

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 June 2022 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means**

**Members Present**

Councillor Clarke (Chair)

Councillors Ashton, Burton, Corry\*, Doris\*, Kerr\*, McNamee, Milne\*, Molloy\*, Monteith\* and Wilson\*

**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  
Mrs Loughran, Business Support Manager

**Others In Attendance**

**Deputation: Into the West Rail -**  
Cormac Duffy and Steve Bradley

\* 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.*

**D089/22 Notice of Recording**

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

**D090/22 Apologies**

Councillors Black, Elattar and Wilson.  
Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive.

**D091/22 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.

## **D092/22      Chair's Business**

Councillor McNamee stated that he wished to raise two items under Chair's business. He enquired if there was any update on the cycle trails in Davagh Forest and whether a new contractor had been appointed yet. He also asked for an update on Cookstown Saturday market, especially the results of the consultation and whether these would be brought to committee.

The AD: Health, Leisure and Wellbeing advised that a paper would be tabled at a future Environment Committee regarding the Cycle Trails in Davagh.

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council that a paper be brought to a future Environment Committee providing an update on the Cycle Trails at Davagh Forest.

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes advised that the Saturday Market review is being finalised and will be brought to Committee as soon as it is completed for Members' review.

Councillor McNamee stated that the parking issues around the market were raised at the PCSP meeting recently and was content that these would be addressed.

Councillor Kerr congratulated Councillor Clarke on being elected Chair of the Development Committee and wished him well.

Councillor Kerr stated that he had been contacted by a local volunteer from Cookstown SANDS group which was a charity who specialises in stillbirth and neo-natal support for bereaved parents. He said that the volunteer would like to see a memorial for the children who unfortunately lost their lives in the Mid Ulster area who would like to see a memorial to babies/children who lost their lives. The Volunteer advised that there was a memorial garden exists in the Lisburn area and that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council were also exploring a exploring a similar initiative.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council that Council engage with SANDS volunteers to explore a memorial within the district for babies/children who have lost their lives.

The SD: Communities and Place advised that Officers would take this away and consider the matter with an update being brought at a later date.

## **D093/22      Deputation – Into the West Rail**

The Chair, Councillor Clarke welcomed representatives of Into the West – Mr Cormac Duffy and Mr Steve Bradley to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Duffy and Mr Bradley delivered their presentation which highlighted the fact that 2 of the 11 Councils within Northern Ireland do not have rail access, namely MUDC and FODC. They advised that there had been no rail in Tyrone or South Derry in the last two generations, which demonstrated that this has become a car dominated region even though around a quarter of households in Dungannon and Cookstown have no access to a car or van.

The aim of the lobby group was to restore the Derry-Portadown line which will in turn open the possibility for a circular rail line covering 5 of the 6 counties. If connections were then established with Letterkenny in Donegal it would allow the possibility of funding from the Irish Government.

Into the West are asking MUDC to adopt an ambitious vision for rail within our District, while becoming a consistent and vocal advocate for rail in the area. They want MUDC to work closely and collaboratively with other Councils to achieve objectives of establishing a Rail Working Group within Council to support other improvements to rail on the island.

Councillor Burton advised that she gets lobbied for this a lot which she has raised at NILGA as she felt that rail was a great way of connecting people. She said that she would like to see rail coming the same route as the old Clogher Valley railway line and has been working with other groups in the Armagh area on restoring railway lines. She enquired if the railway track came as far as Armagh then could it progress to Monaghan which she would fully support.

Mr Bradley advised that the Derry route would go through Dungannon providing a spine of rail through Co. Tyrone and would be an economically viable option. This would bind together the larger towns in Northern Ireland and put Mid Ulster at heart of the network. Once rail was back to Omagh it could then be brought to Enniskillen and then onto Sligo.

In referring to query regarding the Clogher Valley, he advised that the train would go to Dungannon with feeder buses from Clogher Valley and could also look at the option of providing better cycle routes to feed people into that rail service.

