



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair:** : Councillor R Lynch
- Committee Members** : Alderman P Michael  
Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, M Cooper, P Dunlop,  
M Goodman, R Kinnear, N McClelland, V McWilliam,  
V Robinson, S Ross, L Smyth and M Stewart
- Non Committee Members** : Alderman L Clarke  
Councillors – N Ramsay and B Webb
- Officers Present** : Director of Community Planning – U Fay  
Head of Community Planning – R McKenna  
Head of Finance – R Murray  
Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
ICT Change Officer – A Cole  
Mayor and Member Services Officer – S Fisher
- In Attendance** : Assistant Director, Asset Strategy, NIHE – A Kennedy  
Quality Improvement Manager, NIHE – A Blythe

**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

In order to protect public health during the current COVID-19 emergency it was not possible to allow the public or the press to physically attend the meeting. The public and the press could access those parts of the meeting which they are entitled to attend via live stream (a link to which is on the Council website). The meeting minutes and audio recording would be published on the Council's website.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Alderman McGrath  
Councillor Gilmour

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **3 PRESENTATIONS**

#### **3.1 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE – CAVITY WALL INSULATION**

Representatives of the Northern Health Housing Executive attended the meeting via Zoom to provide an update for Members on Cavity Wall Insulation and responded to Members' questions

The Chairperson thanked the NIHE representatives for their presentation and they left the meeting.

#### **3.2 FI/FIN/11 DRAFT RATES ESTIMATES UPDATE 2022/23**

The Director of Community Planning and Head of Finance provided a presentation on the 2022/23 Estimates for the Community Planning Department and responded to Members' queries. Members thanked the Director and the Head of Finance for their presentation and the Head of Finance left the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the presentation be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

#### **4.1 CP/CD/390 MRS JOAN CHRISTIE CVO, OBE LEGACY BURSARY SCHEME AND SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2022**

Members were reminded that the Antrim and Newtownabbey Spirit of Volunteering Awards were held in Theatre at the Mill on Thursday 27 September 2018 to highlight and recognise the valuable commitment of those who volunteer their time within the Borough. The Spirit of Volunteering Awards are scheduled to take place once during each Council term.

At the May 2021 Community Planning Committee the theme, categories, programme, budget and panel for the Spirit of Volunteering Awards 2022 were approved with the event scheduled to take place on 24 March 2022 in Theatre at The Mill.

Members were also reminded that it was agreed at the August 2018 Council meeting to establish the Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Scheme to be delivered on an annual basis.

At the Council meeting in February 2019 the detail of the scheme was approved to include the following categories to be awarded:

- Two bursaries of £1,000 to be awarded to talented young musicians from the Borough to further their career

- Two bursaries of £1,000 to be awarded to young volunteers who play an active role in a group in the Borough
- Two bursaries of £1,000 to be awarded to the groups in which these two young people volunteer
- Two bursaries of £1,000 to be awarded to special schools for horticulture projects

The first Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Event was held in Theatre at The Mill on 30 January 2020, when recipients were presented with their awards at a Civic Event. Members are advised that this Bursary Scheme was suspended during the pandemic given the challenges facing the arts, culture and education sectors.

As part of ongoing recovery of services it was proposed to open the Mrs. Joan Christie CVO, OBE Bursary Scheme in the new financial year with assessments to take place in June and awards to be presented in the autumn.

It was also proposed to combine presentation of the Bursary Awards into the Spirit of Volunteering Awards and to reschedule the Volunteering Awards to Autumn 2022. A further report will be brought to a future Committee Meeting detailing the arrangements for the combined Bursary and Spirit of Volunteering Civic Event in autumn 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

- a) **the delivery of the Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Scheme in 2022/23 be approved**
- b) **the presentation of the Bursary Awards be combined with the Spirit of Volunteering Awards event, which will be rescheduled to autumn 2022.**

*ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator*

#### **4.2 CP/GR/140 CP/GR/144 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID 2021-22**

Members were reminded that the 2021/22 Good Relations Action Plan submitted to The Executive Office, included a budget of £20,000 for the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme. The remaining budget available for the 2021/22 year was £15,000.

