



19 May 2021

**To: Each Member of the Council**

Dear Member

**MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A remote meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held on **Monday 24 May 2021 at 6.30 pm.**

All Members are asked to attend the meeting via "Zoom".

To ensure social distancing only the Mayor, Group Leaders, or their nominee, and the Independent Member may attend the Council Chamber.

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA  
**Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council**

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## AGENDA

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held remotely on Monday 26 April 2021, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Operations Committee Meeting of Tuesday 4 May 2021, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 6 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Governance Committee Meeting of Wednesday 5 May 2021, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 7 To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 8(b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 9 ITEMS FOR DECISION
  - 9.1 Volunteers' Week 2021
  - 9.2 Roads Programme – Spring Consultation Request
  - 9.3 Antrim Food Festival – 16-18 July 2021
  - 9.4 Antrim Festival Group – Summer Festival
  - 9.5 Access and Inclusion Programme 2021/22
  - 9.6 Council Events 2021 Update
  - 9.7 Full Fibre NI Scheme – Wayleaves Approvals Process
  - 9.8 Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel
  - 9.9 Town Centre Recovery Action Plans and Revitalise Funding

- 9.10 Consultation on a proposal to revoke the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board)
- 9.11 Application for Grant of an Amusement Permit
- 9.12 Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme – Collaborative Agreement
- 9.13 Rural Business Development Grant Scheme – Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI)
- 9.14 Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group Minutes
- 9.15 Licensing Fees - 2021/2022
- 9.16 Statsports Supercup NI 2021
- 9.17 Scheme of Allowances
- 9.18 Muckamore Cricket Club

## 10 ITEMS FOR NOTING

- 10.1 Motions from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- 10.2 Northern Ireland Housing Council
- 10.3 Changes in Group Leader and Nominating Officer by the Alliance Party
- 10.4 Correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
- 10.5 Electoral Office Northern Ireland
- 10.6 Correspondence from Minister for the Economy on Petroleum Licensing Motion
- 10.7 Member Development Charter Plus Standard Award 2021
- 10.8 Bonfire Management Programme 2021
- 10.9 Filming Request - Sixmilewater Park, Ballyclare
- 10.10 Motion from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council – Protection of Native Honeybees
- 10.11 Waste Management Consultations

11 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE

- 11.1 Tender Report for V36 Skate Park
- 11.2 Legal Update
- 11.3 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
- 11.4 Stoneworks Gym - The Flex Diversionary Youth Programme
- 11.5 Creative Diversionary Youth Programme (NACN)
- 11.6 Outreach Diversionary Youth Programme
- 11.7 Steeple Site, Antrim
- 11.8 Residual Waste Treatment Project

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Michael Goodman

*"This Council notes with alarm the growing number of employers, especially in the retail, hospitality and aviation sectors, who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers should instead be focused on supporting their employees through this pandemic; agrees with Unite the union and others that this fire-and-rehire practice makes a mockery of workers' rights.*

*This Council therefore calls on the Department for Economy to close this legal loophole as a matter of urgency, for example by amending The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to specify that such redundancies should automatically be regarded as unfair dismissals."*

## **REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 24 MAY 2021**

### **9. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

#### **9.1 CP/CD/398 VOLUNTEERS' WEEK 2021**

Correspondence has been received from Volunteer Now, a copy of which is enclosed for Members' information. They are requesting that Council participates in Volunteer Week, which takes place from 1 to 7 June 2021 across the UK annually, both by thanking and highlighting the work of volunteers in our Borough as well as lighting up civic buildings on Tuesday 1 June 2021 to mark the start of the week. The light up request has been approved under the Councils Light Up Civic Buildings Policy.

The Council supported Volunteer Week in 2020 by showcasing the role volunteers had played in delivering the Borough's emergency response to the pandemic. It is proposed to support Volunteer Week in 2021 in a similar manner and showcase the vital work of volunteers across the Borough using social media channels and a variety of other mediums to promote volunteering in the Borough to a wide audience.

**RECOMMENDATION: that participation in Volunteer Week 2021 from 1 to 7 June 2021 be approved**

Prepared by: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

**9.2 G/MSMO/007 (Vol 3) ROADS PROGRAMME – SPRING CONSULTATION PRESENTATION REQUEST**

Correspondence has been received from Department for Infrastructure (DfI) (**enclosed**) requesting attendance at a meeting of Council to give Members an overview of the work undertaken by DfI Roads during the last financial year and to outline the proposed work for this financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION: that DfI Roads Representatives be invited to address a future meeting of the Council.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 9.3 ED/REG/062 ANTRIM FOOD FESTIVAL – 16-18 JULY 2021

A request for funding has been received from Castle Mall and the Junction to host a three day Food and Craft Festival from 16 to 18 July 2021 staged across Market Square Antrim, The Junction and Antrim Castle Gardens. Castle Mall has agreed to act as the lead coordinator for the overall event. The aim is to attract additional footfall to Antrim town from outside the immediate catchment area and to maximise the potential economic value of this summer's 'staycation' trend. The event will present a key message that Antrim Town is 'Back in Business' after multiple COVID-19 lockdowns. The event aims to create a memorable weekend and to build awareness of Antrim as a great location for family days out. If the event is successful, the organisers intend to build it into an annual event.

The event will have a multi-cultural theme e.g. 'Tastes of the World' and will include a cultural element with a local historian providing tailored walking tours. An outdoor markets company will be engaged to organise and manage the market element of the event with Castle Mall and the Junction feeding into the overall event plan. The outdoor markets company will be reimbursed directly through the collection of pitch fees from market traders. Subject to restrictions, a shuttle bus service will be organised to transport people from the three event site locations. To adhere to current government restrictions, access points would be controlled to ensure social distancing is maintained. Each event location will be secured each night by a private security company.