Councillor Burton stated that a large number of people would already drive to Portadown to access the rail service from there. She said that she was hopeful that the upgrade of the rail network would take place and would fully support it as it was criminal that the train was lost from Clogher Valley to begin with and she wished them well.

Councillor Molloy said that the West had been abandoned by rail and agreed it was criminal. He referenced the loss of the track bed in Mid Ulster which had been lost to private development and the bridge network which had been removed. He said that a sea change in thought was needed as to where the new track between Portadown and Dungannon would go and a need to rethink the network linkages not where it was, but would be fully supported the proposals.

Mr Bradley agreed that he wouldn't be in favour of using the old route but Derry to Portadown has not been built on and was still fully intact and problems arise when

entire route is built on. Rail beds need to be protected in planning so that if a route is still usable and desirable then rail beds can be utilised.

Councillor Kerr advised that he was fully supportive of the INTW campaign and another advantage was to appeal the environmental argument to rebuild the railway. Most nations have plans to eliminate carbon footprints and improving public infrastructure would help this, with consideration being given to electric trains as was the case in USA and other countries. He recalled track imprints in the fields around Coalisland and hoped that these could be restored.

Mr Bradley stated that this was all about choice and in order to use cars less people need more options open to them as people at the minute have no choice as a quarter of local households do not even have access to a vehicle.

Councillor Quinn said it was a fantastic presentation and was keen to see the railway returning back to Coalisland. He said that if people had the foresight to see the benefits of a new rail system that this would be very beneficial as current trains and rail network were currently old fashioned and not fit purpose. He stated that health and environmental advantages from Rail are huge and he asked if Council could investigate old train lines to see what was still intact and available. He advised that he would be fully supportive the INTW proposals.

Mr Bradley agreed that it cost a lot of money, however mile for mile, rail was half the cost of motorway £850 million to restore rail link from Derry to Portadown. He said that he wished to see strong community advocates to make rail connectivity happen.

Councillor Monteith congratulated Councillor Clarke on in term of Chair and said that he was also in favour of seeing the rail network being restored from Derry to Portadown. He enquired if there was a certain team within DfI dealing with rail so that Council could negotiate and arrange a meeting to progress this initiative.

Mr Bradley confirmed that DfI hold the budget. He said that the first stage of the process was that DfI and Finance Ministers consider the benefits of the overall project as there were large sums of money required (Catch Up Cash from Westminster and Dublin). He said that there was a need for Council to become a strong advocate for pushing this forward so that the two ministers previously referenced to bring to London, Dublin and EU to lobby for it. He said that this would take a long time and no short cuts.

The SD: Communities and Place reminded members that reference was made in the Community Plan to Reinstatement of Railways and therefore there are opportunities to bring this conversation forward under Community Planning.

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes agreed that it was a very good presentation. She said that Council had lobbied hard for the rail network to be reinstated from Portadown to Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt and onwards to Coleraine. She advised this route would provide a key rail corridor from Coleraine through the heart of Mid Ulster and onwards to Portadown where it would link directly into the Republic of Ireland. This key route carries significant traffic daily and requested this be included as part of Into the West's proposals.

Councillor McNamee referred to the key route from Derry to Portadown and suggested the possibility of Officers touching base with the other Councils involved (Derry & Strabane, Fermanagh & Omagh and ABC) as this would strengthen the campaign as a group going forward.

Councillor Clarke stated that if a circular route was complete it would automatically build demand and usage as a whole across the West. He felt that the project needed serious impetus and drive to get delivered.

Mr. Bradley said there would be opposition to rail within DfI as he was aware of other Councils being told not to include this within their transport plans. He said that there was a need for vocal advocates for rail within communities as times were changing, but was confident however that there would be opposition as was the case in rural Scotland, but they lobbied hard and were successful.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to engage with neighbouring Councils (Derry & Strabane DC, ABC Borough Council and Fermanagh and Omagh DC) to work collectively in progressing the reintroduction of rail transport to the West.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke thanked the representatives of Into the West for their attendance at committee tonight and they withdrew from the meeting at 7.51pm.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D094/22                      Development Report**

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

- **Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 – 2023**
- **Community Grants Online – grants review is taking place currently as part of the 3 year review, and a session will be held with members**
- **Development Update – for noting**

*Councillor Burton declared an interest in Bawn Development Group.*

Councillor Ashton asked that PCSP remain the lead on the action to address the ASB issues relating to the memorials in Dungannon and Moy. She advised that a positive DEA meeting with officers had taken place concerning the attacks on the war memorial in Moy and Dungannon and that an update on follow up of agreed actions would be welcomed.

