



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CHAMBER, MOSSLEY MILL
ON 11 MAY 2026 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor S Wilson
- Committee Members (In person)** : Aldermen – J McGrath and S Ross
Councillors – M Brady, S Cosgrove, P Dunlop, J Gilmour, R Lynch, H Magill, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, A O'Lone and M Stewart
- Committee Members (Remote)** : Councillors - J Burbank and T McGrann
- Non-Committee Members (In Person)** : Councillors – M Cooper and B Webb
- Non-Committee Members (Remote)** : Alderman L Clarke
Councillor L O'Hagan
- Officers Present** : Director of Community and Culture – U Fay
Head of Community Development – R McKenna
Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events – S Goldrick
Head of Marketing, Communications and PR - J McIntyre
ICT Change Officer – A Cole
Member Services Officer – C McGrandle

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

1 APOLOGIES

None.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6.1 – Councillor M Cooper.

3 ITEMS FOR DECISION

3.1 AC/EV/025 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval for the minutes of the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group meeting of 22 April 2026 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

2. Background

The role of the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group was to promote, develop and organise the annual Ballyclare May Fair. The specific role of the May Fair Working Group was set out as follows:

- To advise Council on the programme for the May Fair
- To organise delivery of the May Fair
- To promote participation in the May Fair by the Ballyclare community and wider Borough community
- To explore opportunities for sponsorship and additional funding for the May Fair
- To provide advocacy for the May Fair and achieve collaboration of a range of stakeholders into the design and delivery of the May Fair
- To contribute expertise, skills and knowledge from a range of sectors to the benefit and continuous improvement of this annual event so that Ballyclare DEA would achieve maximum benefit from its delivery.

The Working Group would meet monthly from September to June each year and report to the Community Development Committee. Membership consisted of all Ballyclare DEA Elected Members, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and up to five non-elected voluntary members who were actively involved in the local community.

3. Previous Decision of the Council

The revised Working Group Terms of Reference were approved at the December 2023 Community Planning Committee. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved at the April 2026 Community Development Committee meeting.

4. Working Group Meeting

Members were advised that the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group met on 22 April 2026 in Ballyclare Town Hall. The minutes of the meeting were circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Gilmour and agreed that

the minutes of the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group meeting of 22 April 2026 be approved as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

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

3.2 **AC/GEN/037 CULTURAL GRANT AID AND BURSARY PROGRAMME**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval for a Cultural Grant award.

2. Introduction/Background

The aim of the Cultural Grant Aid and Bursary programme was to provide support to constituted groups and individuals based in the Borough to participate in, develop and promote Cultural activities and projects.

Funding was available for projects which develop artistic talent and knowledge, showcase the arts and promote participation and inclusion, celebrate shared heritage, and contribute to the understanding of minority languages and cultural diversity.

Cultural groups may apply for grants for:

- Eligible costs involved in running a cultural event (with a maximum award of £1,000);
- Costs relating to the production of a cultural product e.g. a publication or an exhibition (with a maximum award of £500);
- Course fees for group members to attend an event or course or undertake training (with a maximum award of £500)

Individuals may apply for bursaries for:

- Costs relating to the production of a cultural product e.g. a publication or an exhibition (with a maximum award of £500);
- Contribution to costs associated with the attendance at cultural events, specialist training courses or study programmes relating to Arts or Heritage (with a maximum award of £500)

The Cultural Grant Aid and Bursary Programme budget also contained provision for up to 30 Irish Language/Gaeltacht Summer Course and Ulster-

Scots Cultural Bursaries, and for the annual Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Scheme awards.

3. Previous Decision of Council

The current Cultural Grant Aid and Bursary Programme was approved by the Community Development Committee in November 2025.

4. Application for 2026-2027 Cultural Grant Aid and Bursary Programme

One application had been received and assessed by officers under the appropriate funding category and maximum award available.

A summary of the application was set out below along with the proposed award:

Group / Individual Name	Funding Category	Funding Purpose	Proposed Amount Awarded
Ballynure and District Friendship Club	Cultural Group - costs relating to the production of a cultural product e.g. a publication	<p>The production of a trifold heritage walking leaflet for Ballynure Village. The walking leaflet would illustrate a heritage trail showcasing the history of the area dating back to the 13th Century.</p> <p>The funding would be used to cover costs towards printing, advertising and publicity and display boards. This would be a short print run to cover the summer months, after which it was anticipated that the project would form part of the Council's wider PEACEPLUS heritage trails initiative.</p>	£300

5. Financial Position

The budget available for the Cultural Grant Aid and Bursaries programme in 2026-2027 was £33,000. £7,000 had already been committed for applications within the 2026-2027 financial year, and if the above application was approved, a balance of £25,700 would be left for the remainder of the year.

6. Summary

A Cultural Grant application had been received for £300 to support Ballynure and District Friendship Club with the production of a heritage walking leaflet for Ballynure village.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the grant award for £300 be approved.

ACTION BY: Anna Boyle, Funding Unit Manager

3.3 **AC/EV/001 USE OF FIREWORKS AT COUNCIL EVENTS, COUNCIL-FUNDED EVENTS, AND EVENTS AT COUNCIL FACILITIES**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval for a new fireworks protocol covering Council events, Council-funded events and third-party events held at Council facilities.

2. Introduction/Background

Fireworks were used as part of the Council's annual Spooked Out event in V36, and they had also been used for one-off special events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation. At present, there was nothing to prevent third parties who were in receipt of Council funding or who had hired Council facilities to use fireworks at their events.