The organisers also want to involve local businesses by promoting a 'bounce back' scheme by promoting what offers they have available that weekend. This will encourage further repeat spend and support economic recovery for local businesses. The borough has some multi award winning food producers and suppliers and this event will showcase what the borough has to offer. The food festival will also create networking opportunities for micro-businesses and for those businesses at the early stages of start-up.

The event budget is £21,585 and an approach has been made to three private sector businesses to sponsor the event. Following contributions from the project partners including The Junction and Castle Mall there is an indicative funding shortfall of £12,623. The project promoters are also pursuing private sponsorship and private support in-kind to enhance the event. A summary of the required support from the Council is noted below:

Headline	Detail	Cost
Staffing	Event Marshals, security and first aid	£1,800 (contribution to overall cost)
Infrastructure	Traffic management, transportation, WC provision, barriers, signage, tables and seating.	£3,923 (contribution to overall cost)

Entertainment	Music performers, animations and dressing.	£3,600
Marketing	PR Activity, Social Media and Advertising	£3,300
<b>Total costs</b>		<b>£12,623</b>

The event promoters have also requested the Council's consideration of providing in-kind support. The request includes the use of Council owned gazebos, supply of bins including refuse and waste collection post event, customer service staff to undertake visitor surveys and the presence of Covid Aware Ambassadors.

A full overview of the proposal is enclosed for Members' information. The final format of the event(s) will be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions at the time. Officers would suggest that Antrim Loughshore Park and The Gateway should be included in the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council approves the use of Antrim Castle Gardens and Antrim Loughshore Park to host elements of the event and provides financial assistance of approximately £12,500 to Castle Mall and The Junction towards the Antrim Food Festival 2021 from the Economic Development Budget. Alongside this sponsorship, it is proposed that in-kind support is provided by the Council in the form of gazebos, waste collection, undertaking visitor surveys and provision of Covid Aware Ambassadors.**

Prepared by: Karen Uprichard, Tourism, Town Centre and Regeneration Officer

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

#### **9.4 ED/ED/080/VOL 4 ANTRIM FESTIVAL GROUP – SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Members are reminded that the Antrim Festival Group plans for 2021 were initially reported to the March Council meeting within the Council Events 2021 Update report.

The Group traditionally delivered a week-long festival in June each year, which culminates with a large scale outdoor event, featuring a live music concert, in Antrim Castle Gardens on the Sunday to bring the week to a close.

Given COVID-19 restrictions this was not feasible in 2021 and Members were advised that the Group instead wished to run two large events in Antrim Castle Gardens over summer: a Sunday Family Festival live music concert event in August alongside the Councils Party in the Park event and a community focused celebration event on Sunday 5 September 2021 as part of the Councils One Giant Weekend. The Festival Group has been awarded £5,000 from the Community Festival Fund to deliver both events in 2021.

As discussions with the Group have developed it is proposed to combine the August Sunday Festival event with Party in the Park on Sunday 8 August 2021 from 1-6pm. The event will feature a live music concert in the event field with Jake Carter, brother of Nathan Carter, provisionally booked as the headline act. The Festival Group will take responsibility for this element of the event including covering costs. They plan to operate a licensed bar facility within the event field concert arena which they have done in previous years. The Council will compliment this by delivery of traditional elements of Party in the Park in other areas of the Gardens, which reduces the cost to the Council from £20,000 to £10,000. The Festival Groups large scale event which brings their June festival to a close is very similar in content to the Council Party in The Park August event therefore delivery of one combined event in August achieves an efficient use of resources and enhanced offer for residents.

It is proposed that the community celebration event planned for Sunday 5 September 11am to 4pm will be branded as 'Cultural Colours' and take the form of a 'Mela' featuring and celebrating the diversity of the community with a multi-cultural programme delivered.

The Group has identified the opportunity presented by altering their plans in 2021 to support a local charity by fundraising at both events. St John Ambulance in Antrim provide a vital service and were particularly active during the pandemic. Their ambulance is critical to their work and is in need of replacement. The Festival Group has a desire to raise £50,000 for St John Ambulance to fund a replacement vehicle. To this end they wish to ticket the live music element of the event on 8 August 2021 and have proposed fees of £10 per adult, £5 concession rate (U18's, disabled and seniors) £25 per family ticket. All income from ticket sales will go towards the funding for a new ambulance. All other elements of the event throughout Antrim Castle Gardens on 8 August 2021 will be free as is usual with Party in the Park. The Cultural Colours event on 5 September 2021 will be a free event with fundraising activity such as collections and ballots carried out for St John Ambulance.

**RECOMMENDATION: that**

- (a) the delivery of a Festival Sunday event by Antrim Festival Group in combination with Party in the Park on Sunday 8 August 2021 from 1-6pm in Antrim Castle Gardens be approved.**
- (b) the Antrim Festival Group decision to apply charges to the live music event element on Sunday 8 August be noted with all income from this to be given to St John Ambulance.**
- (c) the delivery of a 'Cultural Colours' event on Sunday 5 September 2021 from 11am to 4pm in Antrim Castle Gardens be approved.**

Prepared by: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 9.5 AC/GEN/065 ACCESS AND INCLUSION PROGRAMME 2021/22

Members are reminded that the Department for Communities (DfC) have been operating an Access and Inclusion Funding programme since 2018/19 and the Council has benefitted from 100 % funding for a number of arts, culture and parks projects up to the value of £30,000 each since the introduction of the programme. The programme provides funding for projects which will improve access to facilities for people with disabilities and increase participation.

Acceptance of funding of £128,000 for Hazelbank Park Sensory Garden, Antrim Castle Gardens Sensory Garden, Accessibility Trails at Valley Park and Threemilewater Park and Museum at The Mill automatic doors was approved by the Community Planning Committee in September 2020 with all projects substantially delivered by end March 2021.

