

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 11 November 2021 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

**Members Present**

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Black\*, Burton (7.08 pm), Clarke\*, Cuddy\*, Doris\*, Elattar\*, Hughes\*, Kerr, McNamee\*, Milne\*, Monteith, Wilson\*

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive  
Ms Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment  
Mr Browne\*\*, Head of Tourism  
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing  
Mr Hill\*\*, Head of Parks  
Ms Linney\*\*, Assistant Director of Development, Strategic Community Development  
Mr McCance\*\*, Head of Culture & Arts  
Ms McKeown\*\*, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Programmes  
Mr Brown\*\*, ICT Support  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Cllr S McGuigan\*\*\*

\* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes Others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

*The Chair, Councillor Molloy welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Cllr Molloy 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.*

**D191/21 Apologies**

Councillors Corry and Quinn.

**D192/21 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair, Councillor Molloy reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy declared an interest in item 6 – Community Development – Grant Awards.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy declared an interest in item 9 - Economic Development Report – OBFD – Board Member of Dungannon Enterprise Centre.

Councillor Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 - Extension to Davagh Forest Service Level Agreement – involved with Broughderg Development Association.

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in item 9 – Economic Development Report – OBFD – Dungannon Enterprise Centre – Independent Member.

### **D193/21 Chair's Business**

The Chair extended best wishes to Coalisland Fianna for their forthcoming Championship Final against Dromore.

He referred to recent visit to Davagh Dark Sky Park & Observatory and wished to congratulate staff on their work to date. He said that this was a fantastic facility which members were allowed to see and wished them all the very best for the future of the centre.

Councillor McNamee extended congratulations to Cookstown Father Rocks GAA on winning the Tyrone Junior Football Championship when they beat Eskra by 2-10 to 1-06, lifting the Pat Darcy Cup. He also extended best wishes to the Club in the first round of the Ulster Junior Club Championship on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November where they play the Monaghan Champions, Sean McDermott's in Clones and hoped that this would also be another good run for the Club, representing Cookstown, Tyrone and Mid Ulster. He too extended best wishes to Coalisland Fianna.

Councillor Kerr thanked Members for wishing his home team Coalisland Fianna all the best of luck on Sunday and would like to pass on his congratulations to Cookstown Father Rocks also. He said that he would also like to see Moortown and Coalisland prevail in the intermediary final and said it would be great if three teams within the district could bring glory to Mid Ulster.

### **Deputation – Coalisland Development Association**

The Chair advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the deputation from Coalisland Development Association were unable to attend to make their presentation tonight.

### **Matters for Decision**

#### **D195/21 Upcoming Tourism Trade Shows, Holiday World, Dublin**

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report to inform Council of planned tourism promotion at Holiday World, RDS, Dublin 26-31st January 2022 and sought approval to attend the shows as outlined within the report.

He advised that this would be Tourism's first outing into the public domain after Covid to try and sell Mid Ulster as a tourist attraction and would also be proposing to be part of the Tourism NI Village, looking very carefully at the staycation market. He said that it was proposed to liaise with trade and attractions in regards to Mid Ulster Tourism and Industry to try and put together deals which could be put onto Tourism department's new website to try and sell staycations.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve purchase of stand, associated costs and staff expenses and mileage to work at this exhibition.

### **D196/21 Community Development**

The AD: DSCD presented previously circulated report to provide an update on key activities and sought approval for the following:

- Community Grants - to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries, and to agree to open the Strategic Events Grant
- VPRS Storage Scheme - to approve request from DFC Syrian Refugee Team to Contribute towards the VPRS storage scheme
- Community Development - to update on Community Development

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council -

- (i) **Community Grants - Rolling Grant Awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries, Open the Strategic Events Grant**

**Resolved** To agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries, and to agree to open the Strategic Events Grant.