Councillor McNamee advised that this matter had been raised at yesterday's PCSP meeting.

The AD: Development said that she would follow up re the DEA discussions with the relevant officers; exploring installation of railings, community engagement and looking at CCTV to best maximise this.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that a paper be brought to future committee regarding the outcome of discussion on the ASB at Moy and Dungannon War memorials.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** To propose the Development Report as detailed below:

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

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

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

- **Community Grants Online**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the Community Grants Online review.

- **Development Report**

The AD: Development wished members to note that SEUPB has provided guidance on the delivery of Peace Plus programme and the Partnership to oversee this. A call via the Council database will take place to seek to get social partners alongside the statutory and Council member partners, and an update paper will be brought to the September committee.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the development report.

**D095/22 Consultation on the Department of Health Review of Urgent and Emergency Care Services in NI**

The AD: Development presented the previously circulated report which sought approval of the Council's response to the Department of Health's Review of Urgent and Emergency Care Services in Northern Ireland. Report is for members consideration and to submit a response.

Councillor Kerr said that he wished to raise a few issues.

The first issue concerned GP telephone appointments and highlighted that not all issues can be resolved over the phone and felt strongly that GPs should be urged to facilitate as many face to face appointments as they possibly could. He said that the community were frustrated at the lack of resources within GP surgeries to answer calls and if callers cannot get through early in the morning then all appointments were gone and they have to wait until the following day. He said that more focus was required on staff resources for GP surgeries, more encouragement for student nurses and doctors to move into general practice.

He referred GP services being withdrawn in the Dromore area and hoped it would not happen in the rest of the region.

He also said that ambulance response times needed to improve and that better investment had to take place within the ambulance services as in many areas it was trained community volunteers who are first on the scene of an incident.

He felt that more investment was needed within the area of mental health, especially as Covid has had a huge impact on people's mental health and wellbeing.

The AD: Development advised that she would note all Councillor Kerr's issues and update the report accordingly.

Councillor Molloy made reference to an earlier point raised in the meeting about a section of the population within the area not having access to vehicles. This would pose difficulties if people have to travel further to hospitals or for Out of Hours services particularly in this area given that that particular service is not reopening in Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith said he held similar concerns to Councillor Molloy and proposed that Council seek an urgent meeting with the Southern Health Trust regarding the loss of the Out of Hours facility in Dungannon. He said that further reduction of services within this area cannot be allowed.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

- i) Include additional comments from Members and approve Council's response to the Department of Health's Review of Urgent and Emergency Care Services in Northern Ireland as detailed in the officers report.
- ii) Council to seek an urgent meeting with Southern Health Trust regarding loss of Out of Hours Facility in Dungannon

**D096/22 Strategic Development Update**

The AD: Development presented the previously circulated report in respect of Support to alleviate cost of living pressures and Mid Ulster Poverty Plan and sought approval for measures outlined in the undernoted resolve.

Reference was made to continuing to liaise with the other Councils regarding their interventions.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the report and accepted that there was no easy solutions. He said that some support has been undertaken but that more innovation solutions are required; even to consider schemes from previous such as the fuel stamp initiative, as this was very positive to help as many as possible. He also referenced the grants to community groups for running of facilities that these would not be sufficient in terms of meeting costs such as energy etc. He is aware that this cannot be amended now but needs considered as more people are availing of community buildings during the day to keep warm; again asked for flexibility to be shown and to think of different ways to alleviate all of these concerns.