The aim of Good Relations Grant Aid Programme was to improve day to day relationships by encouraging everyone to treat others fairly and encouraging a society in which our own cultures and traditions as well as other people's cultures and traditions are understood, respected and accepted.

Members were advised that applications were required to score higher than 50% to be deemed successful. Two applications have been received scoring above the 50% threshold requesting a total amount of £5,000.

A summary of the application received and the proposed award recommendations, overview of the assessment and funding details were circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Cooper  
 Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

**the two Good Relations Grant Aid awards as outlined be approved at a total cost of £5,000.**

*ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Officer*

**4.3 CP/CD/394 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME  
 SMALL GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2021/2022**

Members were reminded of the Small Grants Programme which was agreed by the Council in October 2014 as part of the new Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Community Development Grant Aid Programme.

The purpose of the Small Grants programme is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £1,000 (revised and approved by Council in October 2021) towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members were advised that groups who apply for a small grant are not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2021/22 financial year.

In December 2019 Members agreed that from 1 April 2020 all Small Grant requests of £500 (now £1,000) or less be assessed on the basis of Pass/Fail against eligibility criteria and not subjected to a scored assessment process. All proposed awards are subject to the receipt of a Group Constitution, List of Committee Members, Bank Statement, Annual Accounts and a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all other appropriate supporting documentation is in place and can be provided on request or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

During the month of November one application totalling £1,000 has been received and assessed by Officers as outlined below.

<b>Group Name/Project Promoter</b>	<b>Project Description/Title</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Mae Murray Foundation	Small Activity and/or Insurance Grant  Insurance and First Aid Training	Pass	£1,000	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£1,000</b>

The total budget available for the Small Grants Programme for the 2021/22 financial year is £10,000 however this has been exhausted.

The total amount of financial assistance requested by the application outlined above was £1,000 and if the application was approved by Council then this will be funded by cost savings identified within the Community Planning Budget.

In the event that further applications are submitted before the end of this financial year these will be brought to Committee for consideration in January 2022.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland  
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

**the Small Grant application outlined above be approved at a total cost of £1,000 and be funded from cost savings identified within the Community Planning Budget.**

*ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator*

#### **4.4 CP/PCSP/038 PCSP DISABILITY ACTION PLAN 2022**

Members were advised of the requirement for Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP to produce a Disability Action Plan under statutory duties arising from Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Section 49A and 49B of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The previous Disability Action Plan was developed in 2019; the Equality Commission have requested that an updated Disability Action Plan be submitted.

A draft Disability Action Plan was circulated and the consultation was live via the Council Website. The 12-week consultation would close on 11 February 2022, before a final plan is submitted to the Equality Commission.

Equality Screening and Rural Proofing have been undertaken and further assessments were not required. The screening forms were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

- a) that Members respond to the consultation on an individual or party political basis; and,**
- b) the outcome of the screening exercises be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Amy Lynch, Community Planning*

#### **4.5 CP/CP/182 PLATINUM JUBILEE WORKING GROUP**

Members were reminded that the first meeting of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group was held in Mossley Mill on Tuesday 21 September 2021, with the minutes of this meeting approved at the October 2021 Committee Meeting.

A further meeting of the Working Group was held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 and the minutes were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed that

**the minutes of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group meeting of 16 November 2021 be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning*

#### **4.6 CP/GR/143 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL 27 JANUARY 2022**

Members were reminded that Holocaust Memorial Day is remembered annually on 27 January globally. The theme for 2022 is 'One Day'. Holocaust Memorial Day is 'One Day' that we put aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust and the genocides that followed in other parts of the world.

As part of Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 a permanent memorial was created for the Borough, and placed within Northern Ireland Centenary Garden, Monkstown Jubilee Centre.

