

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Thursday 13 January 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Black*, Burton, Clarke*, Corry*, Cuddy, Doris*,
Elattar*, Kerr*, McNamee*, Milne*, Monteith*, Quinn* and
Wilson

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and
Wellbeing
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 ***
Cllr Brown ***

* 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.

D001/22 Apologies

Councillor Ashton

Ms Linney**, Assistant Director of Development, Strategic Community Development

D002/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chair, Councillor Molloy reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest drawing particular attention to agenda items, 5, 9 and 16.

Councillor Elattar declared an interest in Ballinascreen Credit Union

Councillors Molloy and Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon Credit Union

Councillor Kerr declared an interest in Coalisland Credit Union

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Kildress Credit Union

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in Ballinascreen Credit Union and Anrathdoo Credit Union

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Aughnacloy Credit Union

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in Broughderg Community Development Association

Councillor Doris declared an interest in Coalsiland Credit Union

Councillor Milne declared an interest in Bannvale Credit Union

Councillor Corry declared an interest in Ballinascreen and Anrathdoo Credit Union

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Fairhill & District Credit Union

Councillor Quinn declared an interest in Coalisland Credit Union

D003/22 Chair's Business

The Chair Councillor Molloy wished everyone a Happy New year.

Councillor Kerr raised the issue of the backlog of MOT, Driving and Theory tests and said that in Fermanagh there had been an initiative that DVLA staff had been available in libraries in an effort to work through appointments. He proposed that Council write to the DfI regarding the issue as well as exploring if they would host clinics in Mid Ulster similar to that held in Fermanagh and Omagh district.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that a similar issue had been raised at the Environment committee and it had been agreed to write to the Minister.

Councillor McNamee concurred.

Councillor Monteith seconded Councillor Kerr's proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that in the letter agreed by Environment Committee to write to the Minister of Department for Infrastructure regarding Driving & Theory testing that MOT testing also be included and

that the possibility of have DfI host clinics in local venues as took place in Fermanagh & Omagh district be explored.

Councillor McNamee said that due to Covid the Continental Market had been cancelled for two years and now that other organisations had started to plan events such as the North West and St Patrick's Day Council should do likewise. He said there was hopes that the end of the pandemic was coming and Council should now prepare for events as for example road closures had to be applied for the Continental Market.

Councillor Doris concurred with Councillor McNamee and said that she had attended the Continental Market every year and highlighted the Newell 10k as another event to be returned.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that the comments would be taken on board.

The AD: HL&W said that it was hoped to present a report to committee as officers were looking at the viability of all previous corporate events. He said that the dates were provisionally booked for the Continental Market but Council did have to consider the risk factor but would do all it could.

Councillor Burton said it was important for council to plan as best it can and expressed delight in the Dungannon Farmers Market and how well it was going. She also said it would be good to include Clogher Valley show in plans as it brings thousands to the area and it was a time, although still necessary to be mindful of Covid, for people to be encouraged to step out.

Councillor Wilson said that Cookstown 100 was celebrating its centenary and suggested that Council could do something extra for it this year. It was noted that the organization had received an award for best event regarding health and safety.

Councillor Wilson also reflected on driving through various parts of the district at Christmas time to view the festive lighting. He paid tribute to all who put up decorations and highlighted that Cookstown had received recognition in the top ten places to see at Christmas. He remarked that the trees used for the lighting had grown and it was now a key time to forward plan and look about replacing the lights and using the existing elsewhere.

In response the SD: Environment said this was part of the plan as officers had taken cognizance of the fact the lights were no longer sufficient and were proactive in plans.

Councillor Burton said that Council provide funding for smaller areas and some storms had destroyed lighting displays in Fivemiletown and if that could be considered for next year's as broken displays would need to be replaced. She said that festive lighting brings a 'feel good factor' to areas and Fivemiletown was the gateway to Mid Ulster from Fermanagh.

Councillor Milne said the main towns get their fair share of festive lighting whilst many community groups have to source funding on an annual basis. He said if there was any lights going spare Bellaghy would appreciate them.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that much work had been done in Moy and it had looked fantastic but unfortunately some lights had been destroyed through anti-social behavior.

Matters for Decision

D004/22 Update on DfC Access and Inclusion Programme 2021/2022

The Head of Culture & Arts presented the previously report providing an update on Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Programme 2021/2022.

It was noted that letters of offer had been received for

- Accessible Benches for Community venues throughout Mid Ulster District;
- Glenone Riverside Walk
- Newferry Accessible Parking and Picnic Tables

It was further noted that should the outstanding projects not receive funding in the current year they would carry forward to the next financial year.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that

- (i) Note the update on the 2021/22 Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Funding Programme
- (ii) To seek approval to set up specific finance codes to incur expenditure for each project as detailed in section 3 of the report, where required.
- (iii) To seek approval to utilise the approved Council framework contractors, where required, to deliver the projects identified; and
- (iv) To seek approval to initiate a tender process to appoint suitably qualified contractors for the installation of projects as identified in section 3 of the report and where required.

D005/22 Community Development Report

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

- Community Grants - to approve the Council grants policy 2022 – 2023; to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals,
- Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries
- Emergency Support funding – to approve the final allocation of the Emergency Support funding.
- Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions Allocation) – to approve the allocation from DfC for its Financial Inclusion initiative to the affiliated network of Credit Unions across the district.

- Charlie Donnelly Winter school – to approve cooperation with the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and Council to Council linkages between Mid Ulster and Madrid with the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, and Taranco region. Development - to update on Development.

Councillor Doris spoke of her work with the poverty plan through Credit Unions and how she had been taken aback by the lack of financial literacy within the community. She highlighted that people with credit card issues from university days were encountering problems securing mortgages. Councillor Doris highlighted the need for education in this area especially in schools and community groups for example Men's Shed. She highlighted the statistic that if you are in financial difficulty you are 20 times more likely to lose their life to suicide.

Councillor Corry concurred with Councillor Doris' comments. She also sought clarity in relation to Emergency Support Funding as to whether STEP, who had during the Covid period had difficulty with staffing would be able to meet the demand this would bring. In response the SD: Environment said that hopefully the situation of Covid improving this would ease the situation but Officers would report back to the Member.

- Community Grants

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councilor Doris

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve Community Festival grant from rolling programme for 1 application received totally £840 as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

- Emergency Support Funding

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councilor Doris

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the final allocation of the Emergency Support funding and participate in the partner project to support families in need as outlined in the report.

- Financial Inclusion Funding (Credit Unions Allocation)

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councilor Doris

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve allocation of £46,740 from DfC for its Financial Inclusion initiative to the affiliated network of Credit Unions cross the district as detailed in appendix 3 of the report.

- Charlie Donnelly Winter School

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councilor Doris

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve cooperation with the Charlie Donnelly Winter School and Council to Council linkages between Mid Ulster and Madrid with the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, and Tarancón region.

- Development Report

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the update on Development.

D006/22 Consultation Response: DfC Intermediate Rent Development of Policy and Model

The AD: D,SCD presented the previously circulated report outlining Council's response to the Department for Communities Intermediate Rent Development of Policy and Model: Consultation and sought approval for the response as outlined in the report.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the response but said that this may lead down a blind alley as he had serious concerns regarding who sets the private/social rent as it is becoming the case that social housing is more expensive than the private sector. He said there was also said that some limitations did not help people put down roots in a community. He said legislation was needed in the private sector as soon as possible in order that some of the practices and actions taking place is legislated against. He said his fear was that a lot of time and energy was being poured into the work and people would be sitting in the same situation next year. Councillor Monteith concluded that the action was long overdue but the reality is it does not address the issue of here and now which is raised constantly with Members.

Councillor Kerr concurred and said intervention and regulated rent control was needed especially in Dungannon and Coalisland highlighting that often landlords inflated the rent as a means of making the property unaffordable to the tenant. He concluded saying that the NI Housing Executive should be discouraged from selling to the private sector and that housing was a human right.

Councillor Corry thanked staff for the work on the response and said that eventually something was being done to tackle issue on rents. She said there was no mention of maintenance and repairs and asked that a line be included to determine responsibility.

Councillor Molloy said that some of the points link into the the 'Notice to Quit Periods' Consultation later in the agenda. He too said that he was familiar with rent increases forcing people out.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response.

D007/22 Regional Minority Language Bursary Programme and Irish Language Activity Funding Programme

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining the proposed Regional and Minority Language Bursary programme 2022/23 and Irish Language Activity Funding Programme 2022/23 and to seek approval from Council to publicly advertise both schemes

Councillor McNamee said he was happy to propose and hopefully this year would see a return of the Gaeltacht.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that

- (i) Subject to funding approval is granted to publicly advertise the 2022/23 Regional and Minority Language Bursary Programme
- (ii) Subject to funding approval is granted to issue a call for expressions of interest for proposed projects and initiatives under the Irish Language Activity Programme 2022/23.

D008/22 Purchasing Books for Resale at Seamus Heaney Homeplace

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report requesting approval to purchase books for resale from Grantham Books Services as the sole Northern Ireland Distributor for Faber & Faber (Seamus Heaney's publishers)

Councillor Wilson asked about the process for determining the suppliers of gift products sold at Seamus Heaney HomePlace.

In response the Head of Culture and Arts said that a tender is carried out to identify product for resale within the facility. The process permitted suppliers of product to submit an application to a panel for assessment, and the panel would score applicant products and this would determine what products are sold through the gift shop at the facility. The Head of Culture and Arts stated that he would check with the facility as to the current arrangements and inform the member directly.

Councillor Cuddy said as a retailer he would get local people who write and publish books requesting that he sell them in the shop. He said often he would take a quantity and sell them on. He said people sometimes can find it difficult to get outlets to take the books and Council should support them as they can be both topical and varied and it would be good to have some sort of agreement.

In response the Head of Culture and Arts said that if those with specific product for resale could make contact with him in the first instance that he would advise accordingly and assist where possible.

Councillor Burton supported Councillor Cuddy stating that Council should facilitate as people take a great interest in books on local issues and places.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Burton

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Direct Award Contract for the purchase of Seamus Heaney book stock (for resale) from Grantham Books Services, as the sole distributor for Faber and Faber in Northern Ireland, for the next 3 year period from January 2022-to December 2024, and to avail of the 35% discount price of the book stock purchased from this source.

D009/22 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 (December 2021).

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

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 one individual £250.

D010/22 Consultation DfC: Notice to Quit Periods for Private Tenancies

The AD: HLW drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining Council's response for submission in respect of the Department for Communities: Notice to Quit Periods for Private Tenancies.

Councillor Monteith said he appreciated the response but sometimes the reality on what is taking place on the ground is missed. He said many evictions are taking place and people asked to leave their homes for invalid reason and there is no advise available and that the cards is very much in favour of the landlord. He said Councillor Kerr had mentioned eviction by rent increase thus there is no letter to quit but the rent keeps climbing! Councillor Monteith concluded that the whole sector needed to be regulated and that local councils and or the NIHE needed the authority over the rental sector.

Councillor Elattar acknowledged that there had been problems for many years and that Minister Hargey had delivered initiatives to alleviate them but that the situation did not occur overnight and it would take a while to work through. She concluded that it was a good response to the consultation.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Elattar

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response as outlined in the report.

D011/22 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:

- **High Street Task Force: Call For Evidence 2021:** The Northern Ireland Executive Office sought views on its initial findings and potential solutions for key issues facing our high streets. The High Street Task Force (HSTF), a group formed by The Executive Office has identified the challenges and issues that our high streets face. The HSTF has been seeking views on solutions to support our high streets and to contribute to the development of thriving and sustainable city, town and village centres.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to Retrospectively Approve response to the High Street Task Force - Call for Evidence, which had to be submitted before the deadline of 6 December 2021. If any Member has further comments they wish to add, these should be forwarded to the Assistant Director of Economy, Tourism & Strategic Programmes by 20 January 2022, who will forward them on to The High Street Task Force.

- **Tourism Active Travel Projects:** In June 2021, Greenway and Active Travel Projects wrote to Council to advise of a funding initiative through Department of Infrastructure (DfI) to install active travel pods on existing or potential Greenway sites. An application was submitted in July 2021 to look at installing 6 active travel pods along the old railway lines, which take in our 6 main towns in the district. Following assessment of the application, a business case for the project was submitted to the value of £24,480 (excl. Vat). Council is currently awaiting the Letter of Offer.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said he had not realised that the A29 to Coleraine was a Greenway.

Councillor Cuddy said that Councillor McKinney had highlighted if he left his home in Tobermore he could walk to the North coast but if he turned the other direction there is no footpaths at all.

The Chair Councillor Molloy said it was similar to Portadown where you would walk to the Irish Sea but that mid Tyrone had nothing.