Correspondence has been received from DfC, copy **enclosed**, regarding the 2021/22 programme with the following key changes:

- It is planned that this year's Programme will launch considerably earlier than in previous years, on Monday 24 May, remaining open for a period of 4 weeks. The aim is to issue letters of offer before the end of July. This will help to provide the greatest opportunity for projects to complete on time.
- The scope of the Programme will remain similar to previous years. The main change for 2021/22 is the requirement for applicants to provide a 10% contribution to the funding of each project. The maximum value for individual projects will remain at £30,000 with a maximum of £27,000 available from the fund.

It is proposed that officers, in consultation with stakeholders, develop eligible projects for submission to the Access and Inclusion Programme by 18 June 2021 with a 10% contribution to be provided from the Council's capital budget. The outcome of the applications will be reported to a future meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION: that**

**(a) officers, in consultation with stakeholders, develop eligible projects for submission to the Access and Inclusion Programme by 18 June 2021 with a 10% contribution to be provided from the Council capital budget;**

**(b) the outcome of the applications to be reported to a future meeting.**

Prepared by: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim) and Ivor McMullan Head of Parks

Approved by Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

## 9.6 ED/ED/080/VOL 4 COUNCIL EVENTS 2021 UPDATE

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the January Council meeting that the Council Events Plan for 2021 be implemented and kept under review. At the March and April Council meetings updated event plans were approved with regular updates on the events programme be presented to the Council.

A further update on the Council Events for 2021 is presented below:

### Council Events Update 2021

<b>Month/ Date <u>Normal</u></b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Delivery Option / Considerations &amp; Branding</b>
<b>May</b>			
Mon 3rd	NI Centenary (lighting of 2 beacons and the opening of 2 Centenary Woods)	Included in Centenary Budget	Events held by invitation only to elected members and members of NI Centenary Working Group.
Sat 8th	Darkness into Light	£2,000	Completed Virtually
25-29 <sup>th</sup>	May Fair	£25,000	This event will not take place this year.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Antrim Live	£15,000	Incorporated into One Giant Weekend.
July to August	Summer Sunday Music	£9,000	Sunday concerts booked weekly in JLSP, ACG, V36 and Antrim Loughshore Park at a cost of £8,000.
<b>June</b>			
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Show Ireland	£35,000	Garden Show Ireland 2022 promotional element incorporated into One Giant Weekend on 4 September.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Antrim and Newtownabbey Pipe Band Championship	£15,000 plus £5,000 in kind support	RSPBNI have requested the event becomes a Pipe Band Festival and is rescheduled to 7 August with a reduced budget of £8,000.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Schools Out for summer	£5,000	V36 at The Valley. Given Covid 19 restrictions this event will not be going ahead. There is a virtual Cool FM roadshow event being delivered to post primary pupils across the on 25 June as part of the programme to recognise children's resilience in relation to Covid 19.
<b>July</b>			

Fridays in July and August 2 July to 27 August	Brighter Nights	£18,600	Lilian Bland Community Park Glengormley Event delivered in its traditional format, Friday evenings 6pm to 8pm, of family fun depending upon restrictions in place with Covid secure measures.
W'ends end July to end August	Theatre Ticketed Shows	Theatre budget income to cover cost	Civic Square at Mossley Mill and Parterre Garden Antrim Castle Gardens. Streaming and screening options to be included if possible.
<b>August</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	Party in the Park	£20,000	Antrim Castle Gardens Event to be rescheduled for Sunday 8 August and combined with Antrim Festival Family Sunday at a cost of £10,000 to the Council. See separate report on Antrim Festival Group
28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	Shoreline Festival	£31,000	Following consultation with traders Shoreline Festival will not be held but instead it is proposed to deliver 3 small 'Taste and Sea' Whiteabbey events on the last Saturday in June/July/August, which will feature an artisan market in the Council car park in the village with various food, drink and retail offers from the village businesses along with animations in the village and JLSP seaside themed potentially to include Kite Festival, Sand Sculptures and Treasure Trail with a reduced budget of £12,000.
<b>September</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	One Giant Weekend	£50,000	One Giant Event V36 at The Valley and One Giant Picnic ACG: Main Centenary events with Garden Show Ireland promotional element and Antrim Live included at ACG on 4 September
5 <sup>th</sup>	Spinning Yarns	£10,000	Mossley Mill – To be held on Sunday 5 September as part of One Giant Weekend
<b>October</b>			
31 Oct	2 Halloween events	£38,000	V36 at The Valley The Junction, Antrim – To be confirmed
<b>December</b>			
TBC	Enchanted Winter Garden	£46,000	Antrim Castle Gardens over multiple evenings in December. A decision on whether this event can proceed is needed by June to allow sufficient time for planning.
TBC	7 DEA Christmas	£74,000	Live or Virtual depending on Covid-19 restrictions at the time

	Lights Switch On Events		
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In terms of additional animation, a proposal was approved at the March Council meeting from a Big Wheel operator as follows:

Jordanstown Loughshore Park - A Panoramic Wheel to operate mid-August to end September, open daily 12noon to 9pm, with the addition of a Panoramic Park of mini attractions in the bowl area where a mini seaside park of small attractions would complement the Wheel.

The operator has now requested permission to operate the Panoramic Park of mini attractions from 9 July to the end of August, with the Big Wheel still scheduled from mid-August to end September.