It was proposed that the Holocaust Memorial Programme for 2022 will include a series of events held from Monday 24 January 2022 and conclude on Holocaust Memorial Day Thursday 27 January 2022 with a remembrance service at Monkstown Jubilee Centre. Activity would include;

- Engagement with local schools to create art and literature to be exhibited throughout the programme
- Educational showcases/activity
- Remembrance Service

Provision for Holocaust Memorial Day has been made within the Good Relations Action Plan and budget 2021/22.

Proposed by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**the 2022 Holocaust Memorial Programme be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Officer*

#### **4.7 CP/CP/189 WHITEABBEY COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECT WITH TRANSLINK**

Members were advised that Translink are currently developing a major engineering project in Whiteabbey called the Shore Road (Dark Arches) to Whiteabbey Track Renewal Project.

This £19m project involves the full renewal of approximately 840m of track along the 'Dark Arches' to Whiteabbey including track drainage, new cable routes and retaining wall structures. Works have been ongoing since June 2021 with a line closure required between 25th December 2021 - 4th January 2022 to facilitate day and night time working.

Associated with this project, Translink had carried out significant community engagement in the Whiteabbey area with residents, community groups and local schools, as part of this consultation, the project team had met with the Whiteabbey Community Group and had been asked to support a community initiative for two new park benches and a notice board displaying information on the nearby bleach green viaducts, which form part of the local railway network. A sketch of the proposal was circulated for Members' consideration.

The intention is for this to be outside the existing Whiteabbey Community Centre on the Glenville Road and for the board to detail historical information and images of the Bleach Green viaducts. Draft board display was circulated for Members' consideration.

Translink had agreed to fund this initiative subject to Council approval. Members were advised that the installation, maintenance and all associated costs of the initiative would be the responsibility of Translink. It was requested that Council grant permission for the initiative to be installed on Glenville Road Whiteabbey.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**permission is granted for two benches and information board to be installed on Glenville Road as part of the Whiteabbey Community Group Project with Translink**

*ACTION BY: Amy Dunlop, Community Planning*

#### **4.8 AC/GEN/071 DfC CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE TASKFORCE**

Members were advised that the Minister for Communities, Deirdre Hargey, announced the establishment of a Culture, Arts and Heritage Recovery Taskforce on 17 May 2021. An update on the DfC Culture, Arts and Heritage Taskforce which included the final report of the Taskforce along with its recommendations, was noted at the October Committee meeting and it was agreed that a further update to be brought back to a future meeting.

The purpose of the Taskforce was to consider measures to support re-opening and recovery in the immediate term and to identify long term actions that

should be considered in the development of a new Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy.

Correspondence had been received from the Minister for Communities, advising that she accepts the recommendations contained in the report, which was published on 23 November 2021. Work on a number of recommendations was already underway and the Ministers full response to the report was circulated for Members' information. Members were advised that the Minister intends sharing the report with Executive colleagues to seek their support for the next stage of implementation.

Specifically, in relation to the Taskforce recommendations relating to Councils the Minister has responded as follows:

- It should be noted that there are a number of strategic partnerships and programmes with a focus on place-making already in place, including the High Streets Task Force. The place of culture, arts and heritage in the context of place-making will continue to be an important factor in this work.
- The Department will meet with senior council officers to consider the Culture, Arts and Heritage Recovery Taskforce's findings, review existing Culture, Arts and Heritage partnerships and consider the need for creation of new collaborative partnerships in the context of the current work to review high streets and a wider place making agenda.
- Officials will meet with the network of council culture, arts and heritage officials to establish an ongoing forum to build on the ad hoc meetings that had begun in the course of the pandemic.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam

Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**the Ministerial Response to the DfC Culture, Arts and Heritage Taskforce report be noted with a further update to be brought back to a future meeting.**

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning*

#### **4.9 CP/CP/188 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT – OPEN UNIVERSITY**

Members were advised that a request had been received from the Open University seeking the Council to participate in the Open University Community Partnerships Project. The Community Partnerships Project (CPP) is a widening access initiative to encourage people into higher education by offering Open University study in a local community setting. The project is part funded by the Department for Economy with an aim to bring learning to local communities.