Councillor Kerr thanked the AD: Development for her report and concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments regarding supporting school children initiative as this last few months there seemed to be constant bad news with cost of living going through roof. He said that it was important to be flexible and innovative to support people on low incomes as it was a matter of heat or eat. He welcomed a report to help residents of Mid Ulster.

Councillor McNamee agreed with previous comments and said what there was a need to see the Executive up and running to try and get funding out into communities.

Councillor Burton stated that families in general were really struggling, often these are the "working poor". Some of these people are in professional/good jobs however are not entitled to any kind of financial support like childcare and enquired what was out there for them. Working poor are struggling as much and if not more that lower income groups and enquired was there anything the Council could do to help those people also.

The AD: Development advised that all the main poverty programmes do seek to support all people including the working poor as they have been identified as struggling. It not noted that some of the tailored programmes did focus on free school meals and noted that consideration would be given within the poverty plan of how issues such as childcare costs could be addressed to include the "working poor" as they are being impacted.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

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

- (i) Note the update in respect of officer engagement with Derry and Strabane District Council regarding their current consideration to provide support around pressures associated with cost of living increases;



- (ii) Agree that the Council continues to provide ongoing support with the cost of living challenges through our already established strategic network;
- (iii) Agree that any funding allocation from the Department, aimed to provide additional support, continues to be channeled through strategic network partners;
- (iv) Note the progress associated with the delivery of the Mid Ulster Anti-Poverty Plan and agree that this plan be used to continue to lobby government for additional support to help alleviate ongoing cost of living/poverty pressures.

## **D097/22      Affordable Warmth Scheme 2022-2023**

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report which provided an update to Members on communications received from the Department for Communities (DfC) on the Affordable Warmth Scheme 2022-2023, the proposed changes to the number of referrals that can be made to the Scheme and resultant implications for Council.

He advised that this initiative had been delivered since 2014 targeting low income households so in line with the letter the budget position has an impact on spend as DfI can only fund 20 referrals per month from June 2022 onwards, reducing it from 360 to 260 this year. He said that the officer team were continuing to work on this programme and would work with those applicants who could not be referred but would signpost them to other relevant schemes. He advised that the report would be kept under review with a further review being carried out in Quarters 2 and 3.

Councillor Monteith said it was a very worthwhile project and staff were excellent in this role in referring, helping people and simplifying a daunting process, but felt there was a need for better publicity regarding the scheme availability. He said that if we were not in a position to create a cost of living scenario then this was a very real mechanism and suggested no one loses out. He said that there was a need to look at this to see if any further funding was available to increase this scheme as it makes a very real difference. The Council could take the initiative to make this more open to people on low incomes who are working as this was an excellent project that can be built upon if we can't do a cost of living grant. The key part of this thinking could be used for years to come. We do have a capital budget some of which could be improvements to people's homes which could be a great initiative and not just for facilities.

Councillor Kerr said there needs to be a revolutionary mind-set by local authorities to make changes to people's homes as the cost of living crisis was not going anywhere soon. There needs to be intervention to show Mid Ulster residents that Council wasn't just about lifting bins and cutting grass we want to improve lives.

Councillor Ashton referred to the reduction in referrals and said she would have thought they would have been aware of family pressures and asked we should push back and enquire if the project could be increased.

Councillor Molloy referred to evaluation the referrals and what difference they make to people's pockets and felt that this needed to be looked at as money in reserves needed to be spent.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing clarified that Council did not give out the grants. He said that Council refer on to NIHE and the Department who can make an application up to £7,500 for windows or up to £10,000 for cavity walls, referrals are based on the number that's carried out by officers. The grant Council receive is to facilitate officer time and our role as this is a task and initiative for department, but we can continue working on this. He advised that officers would continue to voice comments to the Department as outlined in point 8. Important to reach out to the Department.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

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

- (i) Members note the content of this report;
- (ii) Approve the current arrangements and meet the shortfall in funding through in year efficiencies; and
- (iii) Approval to carry out a review in quarter 3 and 4 in line with the annual rates estimates process on the ongoing viability of programme delivery should further funding not be achieved.