In recent years concerns had been raised about the negative impact that the noise generated by traditional fireworks can had on children, pets, livestock, and others within the community. As a result of these concerns, the Council's events team has now switched to low-noise fireworks which were designed to deliver vibrant visual displays without the sharp, explosive bangs of traditional fireworks. While no firework is completely silent, these options typically register between 70 and 90 decibels (roughly the volume of a lawnmower), compared to the 120 decibels (as loud as a rock concert) of standard consumer fireworks. Low-noise fireworks meet the standards demanded by organisations such as the Association for Firework Legislation Reform, who were campaigning to reduce the maximum noise level of fireworks from 120 decibels to 90 decibels.

3. Previous Decision of Council

The following motion was passed at the January 2026 Council meeting:

This council notes the negative impact that the noise of fireworks can had on children, pets and livestock alongside the impact of unregulated sale and usage more generally.

This council further notes ongoing campaigns seeking a review of current firework regulations by the NSPCA, HelpAnimalsUK, The Firework Campaign and others. This Council would consequently consider the use of silent fireworks for all future Council-led and Council funded events and Council hired facilities where fireworks were to be used.

Officers were to report back to the relevant Committee with recommended changes to Council-led and Council funded events and Council hired facilities, which include firework displays, and provide proposals for a public statement and promotional campaign to raise awareness of the impact of fireworks on children, pets, and livestock, in advance of autumn 2026.

4. Key Issues

Truly silent fireworks do not exist, as the physical launch (lifting charge) creates sound, but low-noise fireworks were available as a viable alternative. These prioritise visual effects, sparkles, colours, and fountains over loud bangs.

Although Council events were now only using low-noise fireworks, there was nothing to prevent third parties who receive funding from the Council or who hire Council facilities from using traditional fireworks. It was proposed therefore that the conditions of all grant funding offers and the terms and conditions of all Council hire agreements were amended to exclude the use of all but low-noise fireworks. This would apply to all hire agreements in the Arts and Culture, Community Development and Leisure Sections as well as the following grant funding programmes:

- Community Festival Fund
- Tourism Event Grant
- Cultural Grant Aid Programme
- Christmas Celebration Event Grant
- Sports Event Grants
- Bonfire Management Programme

In addition, it was proposed to run the circulated communications campaign throughout October 2026 to raise awareness of the issues involving traditional fireworks and advocating the responsible use of low-noise fireworks by all. A proposed public statement, also circulated, would be issued at the commencement of the campaign.

5. Financial Implication

There were no financial implications to this proposal.

6. Summary

A Council motion brought in January 2026 has highlighted the issues associated with the use of traditional fireworks, and in response to this motion, Council events would now use only low-noise fireworks. It was further recommended that the terms and conditions of all relevant grant aid

programmes and Council facility hire agreements were amended to preclude the use of all except low-noise fireworks.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

the new fireworks protocol covering Council events, Council-funded events and third-party events held at Council facilities be approved.

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

3.4 CP/CP/113 BARNARDO'S - THE THRIVE PROJECT

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide Members with the THRIVE 2025/2026 Q4 Performance Report and advise that performance targets for the period had been met.

2. Introduction

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 DEA's to achieve their full potential and had the best start in life.

3. Previous Decision of Council

It was agreed at the March 2025 Community Development Committee, to provide £25,000 financial assistance for the 2025/26 Service Level Agreement between the Council and the Education Authority on behalf of the THRIVE Project with a quarterly performance report brought to future meetings of the Committee.

The provision of an additional £3,000 financial assistance for the 2025/26 Service Level Agreement between the Council and the Education Authority on behalf of the THRIVE Project and the 2025/26 Quarter 1 Performance Report, based upon performance measures in the Service Level Agreement, were approved at the September 2025 Community Development Committee.

4. Financial Position

A budget of £28,000 was included in the 2025/26 Community Development budgets.

5. Governance

It was approved at the June 2025 Community Development Committee that the Head of Community Development replace the Elected Members

nominated to serve on the THRiVE Project Board from both the Macedon DEA and the Threemilewater DEA with immediate effect.

Officers would continue to work with the THRiVE Project and Community Planning partners to manage the performance of the Project. Quarterly performance reports would continue to be reported to the Community Development Committee.

6. Summary

The Quarter 4 Report was circulated for Members' information and was based upon performance measures in the Service Level Agreement. Officers had been advised that Quarter 4 targets had been met.

Proposed by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Councillor Gilmour and agreed that

the THRiVE Project Quarter 4 2025-26 performance report be approved.

ACTION BY: Will McDowell, DEA Engagement Coordinator

3.5 CP/GEN/005/VOL3 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval that the minutes of the Community Planning Partnership meeting held on 22 April 2026 be approved as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

2. Introduction/Background

The Community Planning Partnership was responsible for leading the Community Planning process in the Borough. The Community Planning Partnership was established in 2015 and was made up of Elected Members and representatives of each of the Community Planning statutory partners. The Community Planning Partnership meets twice annually.

Council's Community Plan, 'Love Living Here' for the Borough set out a shared vision and agreed outcomes for the area up to 2030. This would be achieved by working collectively with other partners involved, through a Community Planning Partnership. The plan was first approved in 2017.

3. Previous Decision of Council

The updated draft of the Council's Community Plan 'Love Living Here' was approved at the March 2024 Community Planning Committee.

The 'Love Living Here' Delivery Plan to 2030 and minutes of the Community Planning Partnership meeting of 22 October 2025 were approved at the November 2025 Community Development Committee Meeting.