Councillor Burton said that Council needed to push forward initiatives as safety was paramount and highlighted the example of the footpath at Eglish.

Councillor Burton drew attention to the site at Fivemiletown Round Lake and said that Council had spent £1m but the paths around the lake were not in good shape and locally there was negative feedback and Council needed to strive to get this sorted.

Councillor Monteith said that he would be supportive but said that Council had lots of plans for urban parks and proposed that it be standard to incorporate active travel pods and it was essential to factor in at planning stages.

Councillor Kerr seconded the proposal

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that active travel pods be incorporated into future park developments.

Councillor Kerr in relation to Coalisland Canal (Gortgonis) asked if the benches would be accessible benches.

In response the Chair, Councillor Molloy said the matter was the next item of business,

Councillor Clarke said that the footpaths and greenways had also many historical connections and said you could walk from Draperstown to North Coast and if there was established footpaths in place would be maintained, but if it is no established footpaths then it is a problem. He said that DfI had a major role to play and highlighted the example of Ballyronan a major tourist attraction but there was no footpath to walk to it. He said that in driving forward projects it was imperative that DfI contribute.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said that in relation to historical walks there was also the connection of the O'Neill's and the Flight of the Earls.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Note the contents of the report;
- (ii) Approve the project subject to DfI signing off the Business Case.
- (iii) Subject to the business case being approved, and DfI issuing Council with a letter of offer, grant authority for the Chief Executive to sign and return the letter of offer and permit staff to initiate the relevant procurement process.

- **The Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme:**
Members were informed of the Covid Small Settlements Regeneration Programme at the November 2021 Committee meeting. Council has received further correspondence from the Department for Communities (DfC) (appendix 2A of the report) requesting submission of a draft Small Settlements Regeneration Plan by 12 noon on 21st December 2021 as detailed in appendix 2b of the report.

This Programme is being jointly funded by three government departments – DfC, DAERA and DfI and aims to realise a range of benefits including:

- Physical regeneration of small settlements in order to improve place making and aid recovery from Covid-19
- Improvements that encourage people to live, work, visit and invest in the area by 2022/23
- Improvements that enhance walking, cycling and other associated facilities within the scheme area by 2022/23.

Councillor Wilson thanked staff for their work and drew attention to appendix 1 and asked why Dungannon was in as a village.

In response the AD: EDT&SP advised that the area was outside the 30mph zone.

The SD: Environment said that the project was to link Ballysaggart Lough back to the Town Centre.

Councillor Kerr apologised for raising the issue prior and asked in relation to Coalisland Canal (Gortgonis) if the street furniture would include accessible benches.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy confirmed they would be.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Burton

The Chief Executive thanked Members for paying tribute to staff and said the project had burned the midnight oil and whilst they had sought an extension it had only been given to the 2 January 2022. He said this was an intelligent piece of work and moving forward Council needed to have projects 'shelf ready'. The Chief Executive concluded that moving forward proposals would be brought for approval ad hoc in order that they were ready as funding became available.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred.

Councillor Cuddy commended the work and said it had struck him the total cost is £2.3m which if funding bid was successful would be 90% funded externally which was excellent.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Retrospectively approve Council's draft Covid19 Small Settlements Regeneration Plan submitted to DfC on 21st December 2021;
- (ii) Approve that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to accept and sign a Letter of Offer from DfC to allow the projects to be progressed as soon as possible, given the tight timeframes for delivery;
- (iii) Note that a report will be brought to the P&R Committee in February 2022, to seek the necessary approvals for Council's match funding towards the schemes.

- **DfC Revitalisation Scheme 2021/2022 – Coalisland Town Centre:** The Department for Communities (DfC) had approved the Revitalisation scheme for Coalisland Town Centre to the value of £250,000, which followed after the completion of Coalisland Public Realm Scheme. DfC will provide 100% funding towards the scheme, with the proviso that all projects must be completed by 31st March 2022.

Councillor Kerr said he had been asked if Coalisland would get shopping bags for issue similar to Dungannon and Cookstown as this was a great way of advertising 'shop local'.

In response the AD: EDT&SP said that shopping bags would form part of the proposals to promote the town's new brand, once completed.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to retrospectively approve for permission to be granted to the Chief Executive to sign the Letter of Variance from Department for Communities for £274,000, which includes the additional funding of £24,000.