A Community Partner, usually a local community organisation would take the lead and provide a community setting for the learning to take place. Council would provide support to Community Partners through identifying cluster groups of learners, support to register and claim student finance support with



Open University and to manage the learning programme alongside the OU Community Partnership Team.

The CPP offers a range of benefits both for local communities such as;

- Encourages community engagement.
- Encourages learning and personal development within your local community.
- It offers participants a pathway to higher education that they may not have had access to or realised existed before.
- The cost of the People, Work and Society module will be fully funded for Northern Ireland residents aged 18 or over who:
- Have a household income of less than £25,000 (or be in receipt of qualifying benefits)
- Have not completed one year or more on any full-time undergraduate programme at NQF Level 4 or above, or have completed 30 credits or more of OU study

Participants would learn about 'People, Work and Society' through the Open University's 30-week Access model to help build study and digital skills and develop confidence to progress in education (degree level) and employment. The programme would be fully funded and provided free to all participants who enrol.

Key elements of the programme are as follows:

- Minimum group size of 10 - 12 participants - Maximum 17 participants
- 30 week course - 30 credit module
- Face to Face Support Tutorials each month
- Peer support
- Online resources
- Based in areas of social need
- Additional individual grant funding support available (up to maximum £250)
- No formal qualifications needed to enrol
- Open to All

Interested individuals / organisations must commit to the programme for 30 weeks and register themselves and individuals with the Open University.

It was proposed to participate in the Open University Community Partnerships Project, to engage with local community partners in areas of social need and promote this opportunity to enrol in the Open University Project.

An information session will take place in December and it is hoped to have all participants enrolled by 13 January 2022. The Open University programme will commence in February 2022.

The unique nature of this programme will be the level of face to face tutorial and peer support provided to learners as an integral element of the Open

University programme. The programme is specifically aimed at supporting learners from areas of educational underachievement.

Community New Students guidance and Community Partners Guidance Documents were circulated.

In response to queries from Members, the Head of Community Planning detailed the engagement which would take place to highlight this opportunity to relevant parties.

Proposed by Councillor Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed that

**participation in the Open University Community Partnerships Project be approved with a further update to be brought to Committee in February 2022.**

*ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Tackling Deprivation Officer*

*Councillor Smyth left the meeting at this point.*

#### **4.10 AC/HE/034 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FUND – COUNCIL'S HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

Members were advised that correspondence was received from the Historic Environment Division of Department for Communities about a short grant scheme being opened for Councils. The scheme would provide up to £10,000 to each Council to carry out heritage development work. The underlying aim of the scheme is to support and encourage work to increase the understanding, protection, conservation and celebration of built heritage and the wider historic environment.

Successful applications will be required to deliver against the following Historic Environment Fund criteria:

- Conservation and enhancement of the historic environment
- Contribution to tourism and supporting communities
- Supporting the construction and associated industries
- Creating broader and deeper understanding of heritage
- Enhancing public engagement with the historic environment.

In addition it is a requirement of the fund that all projects must be completed by 31 March 2021.

The deadline for submission of applications was 29 November 2021.

Members were advised that having considered the funding criteria and project completion deadline an application has been submitted to the fund for £10,000 to purchase and install five 'corten' decorative panels along the Boardwalk wall in Antrim at the Castle Gardens end. These panels would be bespoke and carry historical information about the local area and an image was circulated for information. Members were asked to note that the panels will compliment future improvement works planned for the Boardwalk.