- (ii) **VPRS Storage Scheme - Request from DFC Syrian Refugee Team to Contribute towards the VPRS Storage Scheme**

Councillor Monteith referred to the Syrian Refugees and said that he was aware that some of these people were here for quite a while and said it would be good to receive an update from them on their progress. He suggested that it would be beneficial for members to possibly meet some families which may live locally to get an understanding of the issues which they face day to day.

*Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.*

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to

- (a) approve request from DFC Syrian Refugee Team to contribute towards the VPRS storage scheme; and
- (b) that Officers explore the opportunity of an updated on how Syrian Refugee families are progressing in the area.

**(iii) Community Development**

Noted.

**D197/21 Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Consultation on ‘How we Propose to Purchase Domiciliary Care Provided by Non-Statutory Providers’**

The AD: DSCD presented previously circulated report to inform Members of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on ‘How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers’ and to seek Members’ approval for Mid Ulster District Council’s Response. She noted two further areas for inclusion; the importance of direct payment care provision and the importance of the person receiving the care having a say in provision e.g. bed times etc.

Councillor Elattar commended officers on the comprehensive report welcoming the mention of direct provision and highlighted that Emma Sheerin MLA had met with families in recent days regarding the issue. She highlighted that the cost of direct care is in excess of the benefits allocated and families are having to pick up the costs. Councillor Elattar further highlighted the issue of lack of travel time allowed to carers travelling from call to call which in turn impacts care time especially when PPE has to be refreshed at each call, this is especially significant in rural areas where distance between calls is greater and stressed that the Carer was not paid for this time. Councillor Elattar said that to many it was a vocation as the terms and conditions are not feasible. She also made reference to bed blocking due to the inability to put care packages in place and the additional stress experienced by the patient and their families emphasising that the flip side of the coin which is a place in a care home was not what people wanted and if the patient signed themselves out of hospital their care package was in jeopardy. Councillor Elattar concluded that there was many problems but few answers but one would be recognition of the value of a domiciliary carer and that people should be trained and paid accordingly.

Councillor Wilson advised he had been contacted by a number of elderly people from Cookstown and Moneymore who had been told their care package was being changed for example if someone was receiving a call in the morning they would not get one at night. He spoke of one instance where a lady was going to have to sleep in the chair, that the Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT) had indicated there was a shortage in personnel and whilst she had been offered a care home place this was not what she wanted. Councillor Wilson also highlighted care packages being cut whereby people needed assistance with medication and family did not live nearby to help. He expressed grave concern at what was taking place and proposed that an urgent meeting be sought with the NHSCT to discuss the current crisis. He emphasised this request should be with immediate effect and should not have to await Council approval.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said the situation was replicated in the Southern Health Social Care Trust and the entire situation was despairing.

Councillor Burton concurred with previous speakers saying that at every roundabout you see advertising board for jobs in the caring profession and many people were moving between companies and spoke of one company who had lost 10 employees recently. She said that the impact of the situation was that the client built a rapport with the carers especially when it was maybe the only person they saw in a day then this was all changed and an elderly person is left devastated at the loss of someone they classed as a friend. Councillor Burton also spoke of very rural calls late at night when carers had to have shovels in the car in poor weather conditions to clear the road or shovel gravel. She reiterated earlier comments that the domiciliary carer role is a vocation which many doing it would be better off in other jobs and stressed council should do all in its power to support care workers and ensuring they get a fair deal. Councillor Burton also highlighted the disparity between those employed directly by Trusts and those in the private sector.

The Chair Councillor Molloy said the issues were overlapping with the next item of business.