In addition to Council led events, an update on community and other events was reported to the April Council meeting with a further update below:

- May Day Steam Rally – Organisers have announced that the event planned for Sunday 2 and Monday 3 May 2021 is cancelled but have confirmed their intention to run the event on the last weekend in August subject to COVID-19 regulations at that time. This remains under review.
- The Irish Game Fair and Food Festival is considering rescheduling to 31 July/1 August in Shanes Castle and is being supported by Council funding of £15,000 from the Economic Development budget.
- ISPS Honda World Golf Invitational 2021 – Event promoters are progressing planning to deliver the event from 27 July to 1 August 2021 with sponsorship support from the Council approved. Officers are engaging with organisers to support delivery.
- Statscup Supercup NI – Organisers have now confirmed that this event will not be held in 2021 but have alternative proposals to maintain event awareness in a separate report.
- Antrim Festival Group – The Group revised plans to combine their Festival Family Sunday with Party in The Park on Sunday 8 August in Antrim Castle Gardens and deliver a 'Cultural Colours' family event celebrating diversity on Sunday 5 September as part of One Giant Weekend. Both events will aim to raise funds for the St John Ambulance Group. – there is a separate report setting out detailed proposals.
- Radox Antrim Agricultural Show, scheduled for Saturday 24 July in Shanes Castle, has now been cancelled for 2021.
- V Fest at V36 at The Valley – A Dance Music Festival is being planned by NACN for Saturday 14 August 2021 with an application for funding of £5000 submitted by the Group to the Community Festival Fund. The Council will provide support to the organisers of this community event.

**RECOMMENDATION: that**

- (a) the updated events plan be approved with further updates on the events programme to be presented to the Council on a monthly basis;**

- (b) the operation of the Panoramic Park in Jordanstown Loughshore Park from 9 July to end August be approved;**
- (c) any additional budgets from events that do not proceed or are delivered at a reduced cost be directed to the Town Centre and Villages Recovery programme**

Prepared by: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

## 9.7 ED/ED/130 FULL FIBRE NI SCHEME – WAYLEAVES APPROVALS PROCESS

Members will be aware that the Council is part of a Full Fibre Network NI (FFNI) Consortium of 10 local Councils and Business Services Organisation (BSO) that is to receive funding of approximately £24 million from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), comprising £15m in Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) and £9m in Rural Gigabit Connectivity (RGC) funding. This total funding package will be used to install gigabit capable fibre connections to Council-owned buildings by December 2021 that will, in turn, help to enhance the delivery of public services locally and also to stimulate further network investment in surrounding areas, thereby benefitting local businesses and households.

Across the Council's geographic area, funding will help deliver fibre connectivity to 34 Council sites and 25 BSO sites (GP surgeries, fire/ambulance stations). One of the Council sites, the Crematorium, has been deemed ineligible because there is no current building and the former Police Station Site in Glengormley is currently under review due to the potential demolition of the existing building. Across Northern Ireland the programme is to achieve installation at 960+ sites by December 2021. The time taken to sign off on wayleave agreements to permit the work to be undertaken at each local authority site presents a significant risk to achieving the programme within this timeframe and could potentially jeopardise funding.

There is an urgency to expedite the signing of wayleaves to meet funding deadlines for the project. Approval is therefore sought to delegate the approval of each wayleave to the Chief Executive with update reports to be provided retrospectively to the Council throughout the project. The programme for the project and the associated contractual obligations has required three wayleave agreements to be signed, for which retrospective approval is sought from the Council. They relate to Ballyclare Town Hall, Greystone Community Centre and Ballyduff Community Centre.

By way of assurance, Members should note that all wayleaves will remain subject to legal services consultation, consideration of any planning or other statutory requirements and confirmation of Council's title for each location.

Whilst Newry, Mourne & Down District Council is leading the scheme on behalf of the consortium and has undertaken a Section 75 outline screening exercise, Officers have also undertaken a similar screening exercise at a local level (**enclosed**) and it is the recommendation of Officers that an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

### **RECOMMENDATION: that**

- I. delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to authorise Wayleave Agreements associated with the implementation of the FFNI Project with reports to provided in retrospect for Members' information;**
- II. retrospective approval be granted for the FFNI Wayleaves associated with Ballyclare Town Hall, Greystone Community Centre and Ballyduff**

**Community Centre;**

**III. the Section 75 Outline Screening exercise be noted.**

Prepared by: Alastair Law, Innovation and Funding Officer

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

## 9.8 AC/GEN/010 BOROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY PANEL

Members are reminded that the resumption of meetings of the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisor Panel on 24 February 2021 was noted at the March Community Planning Committee meeting and that the minutes of this first meeting of the Panel were approved by the Community Planning Committee in May.

Members were advised that the Panel normally meets quarterly, however at the February meeting it was agreed that given the pace of recovery additional Panel meetings could be scheduled if the Chair considered it necessary. A meeting was therefore held on 21 April 2021 and the minutes are enclosed for Members' information. At this meeting the Panel was presented with the Summer 2021 theatre programme, which is also enclosed with ticket sales to date included alongside each show/workshop.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel of 21 April 2021 and the theatre programme for summer 2021 be approved.**

Prepared by: Ursula Fay Deputy Director Community Planning (interim)

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 9.9 AC/GEN/072 TOWN CENTRE RECOVERY ACTION PLANS AND REVITALISE FUNDING

Members are reminded that draft Action Plans for each of the five main towns of Antrim, Ballyclare, Crumlin, Glengormley and Randalstown were agreed at the March Council meeting with monthly updates to be brought to the Council. Updated plans were approved at the April Council Meeting.

As part of this process site visits to each of the towns for DEA Elected Members have recently been completed with nominated Directors and Officers in attendance. Additional actions agreed at these meetings have now been added to the Town Centre Recovery plans, which are **enclosed**.

Masterplans are being developed for each Town and will be brought to the Council at the end of June for approval.

In addition, Town Teams will be re-engaged with meetings held to discuss progress on the Town Centre Recovery Plans and the Masterplans. These meetings are scheduled to take place in June 2021.