4. Partnership Minutes

The sixth Community Planning Partnership meeting of the Council term was held in the Yarn Suite, Mossley Mill on Wednesday 22 April. At the meeting, the minutes of the Partnership meeting of 22 October 2025 were approved and were circulated for Members' information. The draft minutes of the 22 April 2026 meeting were also circulated for Members' approval.

5. Governance

At the Council's Annual Meeting in May 2023, it was agreed that Members be appointed to the Community Planning Partnership for the term of the Council to be allocated using d'Hondt and the Chair of the Community Planning Committee also be the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership.

Officers would report the performance against the updated Delivery Plan bi-annually at the Community Planning Partnership and a Statement of Progress would be completed every 2 years and reported to the Department for Communities. A copy of the latest draft Statement of Progress for the period January 2024 - March 2026 was circulated for Members' information.

6. Summary

The draft minutes of the Community Planning Partnership meeting held on 22 April were circulated as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and agreed that

the draft minutes of the Community Planning Partnership meeting held on 22 April 2026 be approved as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

ACTION BY: Conor Cunning DEA Engagement Manager

3.6 **CP/CD/390 VOLUNTEER WEEK AND THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2026**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide Members with an update on the 2026 Volunteer's Week and the seek approval for the membership of the assessment panel for the Spirit of Volunteering Awards.

2. Background

Volunteers' Week was an annual event, which sees charities, voluntary groups, social organisations, and volunteers themselves come together to recognise the incredible impact that volunteering has in communities around the UK.

Volunteers' Week 2026 would run from the 1-7 June, and the theme designated by the United Nations was Volunteers for Sustainable Development.

The Spirit of Volunteering Awards take place once in each Council term and highlight and recognise the valuable commitment of those who volunteer their time within the Borough.

3. Previous Decisions of the Council

It was agreed at the May 2021 Community Planning Committee Meeting that the Spirit of Volunteering Awards be delivered once in each Council Term.

4. Key Issues

Volunteer Week

Correspondence had been received from Community Planning partner, Volunteer Now (circulated), inviting the Council to use the opportunity of Volunteer Week to thank volunteers and recognise the value volunteering has in reducing loneliness and improving health outcomes.

Officers had engaged with Volunteer Now and the Mayor's Office and had developed the following programme of activities to celebrate Volunteers Week:

- **Volunteers Celebration Afternoon Tea:** Monday 1 June hosted by Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Denise Heyward Volunteer Now, CEO Keynote speaker.
- **Spotlight on volunteers:** Volunteer Week would feature social media clips highlighting the value and importance of volunteers from the Borough.
- **Volunteering opportunities:** Organisations within the Borough would be invited to promote their current and upcoming volunteering opportunities.

Spirit of Volunteering Awards

During the last Council term the last Spirit of Volunteering Awards were held on 13 October 2022. Nominations for 2026 Awards would launch on Tuesday 5 May and close on Monday 8 June 2026 with active promotion taking place during Volunteer Week. The 2026 Spirit of Volunteering Awards would take place in the Theatre at the Mill, on Wednesday 30 September 2026.

5. Financial Implication

It was estimated that the total cost of the 2026 Volunteer Week and the Spirit of Volunteering Awards Celebration Event would be approximately £20,000, provision of which had been made in the 2026/27 Community Development budget.

6. Governance

In the past an Assessment Panel had been established to work with Officers in the planning of the Spirit of Volunteering Celebration Event and assessment of nominations. It was proposed that the membership of the Assessment Panel for 2026 would include:

- The 2026/27 Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- The 2026/27 Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Development Committee
- His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim, Mr David McCorkell
- The Chief Executive of Volunteer Now, Denise Hayword
- Relevant Council Officers

7. Summary

Volunteer Week 2026 would take place from 1-7 June. This year had been designated by the United Nations as the year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development. Officers had engaged with Volunteer Now to develop a programme to celebrate volunteers within the Borough during the week. The 2026 Spirit of Volunteering Awards nominations would launch on 5 May and close on 8 June 2026. An Assessment Panel would be established to assess nominations with the Awards taking place in the Theatre at the Mill on 30 September 2026.

The Director of Community and Culture provided clarity and assurance to Members in relation to the panel and its appropriate membership.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Gilmour and agreed that

the 2026 Volunteer Week update be noted and that the proposed membership of the Assessment Panel for the 2026 Spirit of Volunteering Awards be approved.

ACTION BY: Stef Buchanan, Community Development Manager

3.7 **CP/GEN/052 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME RECOMMENDATIONS 2026/2027 AND 2026/2028 – CALL 2**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval in relation to proposed financial awards under the Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities Grant Aid Programme for 2026/2027 and 2026/2028 Call 2.

2. Background

The Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities Grant Aid Programme provided financial assistance to groups within the Borough towards the costs

of running their Community Facilities and delivering their Programmes and Activities over a maximum 2-year period.

Programmes funded must have Community Development as a primary objective and must develop a strong, healthy and vibrant community, encourage maximum participation and improve the lives of people living within the Borough.

To support applications to this programme, Officers would deliver two grant workshops and offered one-to-one support to all interested groups upon request.

3. Previous Decision of Council

A presentation on the Community Development Grant Aid Programme was given to the Community Development Committee in February 2025, where the proposed changes to the programme were approved.

A key change to the Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities Grant Aid Programme was that groups can now seek funding for either one year or two years, with 80% of the annual budget profiled for two-year applications. Calls were made annually for single year applications, while multi-year applications open at the end of every two-year cycle.

Financial awards under Call 1 of the Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities Grant Aid Programme for 2026/2027 and 2026/2028 totalling £938,528.66 were approved at the February 2026 Community Development Committee.