The AD: DSCD said that the areas highlighted could be incorporated in the issues for health in the next item of business, the matters expanded which were apt to the current consultation response and seek a meeting with the Director of Domiciliary Care to highlight the issues in the interim.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Approve the draft Response to the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on 'How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers'. as outlined in appendix and to include/expand on following issues:
  - Carers travel time between calls;
  - The cost of direct care is in excess of benefits allocated to it;
  - No travel time built into carers day thus impacting on care time;
  - Bed blocking due to lack of care packages and the additional stress experienced by patient and families;
  - The cut in current care packages and the impact on the clients;
  - Disparity in pay, terms and conditions between trusts and private providers;
  - Lack of continuity in personnel.
- (ii) Council immediately seek a meeting with the NHSCT Director of Domiciliary Care to discuss ongoing crisis in care provision.

**D198/21 Health Issues for Mid Ulster**

The AD: DSCD presented previously circulated report to inform Members of the key health issues for Mid Ulster to support lobbying and engagement with the health trusts. She highlighted that issues raised in the previous item of business would be included in relation to domiciliary care and also the matter of the birthing pools in the midwifery led unit at the Southern Trust Craigavon Area Hospital site.

Councillor Monteith commended the paper but said that he would have concern with the ambulance response and the mention of the station at Desertcreat. He said that people in nearby towns would be very concerned if the ambulance stations were removed from same and Council's message should not be the centralisation of ambulance services as response times would be impacted.

Councillor Monteith also proposed that the matter of poverty be expanded and said that the crisis in the NHS was creating further poverty. He told of a man in his 40s who needed a hip replacement who had a 4 year wait which meant he lost his job. When he eventually got one hip replaced due to compensating with the 'good hip' its condition had deteriorated and he had to wait a further 3 years to have that replaced. He highlighted that what should have been a short waiting time had left the man unable to work for a decade. He reiterated that poverty was being created by a broken system as without access to care, people lost jobs, households suffered yet if they had had a salaried post this may not have happened. He spoke of a recent meeting with credit unions when it had been revealed that one of the biggest reasons for loans was to pay for private health care, thus people were getting into debt to endeavour to access care and retain their jobs.

Councillor Kerr concurred with Councillor Monteith and made reference to GP services. He said more personnel were needed to answer telephone calls as it was near impossible to get a response when ringing a GP practise. He spoke to of the need for multi disciplinary teams, access to local practises both day time and out of hours' services. Councillor Kerr also stressed the importance of mental health services and investment in same. He praised the role of local charities but said that the situation was worsening especially in mental health services and much investment was needed. Referring to ambulance services he said that improved road signage, Councillor Kerr concluded that working class people were suffering and many had listened to situations similar to that raised by Councillor Monteith and stressed access to care was a must.

The AD: DSCD said she would update the paper and circulate it to Members.

Councillor Wilson concurred with previous speakers but said Desertcreat should remain with the stipulation that the upgrade does not decimate other stations. He said Members had a duty to lobby in relation to domiciliary care especially for carers who worked so hard to maintain quality of life for the vulnerable. He stressed the need for an immediate meeting regarding domiciliary care highlighting that the wider issues would not be addressed until the December meeting of Council.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred.

Councillor Burton stressed the importance of keeping the situation with birthing pools in midwifery led units on the agenda highlighting again that at the Craigavon Area Hospital site the pool was removed from the unit and the room now doubles up for an area for

bereaved parents in instances where babies have died. She again requested that the question be asked if the pool could be reinstated as although the response said there was extra large baths which could be utilised this was not ideal and many women were highlighting the issue.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy advised that as well as Dungannon where GP services had reached a chronic stage, the Moy too was experiencing problems especially in relation to telephone response times. He said it should be clarified if these issues were district wide.

The AD: DSCD advised that she would incorporate aforementioned issues in the paper.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the key health issues for Mid Ulster to support lobbying and engagement with the health trusts. An update to be provided to Members to include:

- Domiciliary Care Crisis;
- Birthing pool issue in Southern Trust
- The need to retain and improve current ambulance basis as well as further provision/training centre at Desertcreat;
- Expand on issue of health crisis creating further poverty in the community;
- The need for additional GP services, a multi disciplinary team in the practice as well as the retention of services in locally. Mid Ulster wide GP services Dungannon & Moy chronic, are other areas across the district the same
- Increase funding and improved services for Mental Health;
- Ambulance Assistance: improved road signage, house numbering and updating of GIS Systems;

## **D199/21 Economic Development – OBFD**

The Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Programmes presented previously circulated report to provide members with an update on key activities and sought approval for the following:

Councillor Ashton sought clarity as to whether Moygashel would meet the criteria.