Since the announcement by the Executive of the easing of further restrictions Officers have undertaken a range of actions to support the safe re-opening of businesses. Covid Aware Ambassadors continue to be present across our town centres seven days a week as a visible reminder to maintain social distancing and to promote the wearing of face coverings. Council staff are also undertaking door to door business visits to promote the Council's Covid Aware Scheme 'Shop Safe Shop Local'. The equivalent 'Eat Safe Eat Local' scheme will be promoted once indoor hospitality opens (indicative date of 24<sup>th</sup> May 21). Through these schemes the Council aims to promote consumer confidence by recognising various controls being in place by the business to mitigate the COVID-19 risk. The business is then provided with a certificate and materials to promote themselves as Covid Aware.

Council Officers are finalising the administration of DFC and DAERA Funded COVID-19 Revitalise Grant Programmes. 227 Letters of Offer were awarded at a value of £197,387.97. 36 claims remain and are either being processed or have been granted an extension at an overall total balance of £31,055. The Council previously granted delegated authority to the Chief Executive for the award of funding contracts to successful applicants in order to expedite payments.

The Awning Scheme continues to progress across the town centres with Ballyclare, Crumlin, Glengormley and Randalstown complete. Installations in Antrim are due to commence the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May. There remains a demand for awnings with 16 eligible businesses currently on a reserve list. These businesses were not immediately eligible as they are located outside of the DFC defined town centre boundary. Similar to the COVID-19 emergency grant assistance it is now proposed to extend the scheme to semi-urban and rural areas. The indicative budget for the scheme is £50,000. This budget is from the DFC and DAERA Revitalise funds. The contract with the existing supplier will be expended and in the interests of time it is proposed that a grant application process is undertaken for awnings. Businesses will be eligible for a grant capped

at £2,000 each, to be awarded on a first come first served basis. The terms of agreement for the previous scheme will also be applied to these awning grants. As with all of the Revitalise Grant Applications applicants will be asked to evidence value for money.

In summary the recovery action plans and the DFC Revitalise Funding Initiatives focus on the creation of connected, clean and vibrant spaces across the Borough which will be attractive and welcoming spaces for both residents and visitors and encourage increased footfall and dwell time in our towns and therefore support economic recovery of all sectors. The various Covid related support measures outlined above will ensure that the Council is providing the required support to traders, residents and visitors as the economy opens up again.

**RECOMMENDATION: that**

**(a) the updated Town Centre Action Plans be approved and that monthly updates continue to be provided to the Council; and**

**(b) the various initiatives to support the reopening of business as outlined be noted.**

Prepared by: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim) and Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## **9.10 CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO REVOKE THE AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1977 (ABOLITION OF THE AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD)**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) (copy enclosed) in relation to a consultation on a proposal to revoke the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board). DAERA welcomes responses and comments from stakeholders on the questions outlined in the documents by **8 July 2021**.

The consultation paper, along with the Draft Equality Impact, Regulatory Impact and Rural Needs Impact Assessments can be viewed at <http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/revoke-agricultural-wages-regulation-northern-ireland-order-1977>.

A link to the consultation paper and supporting documents is also available on Citizen Space at <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-central-services-contingency-planning/agricultural-wages-order-ni-1977>.

During the consultation period, the Department is also offering stakeholders the opportunity to meet, remotely, with officials to discuss the proposals before submitting a written response. At the end of the engagement, the Department intends to publish a summary of responses following the closing date for receipt of views. A full statement on the confidentiality and data protection of all responses is provided in section 1.10 (page 6) of consultation document

Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

**The Council's instructions are requested.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

**9.11 EH/AM/013 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF AN AMUSEMENT PERMIT (ANNUAL PERMIT) ANTRIM SPORTS CLUB, 30 CROSSKENNAN ROAD, ANTRIM BT41 2QJ**

An application has been received for the granting of an Amusement Permit (annual permit) for the following area.

<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Location of Premises</b>	<b>Type(s)and hours of amusement</b>	<b>File Number</b>	<b>New Application or Renewal</b>
Jacqueline Clarke	Antrim Sports Club, 30 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2QJ	Provision of amusements by means of gaming machines  Monday – Friday 10:00 to 23:00  Saturday to Sunday 10:00 to 24:00  Number of persons maximum 150	AM13	New

In line with the Council Protocol for the hearing of Amusement permit applications, approved in December 2016, the application must be considered at a full meeting of the Council.

The Council can decide the following:

- i. Grant the permit
- ii. Grant the permit with specific additional terms, conditions and restrictions
- iii. Refuse the permit
- iv. Defer an application for further consideration or to obtain further information.

If the Council makes a decision against an Officer's recommendation, then Members must state their reasons for doing so. In such circumstances a recorded vote will be taken.

**RECOMMENDATION: that an Amusement Permit (annual permit) is granted to the applicant Jacqueline Clarke, Antrim Sports Club, 30 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2QJ**

**OPERATING HOURS**

**Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 23:00 hours, Saturday to Sunday from 10:00 to 24:00 hours**

Prepared by: Clifford Todd, Deputy Director of Operations (Interim)  
Environmental Health, Property and Building Services

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

## 9.12 ED/ED/115 NORTHERN IRELAND BUSINESS START UP PROGRAMME – COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

Members will recall that in May 2020, the Council agreed to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with all other Councils for delivery of the regional Northern Ireland Business Start Up Programme to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. This Programme, promoted as 'Go for It', offers support for entrepreneurs to develop a business plan and is the only Programme that counts towards the Councils statutory job creation target. In Antrim and Newtownabbey, the Programme will support 145 entrepreneurs to create a business plan in 2021-22 and again in 2022-23, resulting in 87 new jobs created each year. The Council's annual statutory target is 80 jobs. Enterprise Northern Ireland was awarded the delivery contract for the Go for It Programme, which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, and Mallusk Enterprise Park and LEDCOM are delivering the programme across the Borough.

The lead Council for the Programme, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, has identified a requirement for programme staff to continue in the management and verification roles after delivery completes on the ground, to close off the programme by completing final vouches, monitoring and reconciliation of the programme finances. This proposed extension was discussed at the Joint Management Team of all Councils, and it was agreed that six months was a reasonable time to close off a programme of this scale to ensure the full drawdown of funding from Invest NI and ERDF.