4. Call 2 for Applications 2026/2027 and 2026/2028

A second call for Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities grant applications for 2026/2027 and 2026/2028 opened on Monday 2 March and closed on Friday 10 April 2026.

A total of nine (9) two-year funding applications were received for 2026/2028 and two (2) one-year applications received for 2026/2027, with 7 applications totalling £28,995 for year one and 6 applications totalling £25,095 for year two (2) which achieved the required pass threshold.

In total, eleven (11) applications were received for both multi-year and single year funding, with seven (7) applications totalling £54,090 achieving the required pass threshold. Details of which were circulated for Members' information.

5. Financial Implication

A budget of £628,000 was included in the 2026/2027 Community Development budget for Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities funding. A contribution totalling £50,428, had been received from the Department for Communities (DfC) under its Community Support Programme for 2026/2027.

Following Call 1 applications, the total amount of financial assistance committed to date for 2026/2027 was £534,752.66 and for 2027/2028 was £451,696, including previous funding commitments.

The total amount of financial assistance requested for Call 2 in 2026/2027 by the 7 applicants that met the required pass threshold was £28,995 and for 2027/2028 was £25,095.

Should the 7 applications be approved for funding, the combined total for 2026/2027 would be £563,747.66 and for 2027/2028 £476,791. With a remaining budget of £64,252.34 for 2026/27 and £151,209 for 2027/2028.

Funding was subject to satisfactory annual monitoring and evaluation. As in previous years, Officers would arrange to meet with any unsuccessful groups to provide feedback on their applications and to signpost to other relevant funders.

6. Summary

A total of eleven (11) applications for the Call 2 Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities Grant Aid programme were received and assessed by a panel of Officers with 7 applications totalling £54,090 achieving the required pass threshold for funding in 2026/2027 and 2027/2028.

In the 2026/2027 budget, there was an allocation of £628,000 for Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities Grants designated under this grant call. It was proposed that all successful applications be approved for funding in 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 where applicable.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and agreed that

(a) the 7 successful Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities applications requesting financial assistance totalling £28,995 for 2026/2027 be approved;

(b) the 6 successful Community Facilities, Programmes and Activities applications requesting financial assistance totalling £25,095 for 2027/2028 be approved

ACTION BY: Kerry Brady, Grants & Funding Officer

3.8 CP/PP/006 PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide Members with the minutes from the Full Partnership Meeting held on 28 April 2026 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

2. Introduction/Background

The PEACEPLUS Partnership operated as a Working Group of Council.

As such, the minutes of the following PEACEPLUS Partnership meetings, Full Partnership Meeting minutes 28 April 2026 were circulated for Members' information.

3. Previous Decision of Council

The minutes of the PEACEPLUS Full Partnership Meeting on 20 January 2026 were approved as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting at the February 2026 Council meeting.

The draft PEACEPLUS Co-designed Local Community Action Plan, and the outcome of the Section 75 Equality Screening and Rural Proofing carried out for the Plan were approved at the March 2024 Community Development Committee.

4. Governance

The PEACEPLUS Partnership oversaw the design and implementation of a co-designed process used to inform the development of an over-arching PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan.

It was agreed at the February 2022 Community Planning Committee that the Membership of the PEACEPLUS Partnership was as follows:

- 12 Elected Members nominated by D'Hondt and representative of each DEA;
- 4 Statutory Partners from Education Authority, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Police Service of Northern Ireland and Northern Health and Social Care Trust to be nominated by the Statutory Partners;
- 7 Social Partners with one from each DEA appointed by public advertisement and selection process.

The PEACEPLUS Partnership, was governed by a constitution and a Partnership Agreement.

5. Summary

The PEACEPLUS Partnership operates as a Working Group of Council. The draft minutes from the Full Partnership meeting held on 28 April 2026 were provided for Members' approval.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the minutes of the PEACEPLUS Full Partnership Meeting held on 28 April 2026, as detailed, be approved as true and accurate reflections of the meetings.

ACTION BY: June Foster, Executive Officer

3.9 CP/CC/004 NEILLSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE - THE JOY FOUNDATION MARQUEE REQUEST

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for The Joy Foundation to hire the lower car park in Neillsbrook Community Centre for a Gospel Mission event from 5-16 June 2026.

2. Introduction/Background

Members are advised that The Joy Foundation have made a request to hire the lower car park and events space at Neillsbrook Community Centre from Friday 5 June to Tuesday 16 June 2026 for a Gospel Mission event. The Foundation have requested permission to erect a marquee at their event.

The organisation has been carrying out charitable work in Poland and Ukraine for the past 15 years. The organisation held a local gospel event on the pitches at Randalstown Rugby Club in 2024 with a marquee. The organisers of the group are from the Neillsbrook area and are familiar with the site. The Rugby Club is completing maintenance works on the pitches this year and are unable to facilitate the booking request.

3. Key Issues

The group have requested to erect a marquee from 5 June-16 June to facilitate a nightly Gospel mission event that will run for 1 week from Sunday 7 June-Sunday 14 June. The marquee will be 21m x 14m and will be positioned towards the Community Centre side of the lower car park allowing free access around the car park. The upper car park will be unaffected. The sessions will be open to the public, free of charge each evening 8pm-9pm. The event is being funded by donations. This will be a seated event. Whilst the group advise that the marquee can accommodate 300, the organisers are providing seating for 200.

The group will provide 20 volunteer stewards to assist with traffic management and access control. They have indicated that many of the participants will come on foot from Neillsbrook Estate. The group are liaising with the Rugby Club for use of their toilets during the event.