In response the AD: EDTSP said Moygashel was included with Dungannon settlement limit but she would clarify with the Department if Moygashel could be considered.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that there would be projects shelf ready which could be considered in the scheme.

The AD: EDTSP said the team was looking at a range of options.

Councillor Kerr asked if these could be brought back to stakeholders and also sought clarity as to what would happen if populations of settlements was below 1000.

Councillor Burton said numbers of populations in settlements had raised issues in the past mentioning Caledon and Aughnacloy which was a border town. She also asked if for example footpaths in Castlecaulfield could be considered.

Councillor Monteith said a strong case needed to be made for the smaller settlements emphasising that Mid Ulster is made up of rural communities and highlighted hamlets such as Killeeshil which had a vibrant community centre, Edendork, Brantry and Cabragh who would not reach the numbers. He said the larger towns and villages had received funding and now these smaller communities would be looking equal treatment and it was Councils duty to fight for them.

The Chief Executive reinforced the comments made by the Assistant Director and said whilst they could concur with Members comments Council should welcome the funding opportunity. He also highlighted that the criteria was across three government departments all with their own agendas for example Department for Infrastructure would be focus on active travel, Department for Communities would be urban regeneration and DEARA would be for village investment. He further highlighted that Maghera may be another area of concern in relation to the criteria. He concluded that this funding was not a replacement for Rural Development Programme and clarity would be sought on all issues.

The Chair Councillor Molloy drew attention to the wording outlined at item 10 “there will be no firm rule that precludes projects in settlements below the 1000 threshold” which may provide scope for negotiations.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Burton

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to Council:

**(a) COVID Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme**

**Resolved** (i) To note details on the new COVID Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme.  
(ii) To approve that officers work up proposed options and bring back a report to Members for discussion.

**(b) Request from Dungannon Enterprise Centre**

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated he had declared an interest in the item but would facilitate discussion.

Councillor Monteith said he was aware of this from the recent Dungannon DEA meeting regarding capital projects and he would be reluctant to committing to a 10 year lease given that Council has ambitious plans for lands adjacent to the area to be leased.

The Chief Executive said officers had discussed the issue also and whilst they would want to show good will and work with the Enterprise Centre a 10 year lease would not sit



comfortable with Councils plans and perhaps a year on year lease may be a better way forward.

Councillor Ashton proposed that officers, Dungannon Enterprise Centre and Dungannon DEA Members meet to negotiate how best to progress the matter.

Councillor Burton seconded the proposal.

Councillor Ashton also stated that there had been issues with the rollout of broadband in Maghera and Coalisland and as chair of the working group she had spoke with officers to call a meeting to discuss same.

Councillor Cuddy suggested that perhaps a five year lease may sit comfortable with both Council and the Enterprise Centre. He said as a trader he would not want to halt anything that could take place currently while larger plans were being progressed. He said he would be keen to have a meeting as soon as possible.

Councillor Monteith supported the proposal for a meeting with all parties concerned but said that Council should not bind itself to a timescale. It could be agreed in principle perhaps as the land is key to Council's plans.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said there is an understanding in relation to Council's future plans for the lands.

Councillor Clarke thanked officers and Councillor Ashton for the prompt response regarding a meeting of the broadband group.

**Resolved** That Council seek a meeting with Dungannon Enterprise Centre and Dungannon DEA Members to discuss the way forward on requested lease of Council for lands at Feeney's Lane, Dungannon.