A Deed of Variation (**enclosed**) to the Collaboration Agreement for the programme has been issued by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to extend the Agreement by six months from 31 March 2023 to 30 September 2023. The total cost of the extension is £82,500, of which Antrim and Newtownabbey is due pay 4.78%, or £3,945.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council agrees to extend the Collaboration Agreement for the NI Business Start Up Programme from 31 March 2023 to 30 September 2023 and in so doing approves the Deed of Variation to be signed and returned at a cost to the Council of £3,945 in the 2023-2024 financial year, provision for which will be made in the Economic Development budget.**

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Economic & Rural Development Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

### **9.13 ED/ED/154 RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME – TACKLING RURAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ISOLATION (TRPSI)**

Members will recall that during the 2020-21 financial year the Council administered a Rural Business Development Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) through the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme (TRPSI). This followed a successful pilot programme which the Council delivered in 2019-20. The programme was open to micro businesses based in the rural areas of the Borough and in 2020-21, 22 applicants were successful in securing grants of up to £4,999. The scheme supported capital spend by businesses, such as purchasing new equipment. The total value of grants awarded in the Borough in 2020-21 was £85,282, and in 2019-20 was £47,101.

Due to the success of the scheme, DAERA has approached the Councils to administer another programme, subject to the outcome of a Business Case, which is currently underway. The grant scheme will be a capital grant scheme of up to £4,999 to support rurally based micro businesses to invest in new equipment to enable them to remain sustainable or to diversify and develop. A micro business is a business with up to 10 full-time equivalent employees and the rural area is defined as any village or area with less than 5,000 residents. In Antrim and Newtownabbey, this will include villages and rural areas outside of the 5 main towns of Antrim, Ballyclare, Crumlin, Glengormely and Randalstown and outside of the Newtownabbey Urban area, which includes Mallusk and Whiteabbey. Grant funding will be offered at a maximum 50% grant rate, so at least 50% of project costs will be provided by the participating business.

It is anticipated that £62,000 of funding will be made available to the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area in the 2021-22 financial year to deliver this programme and that approximately 19 rural businesses will benefit from grant aid. There is no direct financial contribution required from the Council. DAERA will provide 10% of the funds awarded through Letters of Offer (so £6,200 if all funding is allocated) for administration purposes, to promote and deliver the programme, which will be managed by the Economic Development Team. It is anticipated that the programme will launch in mid-June, with an application call planned for July, and outcomes of assessment notified in early October 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council agrees to participate in the Rural Business Development Grant Scheme in 2021-22, subject to the award of funding from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs through the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme.**

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Economic & Rural Development Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

#### **9.14 ED/ED/173 OUR PROSPERITY OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUP MINUTES**

The Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group met on the 28 April 2021 to review progress on strategic economic development and tourism matters and to consider priorities as a result of the pandemic and its economic impact. A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 28 April 2021 is enclosed for Members' consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group of 28 April 2021 be approved.**

Prepared by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

## 9.15 EH/EHS/LIC/001 LICENSING FEES - 2021/2022

Members are reminded that in January 2021, Council approved the exemption of the annual fee for the renewal of an Entertainments Licence. This was due to businesses within the Borough having faced an unprecedented year in terms of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of those requiring entertainment licences had either been unable to trade or had limited trade due to restrictions.

Correspondence received from the Department for Communities indicated that, to further support to the hospitality sector, Council may consider waiving fees with regard to entertainment licensing and claim the loss of income.

This situation remains, and it is proposed that businesses continue to be exempt from the annual fee for the renewal of an Entertainments Licence in the current financial year. It is anticipated that a claim for the loss of income will be possible.

**RECOMMENDATION: that businesses within the Borough are exempt from the annual fee for the renewal of an Entertainments Licence again for the current financial year, given the significant impact of the COVID pandemic, and that fees totalling around £23,000 are waived.**

Prepared by: Clifford Todd, Deputy Director of Operations (Interim)  
Environmental Health, Property and Building Services

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

## 9.16 ED/TOU/062 STATSPORTS SUPERCUP NI 2021

Sponsorship of £30k was approved by the Council in January 2020 for the STAT Sports SuperCup NI which was scheduled to take place in July 2020. An indicative figure of the same sum of £30k was also approved for 2021 & 2022, subject to satisfactory performance of the intended event objectives.

Due to the pandemic the event was postponed with a sponsorship figure of £10k approved by the Council in August 2020 to support areas including event and tournament planning, consultancy and business planning, social media, advertising and promotion media monitoring, administration, insurance and legal fees. The purpose of this activity was to sustain an awareness of the event.

Because of the risks associated with the pandemic and the limitations on international travel the organisers have cancelled the 2021 event. However, they have been in liaison with Officers regarding alternative plans which have been enabled as restrictions ease. A summary of the proposal and recommendation is detailed below:

- The organisers are in finalised conversations with an elite Premier League club regarding their youth team visiting Northern Ireland from 25th to 31st July (when the tournament was originally scheduled). The Premier League youth team would play a series of 3 games against Irish league teams with the third and final game taking place in the Borough on Friday 30th July, the other games would take place in Ballymena and Coleraine. This would give Council great visibility and promotional opportunities as the game is planned to be available live on the BBC via the red button. There would also be opportunities for local community football teams to provide mascots.
- The youth team of the Premier League plan to stay in a local hotel on Thursday 29th & Friday 30th July before departure on Saturday 31st July. This of course will occupy additional bed nights and allow us to promote more tourist activity in the Borough.
- A mini soccer fun day to be held during mid to late August at V36. Focus on girls/disability football with family fun day environment. Local food vendors and promotional activity such as appearance of some of the NI International female team and Cool FM/Q Radio on site.