4. Previous Decision of Council

Members are reminded that a number of previous similar requests to the Council seeking permission for events at community facilities have been approved.

5. Financial Position/Implication

There are no financial implications for the Council from approval of this request. The group will be charged at the current approved daily hire rate of £52 per day, generating income of £624.

6. Summary

A request has been received from The Joy Foundation to hire the lower car park at Neillsbrook Community Centre from 5 June-16 June to host a Gospel mission event. It is proposed that a marquee will be erected on the site for the duration of the event booking.

A number of previous similar requests have been approved by the Committee, and it is proposed that permission is granted on this request.

Proposed by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

the request from The Joy Foundation to hire the lower car park in Neillsbrook Community Centre from Friday 5 June to Tuesday 16 June 2026 for a Gospel Mission event be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

3.10 CP/GR/193 BATTLE OF THE SOMME 110TH ANNIVERSARY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval for the display of a commemorative disc in each DEA to mark the 110th Anniversary of The Battle of The Somme which occurs on 1 July 2026.

2. Introduction/Background

The Battle of The Somme began on 1 July 1916 and ended on the 18 of November that year. The Council marks this anniversary annually with a light up of Civic Buildings and by sending a delegation of Elected Members and officers to The Somme Region.

3. Previous Decisions of Council

It was reported to the Committee in April 2026 that 2026 marked the 110th anniversary of The Battle of The Somme.

4. Proposed Installation of Commemorative Discs

Given the added significance of this anniversary in 2026 it is proposed to install a commemorative disc in each DEA at the end of June 2026 in the following locations:

DEA	Location
Antrim	Barbican Gate
Airport	Templepatrick - Kiln Park (on the grass bank at the roundabout)
Ballyclare	Ollar Valley Roundabout
Dunsilly	Randalstown War Memorial
Glengormley	Lilan Bland or Sanyknowes Roundabout
Macedon	Roundabout Coronation Garden
Threemilewater	Jordanstown Road Monkstown

Discs were to remain in place until the end of August 2026.

5. Financial Position/Implication

The estimated cost of this is £1,650 provision for which exists in the Community and Culture Directorate Budget.

6. Summary

The 110th anniversary of The Battle of The Somme occurs on 1 July 2026. It is proposed to mark this significant anniversary by the installation of a commemorative disc in each DEA at an estimated cost of £1,650.

In response to a Member's query in relation to other events planned by Council, the Director of Community and Culture confirmed that nothing else was planned apart from the annual Council visit to The Somme.

Members were reminded of the event to be held at Knockagh Monument on Sunday 28 June 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Alderman Ross and agreed that

the installation of a commemorative disc, marking the 110th anniversary of The Battle of the Somme, in each DEA at the locations specified be approved, at an estimated cost of £1,650.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community and Culture

*Councillor Brady left the meeting at this point.
Councillor Cooper left the Chamber during Item 4.1.*

4 ITEMS FOR NOTING

4.1 FI/FIN/4 BUDGET REPORT – PERIOD 12 APRIL 2025 TO MARCH 2026

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the financial performance of the Community and Culture Directorate to Members for Period 12 April 2025 to March 2026.

2. Introduction/Background

As agreed, quarterly budget reports were presented to the relevant Committee with all financial reports available to all Members.

The budget report for Period 12 did not include adjustments required to arrive at the final financial position of the Council for the 2025/26 financial year. These adjustments included final accruals of expenditure incurred and grants and debts invoiced after 31 March 2026, contributions to or from reserves, and prepayments of expenditure and income.

The final financial position for the year shall be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee in June 2026.

3. Summary

A report on the financial performance, employee costs, highest areas of expenditure and income, and the financial performance by Head of Service of the Community and Culture Directorate was circulated for Members' information.

As at period 12:

The Community and Culture Directorate had a favourable variance of £84k, or 1.1%, against the budgeted financial performance for the period.

The overall financial position of the Council would be presented to the Policy & Governance Committee.

The Director of Community and Culture provided clarification in relation to the variations between the budgeted and actual figures in relation to salaries, programme costs and ticket sale income.

Proposed by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.2 CP/CP/224 CONSULTATION ON THE SUPPORT FRAMEWORK FOR INDEPENDENT ADVICE AND DEBT SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members about the Department for Communities Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services published consultation outcome.

2. Introduction

The Department for Communities (DfC) has developed draft proposals for a Support Framework for independent Advice and Debt providers to ensure that people can access consistent quality advice regardless of where they live in Northern Ireland, with a focus on ensuring that the Department's investment:

- supports independent Advice and Debt service-providers to meet needs on the ground;
- strikes the right balance between supporting frontline community delivery and regional services; and
- supports collaboration and joining up of services to minimise duplication, maximise resources and improve outcomes for clients.

The proposals were underpinned by 'Guiding Principles' that were a reference framework for how services should be delivered.

A consultation sought to gather views from key stakeholders, including local authorities, advice providers, and community and voluntary organisations, on how advice services should be funded, structured, and delivered in the future.

The proposed framework was intended to ensure the sustainability, consistency, and accessibility of independent advice and debt services, particularly for individuals and households experiencing financial hardship.

3. Previous Decision of Council

It was agreed at the September 2025 Community Development Committee that Members respond on a party political or individual basis.

4. Key Issues

A consultation to gather views on these draft proposals was launched on 11 August 2025 and published on the Department's consultations webpage. To support the consultation, two online engagement events were hosted by the Department for Communities on 9 and 14 October 2025.

An overview of the consultation responses was circulated for Members' information. The report has identified common themes and issues raised in response to each question.

