



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor J Gilmour
- Committee Members** : Aldermen – J McGrath and P Michael
Councillors – P Bradley, M Brady, M Cooper, P Dunlop, N Kelly, N McClelland, T McGrann, V Robinson, L Smyth and M Stewart
- Non Committee Members** : Alderman Clarke
Councillors – McAuley, Ramsay and Ross
- Officers Present** : Director of Community Planning – U Fay
Head of Community Planning – R McKenna
Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism & Events – S Goldrick
Systems Support Officer ICT – C Bell
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

Although the COVID restrictions had been relaxed, to manage numbers and minimise risk, members of the public and press could continue to access those parts of the Council meetings which they are entitled to attend through the livestream on the Council's website.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor Lynch

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 3.12 – Councillor Cooper

3 ITEMS FOR DECISION

3.1 AC/GEN/078 DUKE OF EDINBURGH WORKING GROUP

Members were reminded that it was agreed by the Council in April 2021 that a permanent memorial to Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip be placed in Antrim Castle Gardens and the creation of an annual bursary scheme, to benefit young people be explored.

A working group was established in August 2021 and minutes of its meetings of 15 March and 5 April 2022 were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

the minutes of the Duke of Edinburgh Working Group held on Tuesday 15 March and Tuesday 5 April 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Kerry Brady Community Support and Governance Officer

3.2 CP/CF/002 HAZELBANK PAVILION – ABBEY SURE START EXTENSION REQUEST

Members were reminded that Abbey Sure Start hire a number of Council facilities for their Early Years programme, including Dunanney Centre, Mossley Pavilion, Lilian Bland Pavilion and Hazelbank Pavilion.

Approval to extend the Abbey Sure Start's short term let of Hazelbank Pavilion until 1 July 2022 was given at the Council meeting on 28 June 2021.

Abbey Sure Start had advised they had secured a classroom within Abbott's Cross Primary School specifically for their children's programme and that they would be moving to their new premises at the Diamond in Rathcoole for their office space and children with additional needs provision.

Abbott's Cross Primary School had indicated they would require time at the end of the school term to clear the available classroom, which would be available for Abbey Sure Start during the week commencing 18 July 2022. Abbey Sure Start had requested to extend the let of Hazelbank Pavilion for an additional month until the end of July 2022 to facilitate this move.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Bradley and agreed that

a one-month extension to the Abbey Sure Start let of Hazelbank Pavilion be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

3.3 CP/CF/001 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Members were advised that as part of the ongoing review of Community Facilities service provision a need had been identified for Arterial Emergency Defibrillators (AED's) to be readily accessible to staff and service users within Community Facilities.

Without immediate defibrillation and CPR when cardiac arrest occurs, the chances of survival were less than 5%. With a defibrillator being used alongside effective CPR the odds of survival could be increased to 50%.

The installation of AED's within Facilities supported with community and staff training would provide reassurance and demonstrate commitment to community and staff safety whilst potentially saving lives.

It was proposed to install AED's at the following facilities:

- Northern Ireland Centenary Centre Ballyduff
- Dunanney Centre
- Lillian Bland Pavillion
- Mossley Pavilion
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre
- Greystone Community Centre
- Neillsbrook Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- Rathfern Social Activity Centre
- Monkstown Jubilee Centre

The total cost to provide 10 AED's at identified Community Facilities was £15,787.20

Officers to look at the proposed defibrillator locations in close proximity to existing provision, particularly in rural areas, and also to identify potential options for outside defibrillators.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Bradley and agreed that

the installation of 10 AED's at Community Facilities including community and staff training at a total cost of £15,873.20 be approved.

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

3.4 CP/TD/023 PERIOD POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

Members were aware that 'period poverty' was a significant issue impacting women and girls in the Borough who were experiencing a lack of access to sanitary products as a result of income disadvantage. Hey Girls UK published the following statistics in 2021

- 1 in 10 girls aged 14 to 21 cannot afford essential products;
- 40% of girls in the UK at some time had not been able to afford sanitary products;
- Sanitary items were the least donated item in foodbanks.

The opportunity had been identified to deliver a 'period poverty' and environmental initiative in Community Facilities across the Borough. The aim of this initiative would be to encourage use of reusable and environmentally friendly sanitary products and in doing so address 'period poverty'.