#### **D098/22 FMT Chamber of Commerce Service Level Agreement**

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report asking Members to consider a proposal to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce for caretaker and cleansing duties within the Round Lake and surrounding facilities along with Fivemiletown Market Yard.

Councillor Burton felt that this was money well spent as Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce carry out hard work for the town and this SLA would give local people ownership of the area which had suffered from antisocial behaviour when it was first opened.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the content of the report and give approval to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce to provide on-site support services on a daily basis equating to 2 hours per day, 7 days per week on a flexible rota at an approx. cost of £144.23 per week/ £7,500 per annum. This is for the period July 2022 – March 2023 only and will be reviewed for effectiveness and extension in line with other annual Service Level Agreements in support of Council's leisure and outdoor recreation services.

## **D099/22 Request for Support**

The Chair advised that consideration of the report had been postponed.

Councillor Monteith said he would have been happy to support the proposals in the report. He then referenced letters of support required to Dungannon Rugby Football Club (DRFC) and proposed Council Officers reach out to the club to ascertain their needs and would be happy to support their proposals.

Councillor Wilson felt that officers should not be approaching an organisation to advise them to request a letter of support however if the club contacted a Council Officer then this could be facilitated.

Councillor Burton stated she had been asked for something similar from Clogher Valley Rugby Football Club (CVRFC).

The Chair, agreed that a request needed to come from the club.

Councillor Monteith enquired if can Dungannon Rugby Football Club could receive a letter of support.

The SD: Communities and Place stated that his understanding of what was being proposed by Councillor Monteith was that should the Council receive any request for letters of support under the levelling up fund, these would need to be considered by Council.

Councillor Monteith agreed but said officers should reach out to Dungannon Rugby Club after advising them that this would have to be brought to full Council. The group to be advised that a letter be sent corporately to Council to get the letter in and dealt with. He said that it was important for groups which are trying to access extra funding to be facilitated.

Councillor Wilson said that although he agreed with Councillor Monteith, he would still have an issue with our Officers going to an organisation asking them do they require a letter of support and those Councillors which received emails should contact Dungannon themselves and that way the whole process is followed properly.

Councillor Burton advised that Clogher Valley Rugby Club contacted her seeking a letter of support also. She said that it was important that one should not be put above another and a balance shown.

Councillor Monteith said that it was important that this matter is dealt with as a matter of urgency otherwise it would be September before it's done and proposed that in principal that if a request is received from either club that Council facilitate that at full Council at the end of the month.

Councillor Molloy clarified that both clubs referenced are liaising with Council Officers directly at present regarding other funding available, namely discretionary grants, which was the case and was aware that Clogher Valley was doing the same in terms of accessing funding for various things.

Councillor Kerr referred to Service Level Agreements and asked for an update report to be taken to the next meeting of this Committee on Washingbay as he had been contacted by some local residents and committee members about traffic issues in the area. He said these had been raised with previous officers and would like to see the issues progressed.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council

- i) That should Members be contacted regarding letters of support for Levelling Up that the groups be asked to make contact with Council Officers directly and the requests will then be brought to the next full Council for consideration due to the imminent funding deadline
- ii) Washingbay Community Group: that Officers engage with relevant parties/agencies regarding traffic issues at the junction of the site.

#### **D100/22 Lease Extension Requests**

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report seeking approval to progress lease extensions regarding:

- (i) Tobermore Playing Fields – extend the lease with the landlord to 2045 to ensure it is co-terminus with the football clubs proposed extension.
- (ii) Benburb Community Playgroup – execute a further 25 year extension.
- (iii) Land for Brocagh Playpark – execute a 25 year lease with possibility of extension.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to progress lease extensions

- (i) Tobermore Playing Fields – extend the lease with the landlord to 2045 to ensure it is co-terminus with the football clubs proposed extension.
- (ii) Benburb Community Playgroup – execute a further 25 year extension.
- (iii) Land for Brocagh Playpark – execute a 25 year lease with possibility of extension.