The event organisers are currently exploring venue options for the match on Friday 30 July however it is likely that Ballyclare will be deemed the most appropriate location.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the event proposal with an associated budget of £25k to comprise a community fun day, football match and hosting of the premier league youth team within the Borough is approved. Officers will continue to liaise with the event promoters to obtain a more detailed programme of activity, associated costs, PR coverage and benefits to the local area.**

Prepared by: Craig Mullan, Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Manager

Agreed by: Colin McCabrey, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

## 9.17 G/MSMO/001 SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES

Members will recall that at the December 2019 Council meeting it was agreed that an external consultant be appointed to review the Scheme of Allowances payable to Members.

An evidence based report, which takes into account allowances paid in other Councils, with recommendations for consideration regarding allowances payable to Members is **enclosed**.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the proposals in the review be implemented.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 9.18 L/GEN/005 MUCKAMORE CRICKET CLUB

Members are advised that Muckamore Cricket Club has requested financial assistance to install a ball stop fence. Muckamore is the only Club in the Northern Cricket Union to field six Adult men's teams. The club also has a vibrant ladies and youth section.

A recently constructed housing development has presented a significant health and safety risk to the club. The club has received quotes for a 90 metre ball stop fence which will protect the neighbouring housing with the best quote at around £27,500.

Initially, the developer paid for a fence but this has proved to be ineffective and the dangers posed by the cricket balls are too great a risk to the club. The club's insurers have stated that the liability for damage or injury rests with the club.

The club's ability to fundraise has also been significantly hampered due to the ongoing restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic however, the club has raised £6,000 through donations from its members to help to pay for the fence. As the Planning authority, the Council approved the housing development adjacent to the club premises and it is for this reason that the Council may wish to consider meeting the £21,500 shortfall.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council pays the £21,500 shortfall.**

Prepared by: Matt McDowell, Head of Leisure

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

**10. ITEMS FOR NOTING**

**10.1 G/MSMO/14 MOTIONS – NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS STRATEGY AND DENTAL SERVICES DURING COVID**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council regarding two Motions adopted by that Council.

Copies of the correspondence are **enclosed** for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 10.2 CE/OA/013 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

As agreed at the August 2019 meeting of the Council, the Northern Ireland Housing Council's May 2021 monthly bulletin is enclosed for Members' information. A copy of the minutes of the Housing Council meeting on 15 April 2021 is also enclosed.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Agreed by: Liz Johnston, Head of Corporate Recovery

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance

### **10.3 G/MSMO/002 CHANGES IN GROUP LEADER AND NOMINATING OFFICER BY THE ALLIANCE PARTY**

The Alliance Party Nominating Officer, Councillor Webb, has advised of the following changes:

#### **Group Leader and Nominating Officer**

Councillor Kelly will replace Councillor Webb as Group Leader and Nominating Officer with effect from 20 May 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Liz Johnston, Head of Governance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance

#### 10.4 G/MSMO/014 CORRESPONDENCE FROM FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members are reminded that at the March 2021 meeting of Council, the following Motion was unanimously passed:-

*"The Council recognises women's concerns across the United Kingdom after the disappearance and subsequent murder of Sarah Everard. It has placed a spotlight on the safety of women and girls.*

*The motion requests that the Council:*

- Requests the Department of Justice, in partnership with the local Police and Community Safety Partnerships, to bring forward a Safer Places Fund which enables PSNI and Local Authorities to bid for investment in initiatives, such as street lighting and CCTV security cameras that have been proven to prevent crime of all types.*
- Welcomes last week's announcement by the Northern Ireland Assembly to initiate a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy,*
- Endorses and promotes the Women's Aid petition calling for a VAWG Strategy to be implemented,*
- Engages with Women's Groups to promote and encourage them to apply to Council's funding streams,*
- Forms a task force to work with the Community Safety Partnership to develop a publicity campaign promoting Safety Apps and engaging with the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), Women's Aid and Soroptimists within Great Britain and Northern Ireland.*
- Requests that other Councils do the same."*

Correspondence (**enclosed**) has been received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council confirming support for the Motion.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 10.5 FI/FIN/048 ELECTORAL OFFICE NORTHERN IRELAND

Members are advised that a request from the Electoral Office Northern Ireland has been received in relation to Canvass, this requires everyone in Northern Ireland to re-register between 1 July 2021–1 December 2021.

Officers have agreed to the following requests;

- Council will provide a link to the EONI website in order for the electorate to access information.
- Council will allow a kiosk in a Council building, essentially a public access computer facilitating online registration.
- Council will provide accommodation for a team of two where historically at last Canvass and in general registration there has been less than 85% response rate.
- Council will not levy a charge for the above.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Denise Lynn, PA to Director Finance & Governance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance & Governance

**10.6 G/MSMO/014 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MINISTER FOR THE ECONOMY ON PETROLEUM LICENSING MOTION**

Members will recall that at the Council meeting of 29 March 2021 a Motion was unanimously carried in relation to petroleum licensing and requested that the Council write to the Minister for the Economy.

The Minister has now replied and a copy of the response is **enclosed** for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 10.7 G/MSMO/027 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHARTER PLUS STANDARD AWARD 2021

Members are reminded that the Council has held the NILGA accredited Charter Plus Standard since 2019.

The Charter Plus Standard recognises the development and learning Members undergo and how this learning supports or contributes to increased Council performance.

On 7 May 2021 the Council undertook further assessment and was successful in retaining the Award which will be held for three years. A copy of the NILGA correspondence is **enclosed** for Members' information.

This review applies a rigorous national and local framework, and also recognises the impact of the global pandemic, the disruption of Council business and the financial landscape.