Given the timescales involved, it was proposed that if the application is successful officers can accept the funding and commence delivery of the project ahead of a report back to Committee seeking retrospective approval.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop

Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**(a) the submission of an application for £10,000 to the Historic Environment Fund be noted;**

**(b) should the application be successful acceptance of the offer and commencement of project delivery be approved, subject to a further report to Committee seeking retrospective approval.**

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning*

#### **4.11 AC/GEN/066 CENTENARY OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

A meeting of the NI Centenary Working Group was held on 23 November 2021 and the minutes of this meeting were circulated for approval, having been circulated to the Working Group for their approval as they were not scheduled to meet again until January 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop

Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

**the minutes of the NI Centenary Working Group meeting of 23 November 2021 be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning*

#### **4.12 CP/P4/047 PEACE PLUS ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Members were reminded that at the April Council meeting the Council's draft response to the PEACE PLUS Public Consultation was approved and at the Council Meeting in August it was agreed that the existing Recovery Governance Structure be used to develop the Council's Peace Plus Action plan.

Members were advised that the Summary of Consultation Responses has now been received from the SEUPB and a copy was circulated. The conclusion of the consultation and publication of the summary report is an important milestone for the Peace Plus Programme. The overall responses to the consultation demonstrate a very high level of support for all six themes and accompanying investment areas of the proposed Peace Plus Programme.

Further correspondence, circulated, has been received from SEUPB regarding Local Authority PEACE PLUS Action Plans. Members were advised that the PEACE PLUS Programme had now been approved by the Irish Government, the Northern Ireland Executive, and the North South Ministerial Council. It will now be submitted to the European Commission for approval.

A Consortium of consultants have concluded a comprehensive consultation process in recent months, and have prepared a report to SEUPB outlining recommendations to support and guide the development of the Local Action Plans. This marks the end of stage one. Stages 2 and 3 will involve development of PEACE PLUS Partnerships and Co-Designed Community Action Plans with the Consortium available to support Councils.

Members were reminded that each local authority can utilise up to a maximum of €100K to resource the development of the plan, eligible costs include staff costs, research and consultancy support. It was proposed to commence use of this funding to resource the Co-Design of the Council's PEACE PLUS Action Plan.

Proposed by Councillor Ross  
 Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**use of the funding relocated to resource the Co-Design of the Council's PEACE PLUS Action Plan be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning*

#### **4.13 CP/CP/190 DIR/OPS/010 OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUP MINUTES**

Members were reminded that the Outcome Delivery Groups are now a central part of the Community Planning engagement framework. Draft minutes for six of the Outcome Delivery Groups were circulated for Members' information

<b>Community Planning Section – Outcome Delivery Group Meetings</b>		
<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Name of Partnership</b>
CP/CP/190	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	Our People Outcome Delivery Group
DIR/OPS/010	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	Our Place Outcome Delivery Group
DIR/OPS/010	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Our Place Outcome Delivery Group
CP/CP/190	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Our People Outcome Delivery Group
CP/CP/190	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Our People Outcome Delivery Group
DIR/OPS/010	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Our Place Outcome Delivery Group

Proposed by Councillor McClelland  
 Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**the minutes of the Outcome Delivery Groups be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning (Interim)*

#### 4.14 CP/GR/145 REFUGEE INTEGRATION STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from The Executive Office inviting participation in a 12-week consultation on a draft Refugee Integration Strategy, outlined below.

The Executive Office (TEO) have announced a 12-week consultation on a draft Refugee Integration Strategy. This was an opportunity for everyone to further inform the Strategy that had been developed through both research and engagement with key stakeholders across Government, Academia and the voluntary and community sector.

TEO are now seeking views from across society on this draft Refugee Integration Strategy to ensure the final strategy is focused on the priority issues and needs and sets out the most important actions required to support refugees and asylum seekers here.

The consultation opened on 30 November 2021 and will close on 21 February 2022.