The results of the consultation had been analysed and collated in this document and would inform the development of a final Northern Ireland Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services, subject to Ministerial agreement. It was anticipated this work would be completed during 2026/27 and would include an implementation plan which would be taken forward on a phased basis.

5. Summary

The Department for Communities (DfC) has published the outcome of the consultation on the Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services.

The publication set out a summary of responses received, key themes identified and would inform the development of a final regional Support Framework.

Proposed by Alderman McGrath
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the Department for Communities Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services published consultation outcome be noted.

NO ACTION

*Councillor Cooper returned to the Chamber at this point.
Councillor O'Lone left and returned to the Chamber during Item 4.3.
Councillor Burbank joined the meeting remotely at this point.*

4.3 **CP/CC/004 BALLYCLARE CCTV PROVISION**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on CCTV provision at the Centenary Way toilets in Ballyclare following such a request to the April 2026 Committee.

2. Introduction/Background

It was reported to the April Committee that a CCTV camera was to be installed on the exterior of Neillsbrook Community Centre Randalstown as a potential deterrent to long running incidents of ASB in the vicinity of the Centre.

3. Previous Decision of the Council

It was agreed at the April 2026 meeting of the Committee that the installation of CCTV at Neillsbrook Community Centre be progressed as a six month pilot following which officers would report back to Committee with robust PSNI data and evidence and it was further agreed that officers would bring back a report and business case to the next Committee meeting in relation to the installation of CCTV at the Centenary Way toilet area in Ballyclare.

4. CCTV Provision at Centenary Way Ballyclare

Neillsbrook Community Centre was one of the Council's Community Centres operated and managed by the Community Development Section of the Community and Culture Directorate.

Members were advised at the Committee in April that as a potential deterrent to ongoing ASB, and resulting repair costs, it was agreed to install CCTV on the exterior of the community centre at a cost of £7,000 provision for which had been identified in the 2026/27 annual budgets.

Officers in the Estate Services Section of the Estates and Recreation Directorate were contacted following Committee in relation to the request to consider installation of CCTV at the Centenary Way toilets in Ballyclare. They were responsible for the management and maintenance of such facilities across the Borough and therefore for progressing such a report.

Estate Services planned to bring a report in relation to Borough wide CCTV provision to the Operations Committee in June 2026.

5. Finance

No financial implications arose from this report.

6. Governance

The Community Development Section of the Community and Culture Directorate had operational responsibility for Council's Community Centres and therefore the Community Development Committee was the appropriate Committee to consider relevant operational matters relating to such facilities including Neillsbrook.

The Estate Services Section of the Estates and Recreation Directorate had operational responsibility for public toilets across the Borough and were bringing a report to the Operations Committee in June in relation to Borough wide CCTV provision.

7. Summary

A CCTV camera was being installed at Neillsbrook Community Centre as a potential measure to reduce ongoing ASB in the vicinity of the Centre. A request to consider installation of CCTV in the vicinity of the Centenary Way toilets Ballyclare would be progressed by the Estate Services Section of the Estates and Recreation Directorate given their operational responsibility. They would be bringing a report on Borough wide CCTV provision to the June 2026 Operations Committee.

The Director of Community and Culture confirmed that she would feedback to Estate Services in relation to the CCTV provision in Ballyclare and confirmed that they are planning to bring a report on CCTV provision in general to the next Operations Committee.

In response to a Member's request that Members be provided with details of the costs of repairs to the toilets at Ballyclare over the last number of years, the Director of Community and Culture confirmed that she would pass this request to the relevant officers.

A request from a Member that all data held by PCSP and the PSNI in respect of anti-social behaviour be made available as soon as possible was agreed by the Director of Community and Culture.

Proposed by Alderman McGrath
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community and Culture

*Alderman McGrath left and returned to the Chamber during Item 4.4.
Councillor Ní Chonghaile left and returned to the Chamber during Item 4.4.*

4.4 COMD/CD/012 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2026-2027

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to inform Members on the offer of financial assistance received from the Department for Communities (DfC) for the Community Support Programme 2026/27.

2. Background

The Community Support Programme was established in 1975 and was a joint programme involving the Department for Communities (DfC) and local Councils. The programme supports the provision of community centres, local advice services, social supermarkets, resource centres, grants to community groups and the employment of community support staff in Councils.

3. Previous Decision of Council

It was reported at the October 2025 Community Development Committee an allocation of £578,211 was awarded towards the delivery of the programme in 2025/26.

4. Community Support Programme 2026/27

Correspondence received from DfC (circulated) confirmed financial assistance totalling £547,702.32 for the delivery of the Council's Community Support Programme in 2026/27.

The total amount awarded included £148,279.64 for Community Support in General, such as Staff Salaries, the Community Development Grant Aid Programme and Community Capacity Building Initiatives, £227,557.79 for Advice Services and £171,864.89 for a Social Supermarket.

The 2026/27 funding offer was a decrease of £30,519.57 (5.3%) on the 2025/26 allocation attributed to the £29,383.22 additional Integrated Advice Partnership Fund that was allocated as a variance to the 2025/26 award. Officers were content that that allocated budget provision would retain service delivery at existing levels.

This offer of funding had been accepted by the Departments deadline of Friday 8 May 2026.

5. Summary

The Council has received a revised offer for funding of £547,702.32. from the DfC for the costs associated with the Councils Community Support Programme for 2026/27.

The funding included contributions towards staff salaries, the Community Development Grant Aid Programme, Community Capacity Building Initiatives, Advice Services and the Social Supermarket project.