## **D200/21 Extension to Davagh Forest Service Level Agreement**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to review current Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Broughderg Area Development Association to include caretaker and cleansing duties within the OM Visitor Centre.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council -

- (i) To note the content of the report in relation to the extension of current duties and activities associated to the current Service Level Agreement with Broughderg Area Development Association.
- (ii) To approve the extension of on-site support services on a daily basis equating to 11 hours per week on a flexible rota. The calculated cost of this service equates to £104.50 per week/ £5,434 per annum.
- (iii) To agree to amend the current annual Service Level Agreement

with Broughderg Area Development Association to reflect a total annual SLA payment of £11,434.00 for services provided at Davagh Forest and OM Dark Skies Park & Observatory.

**D201/21 Greenlough Greenway Path Creation**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report and sought Council approval to enter into nine Permissive Path Agreements with nine different landowners in relation to lands in and around Clady River, Inishrush and Greenlough for the creation of a path network, known as Greenlough Greenways.

Councillor Milne commended the group on their forward thinking.

Proposed by Councillor Milne  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be given –

- (i) To enter into nine Permissive Path Agreements with nine landowners in relation to the development of the path network along the Clady River, Inishrush and Greenlough, known as Greenlough Greenways.
- (ii) To investigate the potential of establishing a service level agreement with Bann Valley Community Group. A future detailed report to be submitted to committee for consideration/ approval in due course.

**D202/21 Pedestrian Bridge, Seyloran Land, Dungannon**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to and sought Council approval to accept the transfer of a pedestrian footbridge crossing the River Rhone from Seyloran Lane, Dungannon, from Department of Infrastructure (DfI).

The Chair advised that he had taken a walk around this way after receiving the paper and stated that it was evident that work had been done to the bridge. He said that the landowners would be more than appreciative if it was kept open as a walkway as it was a public right of way used by numerous people in a circular route and also formed an old ancient public right of way.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be given –

- (i) For ownership transfer regarding the bridge at Seyloran Lane over the River Rhone from DfI to Council.
- (ii) To further investigate existing and potential public access opportunities along the River Rhone, Seyloran and bring a public path proposal in due course for committee consideration.

**D203/21      Feasibility study – Reopening disused tunnels linked to Great Northern Railway and Northland Estate for Off-Road cycling and walking routes**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report and sought Council approval to appoint a qualified consultancy to develop a feasibility study for the potential re-opening of disused tunnels linked to Great Northern Railway and Northland Estate for Off-Road cycling and walking routes (Appendix Map).

Councillor Burtons said she had initially thought the report was about the railways lines as opposed to the tunnels and referred to a recent television programme about former railways and that it was her understanding that ABC Council were exploring the possibilities of re-opening of wider railway network. Councillor Burton said if the aforementioned was the case she would like to see the Clogher Valley included in the scope of the study.

Councillor Cuddy advised that he knew the two tunnels reasonably well and said that the Water Service had plans to put a large sewage pipe through the subway under the main Moy Road. He referred to Developers on both sides of the road and the potential for Council to take control/ownership to connect Dungannon Park with Windmill Wood and continue to Linear Park in which Council wished to develop a path right around the town for cyclists and walkways off all main roads. He said that it would be important to work quickly as there could be a chance the site could be lost to the Water Service which would be unfortunate as it was on the maps from the 1830s and still in very good shape.

Councillor Cuddy also referred to the other railway line at the Moy Road also with the two tunnels right beside each other, with one end closed over due to the Killymerron Road. He said that both tunnels had a lot of history in Dungannon and well worth investigating and said that he would be happy to propose the feasibility study, especially the subway to make sure that other utilities do not run a waste pipe through it and make sure that these pipes are at least put underground as now was the time to work to try and link the two parks with agreement from landowners.

Councillor Monteith said that it looked like a good idea to him and assumed as there was and that Council take the opportunity to look at this and work within the guidelines which were given even if there was no bespoke policy in place with regard to adoption of tunnels.

The Chair said that like the railway, when it was gone it was gone and well worth trying to preserve these tunnels for the future otherwise they would be lost forever once they were exploring the issue of reinstating railway networks with the possibility of enhancement, with a report being brought back on what ABC were actually doing and if something that this Council could be involved in as it had been an act of vandalism to remove the railways.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council that approval be given –

- (i) To progress with the procurement and appointment of qualified consultancy to develop a Feasibility Study/Business Case for the potential re-opening of disused tunnels linked to Great Northern Railway and Northland Estate for Off-Road cycling and walking routes in conjunction with potential future Active Travel development opportunities for Dungannon town.
- (ii) For P&R committee approval for all identified capital expenditure associated to project as presented.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that Officers bring a report to future meeting in relation to ABC Council plans with regard to regenerating Railway provision in the west and the possibility of MUDC doing likewise.

### **D204/21 Sports Representative Grants**

The Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report to present to Members the proposed community grant allocations for the Sports Representative Grant - Team and Individuals (October 2021).

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and grant approval for the sports grant allocations as recommended to the value of £650 in respect of the 2 applications.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **D205/21 Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 October 2021**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 October 2021.

Councillor Monteith referred to D148/21 regarding ongoing roadworks and advised that a meeting had been held with utilities the previous week. He said that it was disappointing that SGN had not attended and it was mid November and no progress had been made. He advised that areas of Dungannon continued to be operating on a one way system due to works ongoing at for example at night on the Newell Road noting neither local residents or nearby business had received notification despite assurances that disruptions would be during the hours of 9.30 to 4.30 pm. He said that there was a need to keep going as they talked about a moratorium and how works were to be completed before that time. He suggested that a meeting be raised with Roads Service stating that if the moratorium was going to raise a bottleneck every year, then it defeated the purpose and a better rule and guideline would be that only so many roads can be worked on at a particular time. He felt that the moratorium had now become counterproductive as it seemed like 'hell for leather' to get roads closed and works completed.

Councillor Monteith proposed that Council write to Roads Service in relation to the moratorium to ask that a more effective use of the moratorium would be to stagger or plan work better rather than having an onslaught.

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Wilson concurred with previous comments and experiences in Cookstown at the moment. He advised if someone wished to get a gas connection, then the road goes into a single lane traffic system which was a nightmare.

**Resolved** That Council write to DfI in relation to the moratorium requesting them to revise their working practices to ensure road works are phased throughout the year in our towns and rural areas.

Councillor Kerr referred to D184/21 regarding Playparks and advised that a local resident had contacted him in relation to a family relative having a severe nut allergy and having to leave the playpark due to other users eating nuts within the vicinity. He said that whilst Council's responsibility to tell parents and children what to eat it may be worthwhile highlighting the issue via by social media and a public campaign asking the public to be mindful of children and other users with allergies using the playpark.

The Strategic Director of Environment advised that this would be followed up.

**Resolved** That Council explore the possibility of a social media campaign highlighting the need for users of facilities such as play parks to have consideration of those with severe allergies eg nut allergy.

#### **D206/21 Minutes of Special Development Committee held on 21 October 2021**

Members noted Minutes of Special Development Committee held on 21 October 2021.

#### **D207/21 Economic Development Report – OBF**

Members noted update on key activities as detailed below:

- Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 01.09.2020 & 22.09.2020
- Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 05.08.2020 & 22.09.2020
- Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 10.05.2021 & 28.06.2021
- Maghera Town Centre Forum Minutes 06.08.2020 & 21.09.2020
- Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) - QUB Report: 'The Border After Brexit'

#### **D208/21 Pitch and Recreational Spaces Strategy Update**

Members noted update on progress to date in relation to Pitch and Recreational Spaces Strategy.

*Live broadcast ended at 8.13 pm.*

#### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy 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 item D209/21.

**Matters for Decision**

**Matters for Information**

D209/21 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 October 2021

**D210/21 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.15 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.