##### How to Engage

- The **Citizen Space** platform on the NI Direct website is Government's preferred mechanism for consultation. Copies of the draft Strategy, including easy read and child friendly versions, along with a consultation document were circulated for Members' attention.
- **Alternatively**, a number of virtual consultation workshops that will be delivered through the Webex platform. Tickets to these consultation workshops can be booked through Eventbrite with the Webex. Dates of these workshops and links to the associated Eventbrite ticketing are as follows;

##### **Tuesday 7 December 2021 @ 10.00 am**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-integration-strategy-consultation-online-workshop-tickets-218696285477>

##### **Tuesday 11 January 2022 @10.00am**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-refugee-integration-strategy-consultation-online-workshop-tickets-218707268327>

##### **Tuesday 8 February 2022 @ 10.00 am**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-integration-strategy-consultation-online-workshop-tickets-218707789887>

Members were advised that they may wish to respond on a corporate, individual or party political basis.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland  
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**Members respond on an individual or party political basis.**

*ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Officer*

## **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **5.1 CP/GEN/019 COMMUNITY PLANNING SECTION - PARTNERSHIP MINUTES**

Members were advised that the quarterly update Partnership Minutes as listed below can be viewed in the electronic folder called "**Partnership Minutes for Members Information**" on your I pads.

<b>Community Development</b>		
<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Name of Partnership</b>
D/Gen/91	14 Oct 2021	Antrim & Newtownabbey Citizens Advice Bureau
D/CSP/48	30 June 2021	Antrim & Newtownabbey Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
D/DP/67	29 June 2021 14 Sept 2021	Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
D/DP/67	6 Oct 2021	Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
	-	Joint Cohesion Group
CP/GR/43	-	Traveller Issues Local Government Partnership

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the Partnership Minutes be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

### **5.2 CP/GR/138 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT CELEBRATION EVENT**

Members were reminded that Council hosted a Youth Celebration Event on 11 November 2021 at Theatre at the Mill to recognise and reward participants of the Council funded Youth Engagement Programmes. The Mayor Councillor Billy Webb MBE JP welcomed young people from across the Borough to Theatre at the Mill to take part in the Youth Engagement Celebration Event, with 85 guests attending the celebration from 8 youth and community groups. The evening was hosted by local comedian Shane Todd.

The event included key engagement with young people and youth group leaders, to seek their views on life in the Borough as a young person. Council Officers showcased the range of opportunities available to young people within the Borough and highlighted pathways to training and employment.

Groups attending included; Newtownabbey Arts and Culture Network (NACN), Rathenraw Youth Scheme, Ionad Teaghlaigh Ghleann Darach, Monkstown Boxing Club, Mayfield Community Association, Croi Eanna, Stoneworks Gym and Impact Network NI.

Guests took part in an interactive quiz and the Mayor Councillor Billy Webb MBE JP presented the winners with an iPad, and an Abbey Centre gift card. A short report on the event was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

NO ACTION

### **5.3 CP/GEN/038 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAMME DELIVERY**

Members were reminded of the motion that was agreed at Council in January 2020 which declared that ***'this Council recognises the problem of poor mental health which negatively affects many of our residents across all areas and walks of life within our Borough'***. It was agreed that Officers lead a campaign of events and public awareness to highlight support available to those experiencing poor mental health.

Various Council Departments had developed and delivered a wide range of internal and external Mental Health & Wellbeing focused campaigns and programmes were circulated to help create awareness, educate and support residents and staff.

Community Development Officers had also recently conducted a community survey targeted at Community and Voluntary Groups and including Elected Members across the Borough to identify current COVID-19 recovery needs in order to ensure that potential funding from DfC would be targeted at community needs.

There were 28 responses to the survey received and these indicated that the provision of mental health programmes was the top priority at present.

Taking into consideration the results of the Survey, the aims and objectives of Councils Corporate Recovery Plan and the Department for Communities Community Support Programme, Officers have developed a £147,416.48 COVID Recovery Community Support Programme agreed by Members at November Council that has mental health & wellbeing woven throughout all strands of the fund.

Council Officers continued to work alongside Community Planning partners including Northern Health & Social Care Trust, The Public Health Agency and Sport NI to amplify Mental Health & Wellbeing campaigns and ensuring access to education and services for staff and residents of the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **5.4 CP/GR/119 YOUTH VOICE**

Members were reminded that approval for the establishment of a Youth Voice Structure for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough in partnership with the Education Authority was approved at August 2021 Council.