The offer of funding had been accepted by the Departments deadline of 8 May 2026.

In response to a Member's query in relation to funding cuts, the Head of Community Development confirmed that there would be no adverse impact to service.

In response to a Member's request that a live link to the original report be provided with the papers to allow Members to have a better understanding was agreed by the Head of Community Development. He further confirmed that Council had now returned to its original levels of funding.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the offer of Community Support Programme funding from the Department of Communities of £547,702.32 be noted.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Councillor Burbank left the meeting remotely at this point.

4.5 COMD/TD/007 AND COMD/TD/008 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES FUNDING – NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL 2026-2027

**COMD/TD/007 GRANGE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL
COMD/TD/008 RATHCOOLE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to inform Members on the offer of financial assistance received from the Department for Communities (DfC) for the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme 2026/27.

2. Introduction/Background

In June 2003, the Neighbourhood Renewal – People and Place Programme was launched. Neighbourhoods in the most deprived 10% of wards across Northern Ireland were identified using the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure. Following extensive consultation, this resulted in a total of 36 areas, and a population of approximately 280,000 (one person in 6 in Northern Ireland), being targeted for intervention.

Neighbourhood Partnerships had been established in each Neighbourhood Renewal Area as a vehicle for local planning and implementation. Each Neighbourhood Partnership may include representatives of key political, statutory, voluntary, community and private sector stakeholders. Together, they had developed long term visions and action plans designed to improve the quality of life for those living in the area.

There were currently two Neighbourhood Partnerships in the Borough namely Grange and Rathcoole Neighbourhood Partnerships.

3. Previous Decision of Council

It was reported to the April 2026 Community Development Committee that in the absence of the 2026-27 budget settlement interim funding awards for the DfC programmes to the end June 2025 were retained at 2025/26 levels.

4. Letter of Offer

Correspondence circulated had been received from DfC confirming financial assistance totalling £117,335.64 for the delivery of the Grange and Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Programmes for 2026/27.

The funding awarded included £27,858.56 for the Grange Neighbourhood Partnership and £89,477.08 for the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Partnership. This offer of funding had been accepted by the Departments deadline of 22 April 2026.

The 2026/27 funding offer was the same as the 2025/26 allocation. Officers are content that that allocated budget provision would retain service delivery at existing levels.

5. Governance

The Grange Neighbourhood Renewal partnership was formally established in April 2006 under funding from the Department for Communities as an inter-sectoral partnership, tasked with driving the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal strategy in Grange, Ballyclare.

Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal was formally established in April 2006 under funding from the Department for Communities as an inter-sectoral partnership, tasked with driving the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal strategy in Rathcoole, Macedon.

The Council would continue to contract manage Neighbourhood Renewal programmes including the reporting and the monitoring of the programme to the Department for Communities, as per conditions set out in the Letter of Offer.

6. Summary

The Council had received offers of funding from DfC for the costs associated with the Grange £27,858.56 and Rathcoole £89,477.08 Neighbourhood Renewal Programmes, for the period of 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the update on the offer of Neighbourhood Renewal Programme funding 2026-2027 from the Department for Communities be noted.

NO ACTION

4.6 CP/TD/107 NEWTOWNABBEY AREAS AT RISK FUNDING 2026/27

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to inform Members on the offer of financial assistance received from the Department for Communities (DfC) for the Areas at Risk Programme 2026/27.

2. Introduction/Background

The Elevate Community Renewal and Resilience Fund was available to financially support areas identified as the most deprived Super Output Areas (SOA's) of the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures (NIMDM), excluding Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in the Borough.

The programme was partially funded by the Department for Communities (DfC) as part of existing Areas at Risk (AAR) arrangements for Carnmoney, Mossley and Monkstown areas, whilst the Antrim programme was fully funded by the Council.

3. Previous Council Decision

It was reported to the April 2026 Community Development Committee that in the absence of the 2026-27 budget settlement interim funding awards for the DfC programmes to the end June 2025 were retained at 2025/26 levels.

It was approved at the September 2025 Community Development Committee that the Elevate Community Renewal and Resilience Fund be launched as a competitive open grant call for multiyear funding for 2026-28 for organisations working within identified areas of deprivation, excluding Neighbourhood Renewal areas which were already in receipt of monies through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme.

The Grant guidance notes were approved at the November 2025 Committee.

A total of 11 successful Elevate Community Renewal and Resilience Fund applications, totalling £186,994.50 for 2026-27 and £190,442.13 for 2027-28 were approved at the March 2026 Community Development Committee and it was also agreed that a second call for applications be opened on 3 April 2026 and closed on 15 May 2026.

4. Financial Position

Correspondence received from DfC (circulated) confirmed financial assistance totalling £76,395.38 for the delivery of the Newtownabbey Areas at Risk Programme for the 2026/27 period.

This offer of funding had been accepted by the Departments deadline of 22 April 2026.

The 2026/27 funding offer represents no change from the 2025/26 allocation, providing stability for programme delivery.

5. Governance

The Elevate Community Renewal and Resilience Fund grant programme would be managed through the Council's Grant Funding Unit and would align with the Council's Funding Policy and Financial Regulations.

DfC funding would be ring-fenced to grant applications within the current agreed areas only and reported on in line with current processes and procedures.

6. Summary

The Department for Communities (DfC) has confirmed funding of £76,395.38 for the Newtownabbey Areas at Risk Programme for the 2026/27 financial year.

This allocation was consistent with the previous year's funding and enables the continued delivery of support within the established Areas at Risk locations of Carnmoney, Monkstown and Mossley.

