committee held on 6 July 2022.

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 6 July 2022.

D143/22 Food Service Plan for 2022/2023

Members noted update on the Environmental Health Unit Food Service Plan 2022/2023.

D144/22 Economic Development Report – OBFI

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- European Heritage Open Days 2022
- Cookstown Continental Market Evaluation Report 2022
- Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon

Councillor Molloy referred to item welcomed progress which was proposed resurfacing and improvements on the Granville Road and Granville Industrial Estate. He said that a lot of meetings had taken place with previous Minister along with other representatives from Council and DfI personnel looking and seeing the issues. He said that he was aware of work being carried out on the Granville Road by a private

landowner who enhanced corners and improved sightlines and now a golden opportunity now to make that road better and safer especially for pedestrians using Granville Industrial Estate.

He said that he was approached by a number of taxi firms within Dungannon town asking that Council look at what can be provided in terms of providing a taxi rank in the town. He asked that this be looked at on what can be provided, with the possibility of utilising the Events Space in Market Square for allocated spaces for taxis that use the town centre.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to look at options within Dungannon town centre for the implementation of a taxi rank.

Councillor Monteith concurred with Councillor Molloy regarding Granville and said although this was a good news story there was still work to be done regarding safety of pedestrians who utilise the walkway.

Councillor Monteith referred to the Cleaner Neighbourhood plan around dog fouling. He said that in other Council areas there is Dog Friendly Parks which are fantastic and asked that Officers of this Council investigate the same for this Council area.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to investigate the possibility of creating a Dog Friendly Park where owners can take their pets for leisure.

The SD: Communities and Place advised that this can be looked at as part of other schemes.

Councillor Elattar agreed with Councillor Monteith's proposal and said that Dog Friendly Parks are very popular. She was aware of people travelling as far as Antrim to utilise these parks and would be fantastic if Mid Ulster could do the same as we had a lot of open space that could be used.

Live broadcast ended at 8.21 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Corry 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 D145/22 to D148/22

Matters for Decision

- D145/22 Tender to Supply Willow to Greenvale Leisure Centre
D146/22 Economic Development Report – CBFD
D147/22 Mid-South West Region Growth Deal Report

Matters for Information

- D148/22 Development Committee Confidential Minutes of
Meeting held on Tuesday 6 July 2022

D149/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.40 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 please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower it
- 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.