Youth Voice is a participation structure to allow young people in a Council area to voice their opinions and ideas, participate in consultations and ensure that key issues are brought to the attention of the Council. A legacy is provided to participants in relation to life skills, accreditation and training.

Work is underway in partnership with the Education Authority to recruit a Partnership Board and Youth Voice membership. Updated Partnership Board Terms of Reference were circulated for Members' attention.

The Education Authority have developed a recruitment flyer for Youth Voice was circulated with representation being sought from young people across the Borough. Closing date for applications is 17 January 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'**

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

**the following Committee business be taken In Confidence and the live stream and audio recording would cease.**

#### **6. ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE**

##### **6.1 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/345 NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY COMMUNITY CENTRE, BALLYDUFF – BALLYDUFF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Members were reminded that at the Community Planning Committee on 10 May 2021 it was agreed to renew the Newtownabbey Capacity Building Consortium tenancy for the front office in Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff until 1 March 2022.



The group had advised of a change to the current group structure. The Newtownabbey Capacity Building Consortium (an umbrella group) is no longer operational and the Ballyduff component have reverted back to operating as an independent group - Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group, which was how they originated. This Group has continued to rent the office. Officers have contacted legal services and arrangements for transfer of the lease are in hand.

To facilitate recent internal painting in Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff the group were required to move to a larger office temporarily. A request had been received by the group to remain in the larger office (office 2) as it suits their needs better. The annual rent for their current office is £[REDACTED] per annum and the rent for the larger office is £[REDACTED] per annum. It was proposed to approve the move retrospectively from 22 November 2021 and continue until their current tenancy agreement expires on 1 March 2022.

Annual rent for Community facilities was currently £[REDACTED] per sq. meter per annum. This Group had also signed up to the Council Keyholder Policy as required.

Proposed by Councillor Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed that

**rent of Office 2 at Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff by Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group from 22 November 2021 until 1 March 2022 at a cost of £[REDACTED] per annum be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator*

## **6.2 IN CONFIDENCE AC/EV/007 ENCHANTED WINTER GARDEN 2021**

Members were reminded that delivery of the Enchanted Winter Garden event from 27 November to 21 December 2021 was approved at the Council meeting in June 2021. It was agreed at the September Council meeting to increase ticket fees to £6 per adult, £4 per child and £18 for a family of four.

Bookings for the event opened on 7 October 2021 with 38,000 tickets being booked on this day. The event has an overall capacity of 126,000 tickets available across all dates.

Members were advised that upon completion of the event that a detailed review of all aspects of the event will be carried out and a report brought to a future meeting.

In advance of this Members were advised of the following performance indicators at this point

Tickets sold	115,000
Income	£642,000
Expenditure	£504,000
Occupancy	91%

Media	40 Press Articles, Television Campaign
Reach	2.44 million views

In preparation for the return of the event in 2022 a promotional video (shown) was made over the opening weekend of 27 and 28 November 2021. This footage would be used as part of future promotional campaigns and approaches to potential sponsors.

A number of Members congratulated the Director of Community Planning and her team on the excellent event and commented that the car parking signage had made a huge difference.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
 Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

NO ACTION

**PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'**

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
 Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

**the remainder of Committee business be taken in Open Session.**

The Chairperson advised that audio-recording would recommence at this point.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A number of Members congratulated the Director of Community Planning and her team for the work carried out to deliver the switch-on events and advised that the feedback for these and the Pantomime from the community had been excellent in spite of some cold and wet weather.

In response to a query from a Member, the Director of Community Planning advised that she would keep in touch with community groups wishing to avail of rooms in Ballyearl Leisure Centre.

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning.*

There being no further committee business the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a peaceful and restful Christmas. The meeting concluded at 8.01 pm.

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**MAYOR**

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