The programme would be delivered in line with the Elevate Community Renewal and Resilience Fund.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the update on the offer of Areas at Risk funding 2026-2027 totalling £76,395.38 from the Department for Communities be noted.

NO ACTION

5 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (AORB)

- 5.1 In response to a Member's query in relation to Council hosting fringe events relating to the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉirann event throughout the Borough due to take place in August 2026, the Director of Community and Culture confirmed that Council had looked into this and that a report had been brought to the April Community Development Committee, where the Council Events Plan had been provided to Members and included an update on the Fleadh.

The Director of Community Development and Culture confirmed that Officers had reached out to Belfast City Council but were informed that all activities associated with Fleadh Cheoil na hÉirann would be delivered in the Belfast City Council and Ards and North Down areas.

The Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism confirmed that Council had also reached out to various Tourism groups and were partnering with five hotels, the Junction and Libraries NI in order to arrange some events to potentially benefit from tourism arising from the event in Belfast.

NO ACTION

- 5.2 As this was the last meeting of the current term, the Chairperson thanked the Vice Chairperson, Members of the Committee and Officers for their assistance and advice during the last year.

Members extended their thanks to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Officers for their leadership and support throughout the year.

NO ACTION

Having declared an interest in Item 6.1, Councillor Cooper left the meeting.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

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

6 ITEM IN CONFIDENCE

- 6.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** CP/CC/008 NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY COMMUNITY CENTRE BALLYDUFF

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for an updated Service Management Agreement with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre in partnership

with the Council at an annual cost of £30,000 as well as approval for an annual inflationary uplift to be applied to Service Management Agreements, with 3.3% applied to the agreements with Monkstown Community Association and Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd from 1 April 2026.

2. Introduction/Background

There were 8 community facilities managed by the Community Development Section as follows:

- Greystone Community Centre
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre
- Neillsbrook Community Centre
- Dunanney Centre
- Lillian Bland Pavillion

Three additional community facilities were currently operated under Service Management Agreements (SMA) with community organisations running the facilities in partnership with the Council.

Facility	Community Group	Contract Period
Monkstown Jubilee Centre	Monkstown Community Association	1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028
The Sovereign Complex	Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd	1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028
Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff	Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group	1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028

The Service Management Agreement with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff, included an annual grant of £15,000 from the Council with the Group retaining all income generated.

The Service Management Agreements with Monkstown Community Association and Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd to operate Monkstown Jubilee Centre and The Sovereign Complex respectively, included an annual grant for each group of £45,000 from the Council with the Groups retaining all income generated.

The Council was responsible for maintenance and servicing of the buildings, waste collection, grass cutting of outside areas and insurance for the buildings and the Groups were responsible for electric, gas, water and all other insurances (contents, public liability and employer's liability).

3. Previous Decision of Council

The Service Management Agreement with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate The Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff for an initial 12-month period, commencing on 1 January 2024, was approved at the December 2023 Community Planning Committee. The extension of the Service Management Agreement to 31 March 2025, was approved at the November 2024 Community Development Committee.

The Service Management Agreement for Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate The Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff to 31 March 2028, with an annual support grant of £15,000 was approved at the December 2024 Community Development Committee.

The Service Management Agreement for Monkstown Community Association to operate Monkstown Jubilee Centre and Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd to operate The Sovereign Complex to 31 March 2028, with annual support grants of £45,000, was approved at the December 2024 Community Development Committee.

4. Key Issues

The Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff uses gas and electricity and was billed directly for these. Energy costs had increased significantly since the last SMA extension in 2024. Estate Services had advised of further expected increases in energy prices in line with recently announced gas price rises.

Officers had recently met with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group, and they had demonstrated that they had also significantly increased their programme of activity and therefore running costs. With the group facing further increased costs it was proposed to increase the total grant allowance to Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group from £15,000 per annum to £30,000 per annum, paid retrospectively from 1 April 2026.

This increase would enable the group to continue to provide vital services to the community at a significantly lower cost to the Council of operating the facility when compared with community facilities not operated under Service Management Agreements.

5. Financial Position/Implication

It was proposed to increase the total grant allowance to Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group from £15,000 to per annum to £30,000 per annum from 1 April 2026. Provision for this was not included in the 2026/27 Community Development budget however can be achieved through reprofiling of budgets.

This increase would enable the group to continue to provide vital services to the community at a significantly lower cost to the Council of operating the facility when compared with Council's other community facilities. It was also proposed that an annual inflationary uplift, based on appropriate indices, should be automatically applied to all community facilities operated under Service Management Agreements. Inflationary increases would be based on the change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the previous calendar year.

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 3.3% in the 12 months to March 2026 and it was therefore proposed to increase the other two SMA's by 3.3% from 1 April 2026. Provision for this had been included in the 2026/27 Community Development budget.

6. Summary

Three community facilities were currently operated under Service Management Agreements with community organisations running the facilities in partnership with the Council.

It was proposed to increase Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Groups annual grant from £15,000 to per annum to £30,000 per annum from 1 April 2026 to operate the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff.

It was also proposed that an annual inflationary uplift, be automatically applied to all community facilities operated under Service Management Agreements and a 3.3% uplift be applied to the agreements with Monkstown Community Association and Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd from 1 April 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour
Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove and agreed that

(a) the Service Management Agreement with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre in partnership with the Council be increased to £30,000 per annum, from 1 April 2026.

(b) an annual inflationary uplift be applied to all Service Management Agreements with an uplift of 3.3% applied to the current arrangements with Monkstown Community Association and Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd, from 1 April 2026.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam 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 7.52 pm.

MAYOR