#### **D101/22 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 – Teams and Individuals.

- 2 Individual application were received during this period
- Proposal to award a total of £450 in respect of the above 2 eligible applications.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and grant approval for the sports grant allocations a total of £450 in respect of 2 eligible applications outlined in the report.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **D102/22 Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 May 2022**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 May 2022.

Councillor Kerr referred to D083/22 and referred to Castlebay and formally proposed that a report was brought back for an enhancement scoping report on its potential and not to be forgotten about like the other areas of Lough Neagh.

Agreed that an Enhancement Scoping report for Castlebay be brought back to committee on its potential.

Councillor Doris enquired if there was any further update on development for Drumcairne and forestry licences for Cappagh and Altmore forests. If not available could this be kept on the Agenda to see if something could come back next month.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing Health advised that previously funding applications submitted through TRPSI and as yet Council were yet to receive an outcome. He advised that once an update was received regarding the funding applications an update would be brought back through this committee.

#### **D103/22 Clean Neighbourhood Action Plan**

Members noted the report providing an update on the Clean Neighbourhood Action Plan.

Councillor Milne congratulated Councillor Clarke on his position of Chair of this committee for the incoming year.

He said that there was now a six monthly review on progress and would like to see this take place.

Councillor McNamee said that he would be supportive of Councillor McNamee's request as discussions were needed with all members as some people get off with fines and others do not and felt that there needed to be a balance for all areas.

Councillor Monteith said that it was quite clear that Dungannon and Cookstown were being adversely targeted with over 90 percent of notices being issued and clear to be seen they are being targeted more than the other areas. The report has been extremely generous when we talk about the increase of dog fouling, it was an increase of 2. He stated that this initiative was failing on dog fouling as this was an

issue consistently being raised and still is, a review would be timely as he felt this was a mitigated disaster.

Councillor Corry referred to Lough Fea which was previously a hotbed but has improved and a very well done on the big improvements.

Councillor Quinn said that it was hard to argue with Councillor Monteith as this was not what we intended as dog fouling was still out of control. He felt it targetted high areas of population and taking the easy way out, but complaints are about dog fouling and not other issues.

Councillor Burton advised that as someone who lives in a rural area the amount of glass bottles and chip papers is huge. She said that cigarette butts were still litter and there was a need to do something in relation to amount of rubbish we are still fairly early into this process but we do need to give it a bit of time and she felt that while we may not see butts as a big issue it is still litter at the end of the day. She agreed that that review would tell us what's going on but there were still a lot of rural villages which would like enforcement officers like this group. She said that we had to do something and WISE officers are targeting any form of litter just what they were asked to do.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing advised that the review meeting built within the approval a mechanism to have a review and officers will liaise with Democratic Services to convene a meeting before the end of summer. He said that this was a 12 month pilot scheme and discussion was now needed to determine if this scheme continues or not.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing advised that officers would organise a meeting and anticipate to have a date before September for members.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council for Officers to convene a meeting with Members and WISE representatives to review the pilot to date and to determine the next appropriate steps.

#### **D104/22 Leisure Participation**

Members noted the report providing an update on leisure participation.

#### **D105/22 Departmental Service Plan 2022/23: Communities and Place**

Members noted the Departmental Service Plan 2022/23: Communities and Place.

#### **D106/22 Economic Development Report**

Members noted the Economic Development Report providing an update on

- Economic Development and Tourism Achievements 2021/2022
- Hidden Heritage Tours

**D107/22 Chief Executive’s Departmental Service Plan Report 2022-2023**

Members noted the Chief Executive’s Departmental Service Plan Report 2022-2023

*Live broadcast ended at 8.41pm.*

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

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Burton 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 D108/22 to D111/22.

**Matters for Decision**

D108/22 Tender to supply willow to Cookstown Leisure Centre  
D109/22 Economic Development Report – CBF

**Matters for Information**

D110/22 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on  
12 May 2022  
D111/22 Mid South West Region Growth Deal Report

**D112/22 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 20:55pm.

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.