During the assessment process, the Council continued to demonstrate strong commitment to Councillor development and support, has in place a strategic approach to this and that learning and development is effective in building contemporary knowledge and skills.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted**

Prepared by: Jennifer Close, Head of Human Resources (Interim)

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## 10.8 CP/CD/388 BONFIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2021

Members are reminded of the Council's annual Bonfire Management Programme, the immediate aims of which are to:

- Work with and support local communities to bring about improvements in bonfire management, particularly in terms of inclusivity, safety and increased family atmosphere.
- Further reduce the adverse health and environmental impacts of bonfires including the illegal disposal of waste.

### **Programme Delivery 2021**

Members are advised that the deadline for signing up to the 2021 Bonfire Management Programme was Wednesday 12 May 2021.

Following a series of Zoom meetings with site representatives from across the Borough and a pre-collection inspection of each site on Thursday 13 May 2021, a total of 18 sites have agreed to participate in this year's programme, details of which are outlined in the table below:

<b>Site</b>	<b>Site Status</b>	<b>Date and Time of Festival Event</b>
Ballyduff	Bonfire	11 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm –9pm
Burnside	Beacon	10 <sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm - 10.30pm
Doagh	Double Beacon	11 <sup>th</sup> July 4.30pm - 8.30pm
Grange	Bonfire	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1pm - 4pm
Monkstown Abbeytown Square	Bonfire	11 <sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Monkstown Devenish Drive	Bonfire	10 <sup>th</sup> July 11am - 3pm
New Mossley	Bonfire	11 July 1.30pm - 4pm
Old Mossley	Bonfire	11 July 4pm - 6pm
Queenspark	Bonfire	11 July 1pm - 3pm
Rathcoole Foyle Hill	None	10 July 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Rathcoole Rathmullan Drive	Bonfire	11 July 3pm - 6pm
Mallusk	None	10 July 1pm - 3pm
Ballycraigy	Bonfire	11 July 2pm - 6pm
Parkhall Kilgreel Road	Beacon	11 July 6pm - 8pm
Parkhall Kilbride Gardens	Beacon	11 July 4pm - 6pm
Steeple Oaktree Drive	None	10 July 2pm - 4pm
Newpark and Caulside	None	11 July 12 noon - 4pm
Neillsbrook	Double Beacon	10 July 7pm -11pm

At present all of the above groups are in the process of developing their Family Fun Day Events and are completing all the necessary paperwork.

Members are reminded that funding will be administered by the Council up to a maximum of £3,000 per site and it is anticipated that the procurement of all

goods and services in relation to each site will be completed by the end of June 2021.

The total cost of delivering the programme across the 18 sites is approximately £74,000, £54,000 for the Family Fun Day events and £20,000 for the delivery, installation, filling and removal of the 5 beacons, provision for which has been made in the estimates.

In light of current Government Guidance and the ever changing restrictions regarding COVID-19 it is uncertain at this time as to what extent the groups will be able to deliver their Family Fun Day events, should restrictions ease however over the coming weeks participating sites must ensure compliance with all relevant and applicable COVID-19 Government and Public Health Guidance and Regulations.

Interagency site inspections involving the NIFRS, NIHE, PSNI and Council representatives are planned to take place on Friday 11 June and Friday 9 July 2021 from 10am until 3pm.

A Health and Safety and Risk Assessment Seminar will also be held on Thursday 10 June 2021 from 3.30pm until 4.30pm to which all participants will be invited to attend.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning (Interim)

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim)

## 10.9 CCS/CTRM/020 FILMING REQUEST - SIXMILEWATER PARK, BALLYCLARE

Members are reminded that in February 2019, the Council approved a Policy on filming on its land and property, recognising the positive contribution film production and television coverage can make to the local area in terms of economic benefits and enhancing tourist interest.

### **Request**

A request has been received from DALG Productions to film under the bridge in Sixmilewater Park, Ballyclare on Thursday 3 June between 12 noon and 11 pm. The footage will form part of a Channel 5 TV drama titled 'A Taste For Death' which is based on a series of PD James novels. The scenes to be filmed will involve two characters walking and talking under the bridge and along the river's edge.

The company has indicated that there will be no traffic disruption in the area and all associated vehicles and transport will be parked within the Dennison Industrial Estate. Arrangements for this have been made by the company directly with Dennison Commercials. There will be some minor pedestrian disruption along the pathway during the day of filming and appropriate signage will be put in place.

To facilitate the filming, the production company has requested a number of temporary arrangements which will be reinstated on completion of the filming. These include;

- Removal of the wooden planters and bin
- Removal of a number of sections of the metal fencing
- Removal of metal flower heads under the bridge
- Painting over the floral murals under the bridge

The above works, including securing the site, are expected to cost in the region of £2,970 and will be covered by the production company.

Officers intend to engage with the PCSP to explore the opportunity to work with young artists on an art project to repaint the wall following the filming, with all costs being covered by the Production Company.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Joanne Heasley, Media and Marketing Officer

Agreed by: Nicola McCullough, Media and Marketing Manager

Approved by: Simon Hope, Director of Communications and Customers  
(Interim)

**10.10 G/MSMO/14 MOTION – FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL –  
PROTECTION OF NATIVE HONEYBEES**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council regarding a Motion adopted by that Council.

A copy of the correspondence is **enclosed** for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council be noted.**

Prepared by: Member Services

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

## **10.11 WM/WM/40 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS**

Further to the report to the April meeting of council updating Members on formal consultation documents having been issued for the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Officers have been developing responses to both documents in tandem with colleagues from other councils. Attendance at a number of information sessions and workshops has also been helpful in developing the drafts.

The deadline for submission of both responses is 4 June, however, it has not been possible to complete these for consideration at the May meeting of Council. Responses will therefore be submitted in draft by the deadline subject to ratification. The drafts will be considered at the Operations Committee on 7 June 2021 and any amendments, deletions or additions will be recommended for ratification by Council and the final drafts submitted or confirmed.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Michael Laverty, Head of Waste Management

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations