



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 6.30 PM

- In the Chair** : Councillor T McGrann
- Committee Members (In person)** : Aldermen - L Boyle, P Michael and S Ross
Councillors – M Brady, P Dunlop, R Lynch, B Mallon, V McWilliam, A O’Lone, S Ward and S Wilson
- Non Committee Members (In person)** : Councillors J Burbank, M Cooper and B Webb
- Non Committee Members (Remote)** : Councillor H Cushinan
- In Attendance (In Person)** : Gerry Darby, Lough Neagh Partnership
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive – R Baker
Director of Community Planning – U Fay
Head of Community Planning – R McKenna
IT Systems Support Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Officer – S Boyd

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the February meeting of the Community Planning Committee and reminded all present of the audio recording procedures.

1 APOLOGIES

Alderman J McGrath
Councillors N Kelly and M Ní Chonghaile

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 3.1 Alderman P Michael and Councillors Burbank, Lynch and Wilson
Items 3.1, 4.12 and 5.1 Councillor Dunlop
Items 4.4 and 6.1 Councillor Brady
Item 4.9 Alderman Boyle
Item 4.12 Councillor M Cooper

Councillor Wilson left the Chamber during the following Item.

3 PRESENTATION

3.1 AC/TOU/009 LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP

The purpose of the presentation was to provide Members with an update on the Lough Neagh Partnership.

A presentation from Gerry Darby on behalf of the Lough Neagh Partnership (circulated) was provided following which Members' questions were answered.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Darby and he left the meeting.

Proposed by Alderman Ross
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the presentation be noted.

NO ACTION

4 ITEMS FOR DECISION

4.1 CP/CD/386 INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND – FUTURE SCHOOL'S PROJECT

This report sought Members' approval for the Integrated Education Fund to make a presentation to a future meeting of the Community Planning Committee.

A request (circulated) had been received from the Integrated Education Fund requesting the opportunity to make a presentation at a future Community Planning Committee Meeting to provide information on the

Future School's Project, which had been set up by them in collaboration with the Ulster University.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Councillor O'Lone and agreed that

representatives from the Integrated Education Fund be invited to present to a future Community Planning Committee on the Future School's Project.

ACTION BY: Member Services

Councillor Wilson returned to the Chamber during Item 4.2.

4.2 CP/PV/001 COMMUNITY FACILITIES - MOSSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB KEYHOLDER

This report sought to obtain approval in relation to key holder status of Mossley Pavilion for Mossley Football Club.

Members were reminded that there were currently two Council approved keyholders at Mossley Pavilion - CORE Community Group (tenant) and Mossley Outdoor Bowling Club.

A request had been received from Mossley Football Club for a key to the building. The club's 'home' venue is Mossley Pitch which included access to the changing facilities within the Pavilion. The club plays on Saturday afternoons and during the Spring/Summer months on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. They have a key for an outdoor storage container which is used to keep equipment.

The club had requested a key to access the changing room inside the pavilion building. Access would be on an infrequent basis when they may need to leave kit out in advance or access their changing room earlier than the pavilion opens.

Proposed by Alderman Ross
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

provision of keyholder status of Mossley Pavilion to Mossley Football Club be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

4.3 CP/CD/457 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME SMALL GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2023/2024

This report sought Members approval in relation to the Community Development Small Grants Funding Programme award being recommended.

The Small Grants Programme, was approved by the Council in October 2014 as part of the Council's new Community Development Grant Aid Programme.

The purpose of the Small Grants programme is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough up to a maximum of £1,000 (revised and approved by Council in October 2021) towards seeding costs, public and employer's liability insurance, small items of equipment or an activity.

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 2023/24 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 were subject to a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all appropriate supporting documentation is in place and can be provided on request or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

During the month of January one application totalling £970 was received and assessed by Officers with details circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

the Small Grant application requesting a total of £970 be approved.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

4.4 CP/CP/113 BARNARDO'S THE THRIVE PROJECT

This report provided an update on the Barnardo's Thrive Project Quarter 3 performance report.

Members were reminded it was agreed at the April 2023 Community Planning Committee to provide £25,000 in financial assistance to Thrive for 2023/24 subject to a quarterly performance report being provided.

The Thrive Project was a collaboration of local parents, schools, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies working together to help children and young people in Macedon and Threemilewater DEAs to achieve their full potential and have the best start in life.

An Elected Member from each of the Macedon and Threemilewater DEAs was nominated to serve for one year on the Thrive Project Board at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023.

The Quarter 3 Performance Report was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

the Quarter 3 performance report be approved.

ACTION BY: Will McDowell, DEA Engagement Coordinator

4.5 CP/CD/444 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY SENIORS' FORUM

This report was to provide an update on the Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors' Forum Quarter 3 2023 performance report.

Members were reminded that at the April 2023 Committee Meeting it was agreed to provide funding of £15,000 for the 2023/24 financial year to Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors' Forum. As part of the corresponding Service Level Agreement; the Forum was tasked with providing quarterly performance reports.

Officers continued to work with the Forum and Community Planning partners (NIHE, PHA, NHSCT, PSNI, NIFRS) to manage the service level agreement. The Quarter 3 Report was circulated for Members' information and was based upon performance measures in the Service Level Agreement.

Proposed by Councillor O'Lone
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the Quarter 3 Performance Report be approved.

ACTION BY: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

4.6 CP/CP/214 ARMED FORCES DAY 2024

This report sought Members approval for the most recent minutes of the Armed Forces Working Group.

The delivery of Armed Forces Day 2024 on Saturday 22 June was approved at the June 2023 Council meeting when it was agreed to establish a Working Group.

The most recent meeting of the Working Group was held in Mossley Mill on Wednesday 31 January and the minutes were circulated for Members' information.

Members were advised that following recent updates that current membership of the Group is as follows:

Councillor Mark Cooper BEM (Chair)
Councillor Alison Bennington (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sam Flanagan
Councillor Paul Dunlop
Councillor Michael Goodman
Councillor Annie O'Lone
Councillor Jay Burbank
Alderman Paul Michael BEM

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

the minutes of the Armed Forces Working Group meeting of 31 January 2024 be approved.

ACTION BY: Joanne Hamilton-Whyte, PA Director of Community Planning

4.7 AC/EV/003 CRAFT NI PROPOSAL FOR GARDEN SHOW IRELAND 2024

This report sought Members approval to appoint Craft NI to deliver the craft elements of Garden Show Ireland, which was scheduled to take place from 14-16 June 2024 at Antrim Castle Gardens.

The involvement of craft makers in Garden Show Ireland is well established, and craft stalls form an important part of the event. Members were reminded that it was agreed at the Committee in March 2023 that Craft NI source and manage craft maker involvement in the 2023 Garden Show. The partnership worked very well with a much improved craft offer delivered at the event.

Craft NI is the sector-led body for the promotion and development of the design-led contemporary craft industry in Northern Ireland. Craft NI supports and promotes the craft industry as an integral, entrepreneurial and vibrant part of the region's economic and cultural infrastructure. Its key partners include regional government and agencies, local government, cultural organisations, universities and colleges of further and higher education, private business and industry.

Members were advised that Officers have met with Craft NI to ascertain if they would be interested in sourcing and managing high-quality craft makers for Garden Show Ireland 2024. Craft NI have indicated that they would be keen to do this.

Under the terms of the proposal, Craft NI would be responsible for sourcing and managing 12-15 high quality craft makers who would offer their crafts for sale to the public and provide craft demonstrations. Craft NI propose to charge each craft maker £250 to participate, with 50% of this being retained by Craft NI as a management fee and 50% paid to the Council. Craft NI have committed to ensuring that any craft makers based in the Borough will be encouraged and supported to participate in the event.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that

the proposed partnership arrangements with Craft NI to deliver the craft element of Garden Show Ireland 2024 be approved.

ACTION BY: Chris Lynn, Culture and Events Co-Ordinator

4.8 AC/HE/046 AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF POGUES ENTRY

This report sought approval for Antrim School of Music to be offered the use of the Pogues Entry apartment and craft workshop for an initial 12-month period.

Members were reminded that approval was given at the November 2022 Community Planning Committee to the Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens to use the Pogues Entry apartment and craft workshop, to operate the site as a visitor attraction on behalf of the Council in lieu of rent. In April 2023 the group wrote to officers to say that they no longer wished to take up this lease.

Members are advised that Antrim School of Music have put forward a proposal to use the same facilities at Pogues Entry, which would allow them to extend their services and facilitate educational workshops. Antrim School of Music is a not-for-profit organisation started in 2021 to provide facilitated group and individual lessons in music, performance, music production / technology and the creative arts.

They would operate in a similar way to that proposed for the Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens:

- The School would occupy the apartment for use as an office and meeting space, and run workshops and creative activities in the adjoining craft workshop
- The garden would remain under the care of the Irish Garden Plant Society who have developed this space in partnership with the Council for a number of years, and they would continue to have right of way access to the toilet and kitchen facilities in the apartment
- The Council would retain responsibility for maintenance and repair of all of the buildings
- The School would not be charged rent, but would pay for utilities. In lieu of rent, the School would operate Pogues Entry as a visitor attraction from Easter until September, on Thursdays and Fridays from 2pm-5pm and Saturdays 10am-5pm. The School would be responsible for opening and closing the site, and providing information to visitors.

This arrangement would realise staff cost savings of approximately £3,000 which are currently required to open Pogues Entry as above. It is proposed to review the arrangement towards the end of the initial twelve month period with a report to be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the proposal to permit the use of the Pogues Entry apartment and craft workshop to Antrim School of Music for an initial 12-month period, as outlined, be approved.

ACTION BY: Philip Magennis, Culture & Heritage Officer

4.9 AC/GEN/008 FREE USE OF THE COURTYARD THEATRE

This report was to obtain Members approval in relation to a request received from the Education Authority Music Service for the free use of the Courtyard Theatre for a rehearsal on Tuesday 7 May 2024 and a concert on Monday 13 May 2024 by the Southern Area String Orchestra which is based in Newtownabbey.

The waiver of community hire charges for this booking represents potential lost income of £600. In addition, staffing costs of £380 will be incurred to support the event.

The Education Authority had received free use previously for a number of concerts in recent years, the most recent for the use of Ballyclare Town Hall on 5 December 2023 for a Christmas concert given by the Southern Area String Orchestra.

Following a question from a Member the Director of Community Planning clarified that this was a free concert open to friends, supporters and relatives of the pupils who would be performing. A Member requested if a small donation to the Mayors Charities could be considered.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the request for the free use of the Courtyard Theatre by the Education Authority Music Service on Tuesday 7th and Monday 13th May 2024 be approved.

ACTION BY: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism & Events

4.10 AC/GEN/109 DRAFT ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND TEN YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

This report sought Members approval for a corporate response to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) public consultation on their draft 10 year Strategic Plan 2024-2034.

Members were advised that the ACNI has launched a public consultation on a proposed 10 year strategic plan which outlined their plan to develop and champion the arts in Northern Ireland. A copy was circulated for Members' information.

The proposed strategic plan sets out an ambitious roadmap that charts ACNI's course towards a future where the arts sector in Northern Ireland flourishes. It outlines their commitment to supporting artists, promoting inclusivity and diversity, fostering collaboration, and ensuring that the arts are accessible to all. It aims to put artists at the centre of the change to ensure

the vibrant and diverse artistic landscape of Northern Ireland is recognised, celebrated and funded.

The consultation opened on 12 January 2024 and closed on the 5 April 2024. It was proposed to respond to the consultation on a corporate basis.

Proposed by Councillor O'Lone
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the Council responds to the consultation on the Arts Council of Northern Ireland's proposed 10 year Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 on a corporate basis.

ACTION BY: Katherine Gardiner, Arts & Theatres Manager

4.11 CP/CD/426 CHRISTMAS TOY SCHEME 2023

This report provided an update on the 2023 Christmas Toy Scheme, which was established to provide support to local families at Christmas by relieving financial burdens whilst also positively contributing to sustainability through recycling of pre-loved toys.

Members were reminded that the delivery of the Christmas Toy Scheme 2023 was approved by the Community Planning Committee in September 2023 in partnership with Community and Voluntary Organisations, Habitat for Humanity (NI) and the Council's Recycling Centres.

A social media campaign was carried out following this seeking expressions of interest from community and voluntary organisations interested in supporting the delivery of a scheme. It was agreed at the Committee in October 2023 that the following organisations be delivery partners for the 2023 Christmas Toy Scheme, which included provision of £200 funding per organisation:

| Organisation/Group | DEA |
|--|----------------------------|
| A Safe Space to Be Me | Airport |
| Listening Ear | Macedon |
| Fitmoms & Kids | Glengormley Urban |
| Queen's Park Women's Group | Glengormley Urban |
| Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary | Antrim |
| Sensory Kids | Antrim |
| Antrim School of Music | Antrim |
| Learning Rooms | Antrim |
| Marks and Spencer - Abbeycentre | Macedon |
| Sensata – Turkington & Breen | Antrim |
| Muckamore Parish Development Association | Antrim – Pop Up Toy Scheme |
| Mayfield Community Association | Airport/Glengormley |
| Save the Children | All DEA's |
| Habitat for Humanity (NI) | All DEA's |

Another social media campaign was launched at the beginning of November

to encourage donations of pre-loved toys directly into the local community schemes or directly at any one of five Council's Household Recycling Centres.

The Christmas Toy Scheme delivered the following outcomes in 2023:

- Over 600 local families supported by the Community partners which is a 20% increase on uptake in 2022;
- 7,992 new and pre-loved toys donated and distributed which is a 6% increase on donations received in 2022.

The 2023 scheme had exceeded the performance of the 2022 scheme and a proposal for a Christmas Toy Scheme for 2024 would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle

Seconded by Alderman Michael and agreed that

the update on the Christmas Toy Scheme be noted with a proposal for delivery of the scheme in 2024 to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

ACTION BY: Stef Buchanan, Community Development Manager

Having declared an Interest in Item 4.12 Councillors Cooper and Dunlop left the Chamber at this point of the meeting.

Councillor Ward left the Chamber at this point of the meeting.

The Chairperson left the Chamber during Item 4.12 and the Vice Chairperson (Councillor Lynch) took the Chair.

4.12 CP/TD/002 AREAS AT RISK FUNDING 2024/2025

This report sought Members approval for the proposed funding awards for the Areas at Risk Programme 2024/25.

Members were reminded that the Areas at Risk (AAR) programme was delivered across six Super Output Areas in Antrim and Newtownabbey. Historically the Newtownabbey AAR programme is part funded by the Department for Communities (DfC), whilst the Antrim AAR programme is fully funded by the Council. Confirmation of DfC funding for 2024/25 was yet to be received.

Members were further reminded that a request to amend the delivery of the Areas at Risk programme from a direct award process to an open competitive format, approved by the Council in August 2020 was suspended in November 2020. It was agreed at the Community Planning Committee in November 2021 that the Councils review of Areas at Risk be deferred until DfC review findings were published.

The DfC review had commenced and DfC had indicated that programme changes could be expected to be communicated in the 2024/25 funding year.

The anticipated Areas at Risk Funding for 2024/25 is set out below:

| | DfC Contribution 2024/25 TBC | Council Contribution 2024/25 TBC | Totals TBC |
|------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| Newtownabbey AAR | £66,750 TBC | £60,170 | £126,920 |
| Antrim AAR | £0 | £111,210 | £111,210 |
| Totals | £66,750 | £171,380 | £238,130 |

Newtownabbey AAR Projects Funded 2023/24

- The Areas at Risk Newtownabbey Project covers Carnmoney, Monkstown and Mossley.
- The contribution committed by the Council in 2023/24 to the Newtownabbey Areas at Risk Projects was **£60,170**
- A Letter of Offer from DfC to confirm their 2024/25 contribution was anticipated for the same amount.

Based on previous allocations the following awards are proposed for 2024/25, subject to receipt of costed delivery plans from organisations:

| Organisation | Council £ | DfC TBC £ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monkstown Community Association | 15,500 | 9,500 |
| Monkstown Community Forum | 12,650 | 4,750 |
| Monkstown Boxing Club | 10,200 | 4,750 |
| Church of the Good Shepherd, Monkstown | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| Hollybank Primary School, Monkstown | 13,820 | 4,750 |
| Hollybank Pre-school, Monkstown | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Carnmoney Presbyterian Church | 2,500 | 22,500 |
| New Mossley Presbyterian Church Youth Club (DAM Project) | 2,000 | 13,000 |

Antrim AAR Projects Funded 2023/24

- The Antrim Areas at Risk Project covers Farranshane, Ballycraigy and Steeple
- The contribution committed by the Council in 2023/24 was **£111,210**.
- Project plans are subject to Council approval following submission of Project Proposals by Groups (this is completed retrospectively of the Newtownabbey Letter of Offer from DfC being received by Council).
- Council officers have proactively engaged with Areas at Risk organisations in Antrim to confirm their intent to commit to funding process in 2024/2025.

Members were advised that Farranshane Community Trust merged with GEMS NI and GEMS NI are the lead organisation. It was proposed that GEMS NI would be invited to apply to the Areas at Risk programme following the merger with Farranshane Community Trust.

Based on previous allocations the following awards were proposed for 2024/25, subject to receipt of costed delivery plans from organisations:

| Organisation | Council £ |
|--|--------------|
| St Joseph's Nursery School Steeple Nursery School | 16,500 |
| Antrim Enterprise Agency | 6,000 |
| St Joseph's Primary School | 12,980 |
| Ballycraigy Primary School | 16,000 |
| Parkhall Primary School | 14,420 |
| Muckamore Parish Development Association | 14,810 |
| Rathenraw Youth Scheme | 8,500 |
| Antrim Grammar School | 6,500 |
| Inter-Estate Partnership | 10,500 |
| GEMS NI * | 5,000 |

* Subject to approval

Proposed by Alderman Michael
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and agreed that

- (a) the proposed Areas at Risk Programme including funding awards for 2024/25 be approved, subject to receipt of costed delivery plans from organisations and confirmation of funding from the Department for Communities; and**
(b) that GEMS NI be invited to apply to the 2024/25 Areas at Risk Programme.

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

Councillors Cooper, Dunlop and Ward returned to the Chamber at this point of the meeting.

5 ITEMS FOR NOTING

5.1 CP/CD/445 KINGS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2023

This report provided an update on the presentation and celebration events for the groups that were awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service in 2023.

The Kings Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their communities. It is the MBE for volunteer groups. Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the Committee in December 2023 that events to formally present Mayfield Village Community Association and Muckamore Parish Development Association with their KAVS at an approximate cost of no more than £10,000 be delivered.

Members were advised that arrangements for both events were proposed as follows:

- Mayfield Village Community Association – Friday 22 March 2024 at 7pm in the Linen Suite, Mossley Mill;
- Muckamore Parish Development Association – Friday 1 March 2024 at 12.30pm in the Old Courthouse Theatre, Antrim.

Officers would support planning and delivery of the events by working in partnership with the Groups, representatives of the KAVS and the Antrim Lieutenancy.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Mallon and agreed that

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

Councillor McGrann returned to the Chamber during Item 5.2 and resumed the Chair.

5.2 CP/CF/001 COMMUNITY FIRST AID AND LIFESAVING SKILLS PROGRAMME

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the Community Development First Aid and Lifesaving Skills Programme.

Members were reminded that the installation of 10 AED's at Community Facilities including community and staff training was approved at the June 2022 Community Planning Committee. AED's have been installed at the following facilities:

- Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff
- Dunanney Centre
- Lillian Bland Pavilion
- Mossley Pavilion
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre

- Greystone Community Centre
- Neillsbrook Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- The Sovereign Complex, Rathfern
- Monkstown Jubilee Centre

The Community First Aid and Lifesaving Skills Programme was developed following concern that many people lacked confidence in how to operate and utilise an Arterial Emergency Defibrillators (AED's) in an emergency. Without immediate defibrillation and CPR when cardiac arrest occurs, the chances of survival are less than 5%. With a defibrillator being used alongside effective CPR the odds of survival can be increased to 50%.

As part of the Community Capacity Building Programme Community First Aid and Life Saving Skills classes were delivered across the Borough in September 2023. The 3 hour accredited classes were delivered by trained nurses in various Community Facilities. The programme included; the responsibilities of a first responder, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and use of AED. 312 residents have completed the training. Each Community Facility also received a Stryker Heartsine v Trainer, which enables refresh training on operating a defibrillator through a smartphone.

Participant numbers by DEA are listed for Members' information;

| DEA | Numbers Trained |
|----------------|------------------------|
| ANTRIM | 72 |
| AIRPORT | 32 |
| BALLYCLARE | 42 |
| DUNSILLY | 22 |
| GLENGORMLEY | 94 |
| MACEDON | 22 |
| THREEMILEWATER | 28 |
| Total | 312 |

Following the positive response to this programme, the delivery agent has also partnered with Abbey Centre to deliver a Lifesaving Skills Schools Initiative, with 105 pupils from schools located in the Borough participating in the programme. Participant numbers by school are listed for Members' information.

| SCHOOL | Numbers Trained (Pupils and Staff) |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Ballyclare High School | 17 |
| Antrim Grammar School | 19 |
| Integrated College Glengormley | 11 |
| Ulidia Integrated College | 16 |
| Belfast High School | 16 |
| Jordanstown School | 19 |

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Edmund Rice College | 16 |
| Total | 105 |

Following questions from Members on the locations of defibrillators and on their accessibility of same the Director of Community Planning agreed to clarify with the relevant Department.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

the update on the Community First Aid and Lifesaving Skills Programme be noted.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning/Stef Buchanan, Community Development Manager

Councillor Mallon left the meeting.

5.3 CP/GR/162 THE EUROPEAN MAYORS SUMMIT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

This report provided an update as agreed on the attendance at the European Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism by the Mayor and Director of Community Planning.

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the October Council meeting that the Mayor and Director of Community Planning attend the European Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism in Dortmund Germany on 29 November to 1 December 2023 with a report on shared learnings from the Summit to be brought back.

The focus for the Summit, was 'Fostering Cultural Diversity' and the detailed programme was circulated for Members' information. The Summit brought together Mayors and local officials from across Europe and beyond. Discussions took place on how to build social cohesion, strengthen community lives at local levels and establish understanding between citizens of different cultural and religious backgrounds.

The following learnings from the event could be taken forward to inform the ongoing delivery of community and good relations in the Borough:

- Local community life is increasingly affected by international events;
- Polarising political discourse and hate speech can have direct consequences within communities;
- Violence motivated by hatred of the other must be addressed.
- Councils have a leading role to play in building a strong community without hate and intolerance;
- Relationships between citizens of different cultural and religious backgrounds need to be fostered and nurtured
- Councils have a vital role to play in developing good relations and fostering trust between the different groups in a community. Trust can be achieved when all groups feel safe and free to participate in public life.

The Summit also provided networking opportunities and the opportunity to experience cultural programme features which included an art installation, immersive exhibition and visits to sites of industrial heritage.

The focus of the Summit and its entire programme was to facilitate an exchange of innovative approaches on how to build social cohesion and forge tolerance and understanding across all backgrounds and was very relevant to the delivery of positive community relations in the Borough.

Following the event, the Mayor wrote to the Combat Antisemitism Movement, Summit organisers, expressing thanks to them for their warm welcome and delivery of the Summit. The email response received was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

The Chairperson took the supplementary report at this point of the meeting.

5.4 CP/CD/231 SPORT NI FUNDING TO COUNCILS

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the outcome of an application for funding from Sport NI totalling £26,300 for the delivery of the 'Junior Community Outreach Programme'.

It was reported to the July 2023 Council meeting that SNI had invited expressions of interest from Councils for funding for sport and physical activity projects which support the delivery of the Community Plan, to be completed by 31 March 2024.

It was reported to the Committee in January that SNI had advised the Council that due to budget limitations they were unable to offer funding at this time.

SNI have now contacted the Council, copy correspondence (circulated), advising that they have secured additional funding and are offering the Council £26,300 to deliver a Community Outreach Programme. A copy of the programme was (circulated) for Members' information. This funding had to be accepted by Friday 16 February 2024.

Following a question from a Member the Director clarified that the allocated funding was to be used by 31 March 2024. The Director further agreed to review the schools identified and respond back to the Member.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning/Conor Cunning, DEA Engagement Manager

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed

that the following Committee business be taken In Confidence and the livestream and audio recording would cease.

6 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

6.1 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/289 & CP/CD/343 DUNANNEY CENTRE AND STILES COMMUNITY CENTRE – TENANCY RENEWALS

This report sought Members approval on tenancy agreement renewals at the Dunanney Centre and Stiles Community Centre.

Members were reminded that there are a number of rentable offices in the Community Facility Buildings with rent approved at a cost of £■■■■ per square metre per annum at the Council Meeting on 26 February 2018. Officers were reviewing the cost of rental spaces in Community Facilities and a report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

A number of tenancy agreements were due for renewal and the organisations in the table below have requested that their agreements be renewed.

A template tenancy agreement was circulated for Member's information.

| Organisation | Centre | Rooms Requested for Rental Renewal | Tenancy Start Date and Term | Rental Income £■■■■/sqm (per annum) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Barnardo's | Dunanney Centre | Ground Floor Crèche, Rooms 24 and 26 | 1 st April 2024 for 1 year | £■■■■ |
| Homestart | Stiles Community Centre | Small Annex Room | From 1 st March 2024 for 1 year | £■■■■ |

Rent was based upon the existing rate and any future approved increase would be applied with appropriate notice.

Following a question from a Member the Head of Community Planning confirmed that the financial assistance offered to Barnardo's was not utilised for rental costs.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

- (a) the renewal of the tenancy agreement with Barnardo's, including keyholder option, for Dunanney Centre to 31 March 2025 at an annual cost of £[REDACTED] be approved;**
- (b) the renewal of the tenancy agreement with Homestart, including keyholder option for Stiles Community Centre to 28 February 2025 at an annual cost of £[REDACTED] be approved.**

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

6.2 IN CONFIDENCE AC/HE/047 PRISON OFFICERS RECOGNITION

This report sought Members approval for the installation of a memorial to the Prison Service in Ballyclare War Memorial Park and the delivery of a Civic Event to recognise prison officers both serving and retired.

Members were reminded that a Motion from Cllrs Flanagan and Bennington was approved at the March 2023 Council meeting as follows:

'This Council recognises the immense sacrifice of those prison officers who served in Northern Ireland through its most difficult times, and indeed who continue until the present day to serve this community with great bravery; further, that an appropriate commemoration be installed in the Borough, an event be held to celebrate officers within the Borough and a legacy project be commenced to honour their contribution to our society'.

It was proposed to install a granite Memorial in Ballyclare War Memorial Park with the following inscription:

'Erected to honour the service and sacrifice of the Northern Ireland Prison Service'.

The proposed wording had been agreed in consultation with Cllrs Flanagan and Bennington, the Prison Officers Association and the Northern Ireland Prison Service Central Benevolent Fund.

A provisional date for the installation and dedication of the Memorial has been set for 21 March 2024. In addition, it was proposed to hold a Civic Dinner for serving and retired prison officers in Theatre at The Mill on Friday 12 April 2024 at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED]. An exhibition relating to the history of the Northern Ireland Prison Service was being developed with a report to be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Proposed by Alderman Ross
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and agreed that

- (a) the installation of a memorial to the Northern Ireland Prison Service in Ballyclare War Memorial Park, including the proposed inscription, be approved;**

- (b) the delivery of a Civic Event to recognise the Northern Ireland Prison Service, in Theatre at The Mill on 12 April 2024 at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED], be approved;**
- (c) a report on an exhibition about the history of the Northern Ireland Prison Service be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.**

ACTION BY: Philip Magennis, Culture & Events Co-ordinator

6.3 IN CONFIDENCE ED/TOU/064 CRANFIELD JETTY REDEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

This report was to obtain Members approval in relation to the proposed redevelopment of Cranfield Jetty.

Members were reminded that approval was given at the Community Planning Committee in December 2022 to redevelop the Jetty by replacing the concrete slipway, refurbishing part of the jetty and installing a floating pontoon linked to the refurbished jetty with a galvanised walkway, at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED] (including fees and contingency) subject to further assessment by structural engineers Hanna and Hutchinson.

Members were advised that the existing jetty boardwalk has now been removed, allowing structural engineers to inspect the timber piles and supporting beams which were previously inaccessible. These have been found to be in a significantly worse state than had previously been assumed, and for the project to proceed as originally planned many of these will need to be replaced.

As a result of this, the total cost of the project was now estimated to be £[REDACTED]. In light of such significant cost increases considered in the context of both historical use of the facility and potential future use the following options have been considered:

- Option 1: Status Quo and do nothing.
- Option 2: Basic repair of the slipway and removal of remaining jetty posts which provides access to the Lough but no mooring facilities. The cost of doing this including fees and contingency is estimated at £[REDACTED].
- Option 3: Demolish and permanently remove the existing jetty. Replace the existing slipway with a new, bigger concrete slipway, increasing its size from the current dimensions of 6.1m x 5.5m to 8m x 20m. This option would prevent boats from mooring, but would allow easy access for water sports. The cost of doing this, including fees and contingency, is estimated at £[REDACTED].
- Option 4: Continue with the approved approach but with a shorter jetty and/or a shorter pontoon, enabling smaller boats to moor. The cost of doing this and replacing the concrete slipway including fees and contingency is estimated at £[REDACTED].

After considering the costs and potential benefits of all options, it was proposed to proceed with option 3 at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED]. This option would facilitate access to the lough for the majority of people who wish to use it for recreational purposes, at a cost that represents value for money. A business case was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor O'Lone
 Seconded by Councillor Wilson that

Option 4 as outlined at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED] be approved.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
 Seconded by Alderman Ross that

Option 3, the business case for the development of Cranfield Jetty as outlined at the estimated cost of £[REDACTED] be approved and provision made in the Capital programme.

Following a request by Councillor Lynch a recorded vote took place and Members voted as follows:

On the above amendment being put to the meeting 3 Members voted in favour, 8 against and 0 abstentions.

| In favour of the Amendment Members viz 3 | Against the amendment Members viz 8 | Abstentions Members viz 0 |
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| Alderman – Ross Councillors – Dunlop and Ward | Aldermen Boyle and Michael Councillors – Brady, Lynch, McGrann, McWilliam, O'Lone and Wilson | |

The amendment was declared not carried.

On the substantive proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions. Members voted as follows:

| In favour of the proposal Members viz 7 | Against the proposal Members viz 4 | Abstentions Members viz 0 |
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| Aldermen Boyle, Michael Councillors – Lynch, McGrann, McWilliam, O'Lone and Wilson | Alderman – Ross Councillors – Brady, Dunlop and Ward | |

The substantive proposal was declared carried and it was agreed that

Option 4 as outlined at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED] be approved.

ACTION BY: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Alderman Michael

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed

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

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

There being no further Committee business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.23 pm.

MAYOR