- **Request from the Workspace Group:** It was noted that correspondence was received on 14 December 2021 from Ms Georgina Grieve, CEO, Workspace Group requesting Council support in relation to match funding for the 12-month extension to the ESF Programme starting April 2022 and running until March 2023.

It was noted that Council were awaiting the results of the Department of Economy's £8m bid to Westminster for funding before it finally committed its budget for this area of work.

Councillor Elattar said that it was not just Workspace which was impacted in this way but another negative impact of Brexit across the voluntary and community sector. She said there was no money forthcoming from Westminster although there had been a lot of talk about funding. She concluded she would propose the recommendation.

Councillor Corry said this was a direct result of Brexit and nothing had been heard about funding and on reading the document training and young people were going to be hit hard and there would be a major impact on Mid Ulster. Councillor Corry suggested that Council write to the Department of the Economy seeking an update in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy concurred and asked the AD: EDT&SP to note.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to seek an update from the Department of the Economy in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Enterprise Centre as they were involved in Workspace Programme

Councillors Cuddy and Molloy declared an interest in Dungannon Enterprise Centre.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar

Seconded by Councillor Corry

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to write to Ms Georgina Grieve, Workspace Group, providing a '*letter of support*' from Mid Ulster District Council regarding their deficits in funding to deliver ESF funded projects in 2022/23.

- **All Island Strategic Rail Review Consultation**

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is consulting on a document titled "All Island Strategic Rail Review". The consultation document considers and focuses on how the rail network on the island of Ireland can improve to promote sustainable connectivity into, and between, the major cities, enhance regional accessibility and support balanced regional development. This is a joint consultation with the Irish Government's Department of Transport.

Councillor Burton thanked the Officer team for compiling the response and asked if there had been any interaction with groups from ABC Council area as some board members reside in that area. She said this should be used as part of the communication to get the message out and encourage others to respond as many would hope to see the railway network back into the areas. She concluded that many residents drive to Dungannon then take the bus to Portadown for railway connections.

Councillor Corry thanked officers for the response and acknowledged there was massive gaps in the network highlighting areas such as Dungannon and Cookstown before you even reach the rural areas. She said there was much said about climate change and reducing the use of cars but people in rural areas did not have any other option as there was poor bus network and no rail network.

Councillor Monteith said the response was good work and concurred with Councillor Burton that this should be a launch pad for Council to get more involved in promoting a rail network in the area. The public who would buy in as the removal of the rail network was an act of complete vandalism both economically and socially. He said he thought it was the start of something useful and it should be central to Council policy to drive to get the railway network back and All Ireland rail network.

Councillor Burton said Council should be exact in what the possibilities are it does not stop in Dungannon if going to Fermanagh it needs to go through the Clogher Valley.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy said there is a tendency to look at what it was in past but there is the opportunity to look for new inventive as it would be starting from a blank page.

Councillor Quinn said it could not be envisioned that the railway network would come back as it was but if we could get a drive on and the Council behind it if we could get connectivity back to Dungannon and build on that to Fermanagh and Donegal it is big undertaking but Council should strive to do this.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Burton

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to consider Council's draft response to the All Island Strategic Rail Review and provide commentary as necessary to inform the final response to be submitted on behalf of Council by 21 January 2022.

Matters for Information

D012/22 Minutes of Development Committee held on 8 December 2021

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 8 December 2021

Councillor Burton referred to D214/21 Deputation regarding Clogher Valley Rugby Club and clarified that the funding she had referred to had been SWARD.

Councillor Monteith drew attention to D226/21 Town Centre Cleaning and asked if there was any further progress.

In response the AD: EDT&SP advised that specifications were being drawn up and would be presented to February meeting.

Councillor Monteith said it was vital that all areas in the town were covered.

D013/22 Paws for Thought

Members noted previously circulated report.

D014/22 Economic Development - OBFi

Members noted update on key activities as detailed below:

- Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 25.10.21
- Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2021: Evaluation
- Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP)
- Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group

Live broadcast ended at 8.07 pm

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

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 D015/22 to D019/22

Matters for Decision

D015/22 Economic Development Report
D016/22 Consider letter of Officer from DfC regarding Dungannon Thomas Clarke's Project

Matters for Information

D017/22 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 8 December 2021
D018/22 Mid South West Region Growth Deal

D019/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.25 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.