Over a 5-year period sanitary products cost on average £330 per person. By opting for reusable products this cost could be reduced to around £70 per person.

It was proposed to invest £3,000 to purchase zero waste reusable and sustainable sanitary products for placement in the following Community Facilities:

- Northern Ireland Centenary Centre Ballyduff
- Dunanney Centre (Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal)
- Lillian Bland Pavillion
- Mossley Pavilion
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre
- Greystone Community Centre
- Neillsbrook Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- Ballyclare Town Hall (Grange Neighbourhood Renewal)

In addition, an education and awareness programme in relation to reusable sanitary products would be delivered in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas of Grange and Rathcoole by Hey Girls. Hey Girls is a social enterprise established to eradicate period poverty.

Products would be made available in cloakrooms in the community facilities and through the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships for an initial 6-month pilot at which point a review would be carried out, the outcome of which would be reported to a future meeting.

Community Planning Officers were working with the Climate Change and Sustainability Officer and Waste Education and Awareness Officer to deliver this pilot.

Proposed by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

A six month 'Period Poverty' and Environmental initiative be delivered at a cost of £3,000, to be kept under review and any issues to be brought back to Committee.

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

3.5 CP/CC/004 NEILLSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE – NIE NETWORKS PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from NIE Networks requesting alterations to the existing electricity network by laying new underground cables on Council land at Neillsbrook Community Centre, Randalstown.

Officers attended a site visit with NIE Networks on 5 May 2022. NIE Networks had provided a proposal map and Wayleave Agreement for Council approval, a copy of which was circulated.

The proposed route would cause minimal disruption or disturbance to existing structures. The cable would run from a substation in Neillsbrook Park, through the car park at Neillsbrook Community Centre and connect to a transformer by the river at the back of Neillsbrook Community Centre.

The work was scheduled to start on 18 July and would take up to two weeks to complete. The electricity supply to Neillsbrook Community Centre would need suspended for up to 1 day to allow work at the transformer to be completed but a date for this would be agreed with NIE Networks in advance and communicated to customers if there was an impact.

NIE Networks would reinstate any ground excavated. The majority of the route would be on grassland with a trench required across the entrance to the car park extension which would be made good.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the NIE Networks Wayleave Agreement to carry out alteration works at Neillsbrook Community Centre be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

3.6 CP/CD/440 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME SMALL GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2022/2023

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

The purpose of the Small Grants programme was to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £1,000 (revised and approved by Council in October 2021) towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members were advised that groups who apply for a small grant were not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2022/23 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 the receipt of a Group Constitution, List of Committee Members, Bank Statement, Annual Accounts and a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all other appropriate supporting documentation was in place and could be provided on request or the offer of funding would be withdrawn.

During the month of May two applications totalling £1,400 were received and assessed by Officers as outlined below:

Group Name/Project Promoter	Project Description/Title	Pass/Fail	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Muck and More Allotment Association	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Annual Insurance	Pass	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
Burnside Village Committee	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Annual Insurance	Pass	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Total			£1,400.00	£1,400.00

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
 Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

the two Small Grant applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £1,400.00.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

3.7 CP/GR/154 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID 2022-23

Members were reminded that the 2022/23 Good Relations Action Plan submitted to The Executive Office, includes a budget of £20,000 for the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme.

The aim of Good Relations Grant Aid Programme was to improve day to day relationships by encouraging everyone to treat others fairly and encouraging a society in which traditional community cultures and traditions as well as

other people's cultures and traditions were understood, respected and accepted.

Members were advised that applications were required to score higher than 50% to be deemed successful. One application was received in May 2022, scoring above the 50% threshold requesting a total amount of £2,000.

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

Proposed by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

a £2,000 Good Relations Grant Award to Hollybank Pre School be approved.

ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Coordinator

3.8 CP/TD/001 SCHOOL UNIFORM RE-USE SCHEME 2022

Members were reminded that the School Uniform Re-Use Scheme was launched in 2019 providing schemes across all of the District Electoral Areas. The continuation of the Scheme was approved at Community Planning Committee in September 2021.

The Scheme relieves financial pressures on local families and contributes to the ecological responsibility to actively reduce carbon emissions, items going to landfill and encourage residents to act sustainably through participating and utilising the scheme. The positive environmental impact of the scheme contributes to the Council's commitment to deliver the Climate Change Action Plan and achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

Feedback was received from community partner organisations highlighting space and storage challenges they faced delivering the School Uniform Scheme this year, as other summer activities and events recommence in their venues.

To help alleviate some of the storage and space challenges facing community partners, Council Officers were proposing delivery of 2 'School Uniform Re-Use Events' at different locations in the Borough. All community partners would be invited to bring their donated uniforms to the events, to help facilitate the distribution of a large volume of uniforms in a short period of time.

The scheme would formally open week commencing 6 June 2022 for donations and be actively promoted across various channels including Borough Life, Social Media and with correspondence to community organisations and schools.

The following community partners were committed to providing a School Uniform Re-Use Scheme this year:

District Electoral Area	School Uniform Scheme Provider
Airport	Safe Space to be Me
Antrim	Christian Fellowship Church Oasis Antrim
Ballyclare	St Johns Church Ballyclare
Dunsilly	TIDAL Toome House Mac Nissis' Parish
Glengormley Urban	Carnmoney Presbyterian Church Community Relations Forum Fit Moms
Macedon	Listening Ear
Threemilewater	Monkstown Village Centre

It was proposed that the 2 'School Uniform Re-Use Events' take place as follows:

Area	Venue	Event Date
Newtownabbey	Mossley Pavilion	26 July 2022
Antrim	Parkhall Community Centre	02 August 2022

In previous years some families utilising the scheme wished to provide a financial donation to the scheme. It was proposed donation points were discreetly placed at the 'School Uniform Re-Use Events' for voluntary donations with proceeds going to support local Foodbanks in the Borough.

The Head of Community Planning advised that Tidal was no longer available, that other sites in the Dunsilly DEA were being considered and this initiative was continually developing across the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Bradley and agreed that

(a) the proposed 2022 School Uniform Re-Use Scheme including the delivery of 2 School Uniform Re-Use Events be approved;

(b) the facility to receive voluntary donations, which are donated to local Foodbanks, at the School Uniform Re-Use Events be approved.

ACTION BY: Amy Lynch, Tackling Deprivation Co-ordinator

3.9 CP/PCSP/128 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY PCSP – COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDENS

Members were reminded that Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) funds and delivers a Community Safety Warden Scheme across the Borough. The PCSP secures additional funding through an application to the NIHE Community Safety Fund towards the scheme, on a year by year basis.

The current contract (2019-2022) provides for 2700 hours of on street presence per annum, which equates to provision of one team deployed four nights, comprising two wardens in a team.

However, in order to be able to cover all areas and carry out additional meaningful engagement with young people, residents and businesses across the Borough it was proposed to increase the scheme by having two dedicated teams of Community Safety Wardens deployed four nights per week, Thursday – Sunday.

PCSP had allocated £60,000 in their 2022-2023 Action Plan towards the Community Safety Warden project and had applied to the NIHE Community Safety fund for a further £25,000.

The increased Community Safety Warden cover as outlined, is likely to cost in the region of £105,000 and therefore there was a potential budget shortfall of £20,000.

It was proposed that the Council provides a contribution up to a maximum of £20,000 towards the Community Safety Warden Scheme to enable two dedicated teams of Community Safety Wardens to be deployed 4 nights per week.

The Director of Community Planning confirmed that Translink is represented on the PCSP and agreed to provide more information to Alderman Michael.

Proposed by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed that

a Council contribution up to a maximum of £20,000 towards the Community Safety Warden Scheme be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning/Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

3.10 PK/GEN/104 WHITEABBEY GARDEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Members were reminded that approval for the development of a garden project at Whiteabbey Community Centre and £4,500 match funding was approved at the Council meeting in June 2018 subject to a successful funding application to the Alpha Programme. The Group applied to the Alpha Programme in 2018 but were unsuccessful.

The project concept had been revisited as part of the Shared Housing Programme that Clanmill Housing and Connswater were delivering in the Whiteabbey area. The project had been endorsed by the Abbeyville/Glenwhirry Advisory Group and the Department for Communities (DfC) had approved funding of £30,000 through their Good Relations Plans to deliver the garden.

It was proposed to grant approval for this project to be delivered at Whiteabbey Community Centre overseen by the Capital Project Team.

The Director of Community Planning to provide details to the Mayor regarding the outcome of previous applications by this Group.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

the development of the garden at Whiteabbey Community Centre be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning/Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

3.11 AC/EV/003 GARDEN SHOW IRELAND

Members were reminded that purchase of Garden Show Ireland was agreed at the 2019 November Council meeting and it was one of the Council's flagship events delivered on 29, 30 April and 1 May 2022. The event brand of 'A Festival of Flavours, Food and Fun' was retained and this was the first time the event had been delivered since 2018. A budget of £40,000 was approved for the event.

A review of the event had been carried out and key findings are as follows:

- Total Number of Visitors 22,161
- Total Expenditure £140,132
- Total Income from Ticket Sales £109,120 net
- Total Income from Traders and Sponsors £27,800 net
- Total Income £136,920 net
- Net Cost of Event £3,212
- Level of Satisfaction with the Event 81% from 1267 responses to the post event survey
- Percentage of Visitors from Outside the Borough 70% including visitors from ROI
- 86% of respondents felt Garden Show Ireland raised the profile of the Borough

Planning for the event in 2023 had commenced and it was proposed to hold the event on 21, 22 and 23 April 2023 avoiding any clash with the May Day Steam Rally and the Local Government election.

The Director of Community Planning to look at how to incentivise this event to residents of the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

the review of Garden Show Ireland 2022 be noted and delivery of the event on 21, 22 and 23 April 2023 be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

3.12 CP/CD/106 QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) was the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of The Queen's coronation. It was the MBE for volunteer groups. Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community could be nominated for the award. Each group was assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

Members were advised that the Council had received notice of the successful achievement of the QAVS in 2022 by three groups in the Borough, namely:

- Whiteabbey Community Group
- Monkstown Community Association and
- The River Bann and Lough Neagh Association Company

Most recent previous recipients of the QAVS in the Borough are Rathfern Community Association, A Safe Space To Be Me, Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens, Monkstown Boxing Club, Antrim Festival Group, Tidy Randalstown and the Girls Brigade. The official announcement of 2022 QAVS recipients was made by Buckingham Palace on Coronation Day, Thursday 2 June 2022. A total of 244 awards were issued across the UK with 13 in Northern Ireland.

It was proposed to support the delivery and planning of presentation events to each of the recipients by working in partnership with the Groups, representatives of the QAVS and the Antrim Lieutenancy.

Proposed by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

- (a) the achievement of the Queens Award for Voluntary Service by Whiteabbey Community Group, Monkstown Community Association and The River Bann and Lough Neagh Association Company, be noted;**
- (b) provision of support to each group in relation to the award presentation events be approved.**

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

3.13 AC/HE/037 STEEPLE ROUND TOWER AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROJECT – HERITAGE FUND APPLICATION

Members were reminded that the development of the Steeple Park in Antrim was one of the Council's Capital Projects with a number of elements to the project. The Park itself had been identified as an underused heritage asset which includes a scheduled monument and Grade 1 listed structure in the Round Tower along with other natural and built heritage features. Antrim DEA Elected Members had been involved in progressing the proposals to design and improve the park area Steeple Park, which would complement the Council's other health and well-being, cultural and heritage plans for the location as a whole.

Having developed the scope of the Steeple Round Tower and Park Heritage Conservation Project the opportunity to submit an application to the Heritage Fund had been identified. There were a range of funding streams for heritage projects with the grant category offering funding of between £250,000 to £5 million identified as the appropriate funding stream for this project.

In order to make an application to this fund a two stage process applies with an Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted in the first instance. EOIs are invited by the Heritage Fund on a quarterly basis with the last round in May.

Members were advised that an EOI for the Steeple Round Tower and Park Heritage Conservation Project for £1,024,320 was submitted by the May deadline with the project estimated to cost £1,280,000. A copy of the EOI was circulated for Members' information. The project scope included the following:-

- Park restoration and path construction
- Drainage and wetland creation
- Tree planting and conservation
- New heritage entrance feature
- Landscaping
- Round Tower refurbishment
- Signage and interpretation

Correspondence had been received from the Heritage Fund advising that the EOI had been successful and that a formal application for funding for this project was invited. There was a twelve-month period allowed for the submission of a full application and Heritage Fund Officers would engage with Council Officers to assist with both the development of the project and the application process.

It was proposed to appoint a suitable architect to progress the development of the project to the stage required for submission of a full application to the Heritage Fund.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the appointment of an architect to progress the development of the Steeple Round Tower and Heritage Conservation Project and submission of an application for funding to the Heritage Fund be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

3.14 AC/GEN/075 CRAFT MONTH 2022

Members would be aware that inclusion of craft in the Council's arts and culture programme as a participation and educational activity as well as for exhibition purposes and as a retail offer in events and fairs had been ongoing and proved popular. In 2018 the Council developed its first dedicated craft event in the form of the Spinning Yarns Festival.

Members were reminded that participation in 'craft month' in August 2021 and ongoing collaboration with Craft NI in relation to continued development of 'craft' in the Borough was approved at the June 2021 Committee.

Correspondence had been received from Craft NI advising that they were once again running Craft Month 2022 in August. This was a celebration of Northern Ireland's unique craft sector and provides opportunities for the public to experience, participate in, buy and learn about Craft. Craft NI had requested that the Council help raise the profile of August Craft Month and participate in a range of initiatives.

Development of craft as an art form, as a retail offer and as a potential experience had many benefits for residents, visitors and crafters themselves.

Proposed by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

participation and promotion of Craft Month in August 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

The Chairperson advised that the undernoted supplementary report would be taken at this point of the meeting.

3.15 AC/GEN/037 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT AID

Members were reminded that a revised Arts and Culture Grant Aid Programme was approved by the Committee in April 2022.

To be successful applicants must score a minimum of 50% in their application and all proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation or the offer of funding would be withdrawn.

The grants are delivered on a rolling funding programme linked to the financial year or until the funding for the year is exhausted. One application had been 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	Funding Category	Funding Purpose	Score	Amount Awarded
Theatre 3 Newtownabbey	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification.	Participation in the British Festival of 1 Act Plays Final	75%	£500

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
 Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

the Arts and Culture Grant Award be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 CP/GEN/019 COMMUNITY PLANNING SECTION - PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

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

Community Development		
File Ref	Date of Meeting	Name of Partnership
D/Gen/91	-	Antrim & Newtownabbey Citizens Advice Bureau
D/CSP/48	-	Antrim & Newtownabbey Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
D/DP/67	11 Jan 2022 1 Mar 2022	Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
D/DP/67	23 Feb 2022	Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
	-	Joint Cohesion Group
CP/GR/43	-	Traveller Issues Local Government Partnership

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
 Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

the Partnership Minutes be noted.

NO ACTION

4.2 CP/CD/433 CENSUS 2021: FIRST RESULTS PUBLISHED

Members were advised that the first results from Census 2021 were published on 24 May 2022. The first release of data consisted of headline population statistics by age, sex, number of households with usual residents, and communal establishment population.

Other main Census 2021 statistics would be released in stages up to summer 2023.

The results and further information on Census 2021 were available on the NISRA website; www.nisra.gov.uk/Census2021

Proposed by Councillor Bradley

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.3 CP/GEN/044 IPB PRIDE OF PLACE AWARDS 2021/22

Members were reminded of The Annual IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland the aim of which is to recognise the efforts and endeavours of communities throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to make their place the best place in which to live.

The Mayor, Officers and nominated Community Groups attended the 2021/22 Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony in Killarney on 16 May 2022 where two local groups were successful:

- Queenspark Women's Group - Winners of the Housing Estates Category
- Muckamore Parish Development Association - Runners up in the population 2,000-5,000 Category.

Entries for the 2022 competition closed on Friday 13 May 2022 and the following groups, which were approved by the Council in April 2022, were nominated:

- A Safe Space to be Me (Community Wellbeing Initiative)
- Bawnmore and District Residents Association (Housing Estates)
- Whiteabbey Village Business Association (Urban Neighbourhoods)

Following assessment, visits were due to take place during August/September 2022 and a further report would be brought to Committee in October 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.4 CP/PCSP/074 MULTI AGENCY SUPPORT HUB FUNDING UPDATES

Members were reminded of the ongoing work of the Multi-Agency Support Hub (MASH) that was established within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough in July 2017. The Support Hub aims to provide vulnerable individuals with the right support at the right time via the most appropriate organisation.

The Antrim and Newtownabbey MASH is led by the Council and includes representation from statutory organisations including, Policing & Community Safety Partnership, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Youth Justice Agency, Northern Health & Social Care Trust, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Northern Ireland Probation Board and the Department for Communities.

Following the launch of the Support Hub, the Department for Justice provided an annual financial contribution of up to a maximum of £3,600 per annum, towards administration costs of the Hub for up to three years. It had been initially anticipated that the Hubs would be subsumed within normal running costs of Council operations after this initial three-year period.

However, correspondence circulated had been received from the Department of Justice to confirm that funding of up to £3,600 was being provided for the 2022-2023 financial year.

Proposed by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

the financial assistance up to £3,600 from Department of Justice towards administration costs be noted.

NO ACTION

4.5 CP/TD/025 PEOPLE AND PLACE REVIEW: BRIEF APRIL 2022

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from Department of Communities (DfC) a copy of which was circulated, in relation to the People and Place Review and update on the Co-Design process and structure.

Members were reminded 'People and Place – A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal' was launched in June 2003. It was aimed at targeting urban communities in Northern Ireland suffering the highest levels of deprivation by bringing together collective Government Departments in partnership to address disadvantage.

The People and Place Strategy encompasses Neighbourhood Renewal, Areas at Risk and Small Pockets of Deprivation programmes which had been

in place since early 2000's. There had been subsequent evaluations of these programmes with limited change proposed.

A locality Co-Design Group for the Borough had been established to take forward the review. It was made up of Officers, statutory agencies, and community/voluntary organisations with the first meeting taking place on 19th May 2022 in Lillian Bland Pavilion.

Further stakeholder engagement would take place over coming months with specific Member sessions planned.

In response to a query from a Member, the Director of Community Planning advised of the intention, in parallel with this process, to carry out a review of neighbourhood renewal and areas at risk, including the participants, and agreed to advise on the end date of the review.

Proposed by Councillor Bradley

Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

the report be noted.

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

4.6 CP/CF/001 COMMUNITY FACILITIES REVIEW 2022

Members were reminded that there are 10 Community Facilities, including Mossley and Lillian Bland Pavilions which were transferred from Parks in April 2021, managed by the Community Planning Section as follows: -

- Greystone Community Centre
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre
- Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff
- Dunanney Centre
- Mossley Pavillion
- Lillian Bland Pavillion

An additional two Community Facilities were managed under Service Management Agreements with community organisations operating the facilities in partnership with the Council:

- Monstown Jubilee Centre
- Rathfern Social Activity Centre.

As part of the Corporate Recovery Plan 2021-23, Officers initiated a review of operational and service delivery of Community Facilities. The key focus of this review was to improve customer experience, through operational and service modernisation ensuring Community Facilities contribute to community

development efficiently and effectively. The terms of reference for the review were circulated for Members' information.

Members were also reminded of the Community Centres Capacity Building Programme that commenced in February 2022. This programme provides community organisations who may wish to manage one of the community facilities in the future the opportunity to develop their capacity to do so. An update on the programme would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Any Other Business.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed

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

5. ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

5.1 IN CONFIDENCE AC/GEN/081 OLD COURTHOUSE CAFÉ REFURBISHMENT

Members were advised that The Old Courthouse Theatre in Antrim was opened in 2010 through refurbishment of the historic Old Courthouse, which dates to 1726 and is a grade A listed building.

The ground floor currently operates as both a visitor information/box office and coffee shop with 2/3 of the counter space taken up as a two position box office. The remaining space was the coffee shop servery. This layout reflects the early use of the building when the box office delivered a variety of in person functions. The vast majority of these functions are now carried out digitally.

In order to maximise optimum use of space and customer experience it was proposed to carry out a range of work which would redress the balance by extending the café servery area into current box office space and redesign the box office counter to create a digital visitor information facility to provide

a high quality visitor information service maximising use of digital technology in partnership with Tourism NI.

At the Antrim DEA meeting in February 2022 Members were updated on the project and gave their approval for the refurbishment project at an estimated cost of £[REDACTED].

An economic appraisal for the project was circulated for Members' information. A Section 75 screening exercise on the project had been carried out and the form was circulated for Members' information. An equality impact assessment was not recommended.

The Director of Community Planning to provide information regarding the Council's procurement process to Councillor Bradley.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

- (a) the economic appraisal for the Old Courthouse Café refurbishment be approved;**
- (b) the outcome of the Section 75 screening exercise be approved.**

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Alderman McGrath
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 7.57 pm.

MAYOR

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