



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair:** : Councillor R Lynch
- Committee Members** : Aldermen - J McGrath and P Michael
Councillors – Archibald-Brown, M Cooper, P Dunlop,
J Gilmour, M Goodman, R Kinnear, N McClelland,
V McWilliam, V Robinson, S Ross, L Smyth and M Stewart
- Non Committee Members** : Alderman L Clarke
Councillors A Bennington, L Irwin, A McAuley, N Ramsay
and B Webb
- Officers Present** : Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim) – U Fay
Head of Community Planning (Interim) – R McKenna
Systems Support Officer – C Bell
Mayor and Member Services Officer – S Fisher

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the June meeting of the Community Planning Committee, her first as Chair, and reminded all present of the audio recording protocol. On behalf of the Committee, she thanked the previous Chair and Vice Chair, Councillors Cooper and Goodman, for their good leadership during the previous 12 months through a difficult period and changing landscape. She hoped that we were now moving into a more stable, recovery function.

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

1 APOLOGIES

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 3.12 - Councillor Dunlop (non pecuniary)
Items 3.3 and 3.12 - Councillor Cooper (non pecuniary)

3. ITEMS FOR DECISION

3.1 CP/CP/180 READ YOURSELF WELL

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from Community planning partners Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT) regarding the 'Read Yourself Well Scheme' circulated.

The aim of the programme is to provide access to a range of health books (list circulated) with the aim of helping people to understand and manage their health and wellbeing using self-help reading.

The scheme was currently being provided in Antrim and Rathcoole libraries and it was proposed to extend the scheme to a number of GP and community facilities.

NHSCT had offered the Council the opportunity to host the 'Read Yourself Well Scheme' in four community facilities. Officers had identified the following sites to allow for a Borough wide coverage and complementing established mini libraries and footfall to enhance participation in the programme.

- Theatre at the Mill – established Mini Library
- Antrim Courtyard – established Mini Library
- Crumlin Leisure Centre
- Valley Leisure Centre

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam

Seconded by Alderman McGrath and agreed that

participation in the 'Read Yourself Well Scheme' at the four Council sites be approved and that Ballyclare Town Hall be included.

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

3.2 CP/PCSP/70 APPOINTMENT OF POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Members were advised that the Justice Act 2011 states that the position of Chairperson of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership is held by an Elected Member for a period of 12 months, or for a period ending with the reconstitution date. The Justice Act also states that position is held in turn by each of the 4 largest parties represented on the Council immediately after the last local general election. The position of Vice-Chairperson is held by an Independent Member, appointed by the Independent Members.

Members were reminded that Councillor Leah Smyth was appointed to the position of PCSCP Chairperson at a meeting of Full Council on October 2020, with term commencing immediately until the next Council Annual Meeting in June 2021.

Members were therefore requested to appoint a Chairperson for the incoming year of the PCSP from the third largest party represented on the Council. The Alliance Party are the third largest party, two Alliance Party representatives currently serve on the Policing and Community Safety Partnership, Councillor Julie Gilmour and Councillor Glenn Finlay.

The Alliance Party nominating officer had informed Council that Alderman Julian McGrath will replace Councillor Glenn Finlay as Alliance Party representative on the PCSP with effect from 1 June 2021 and also nominated Councillor Gilmour for the position of Chairperson of Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP for the 2021/2022 year.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed that

Councillor Julie Gilmour be appointed to the position of Chairperson of the PCSP from 30 June 2021.

ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Peace IV & PCSP Co-ordinator/Member Services

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

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

The purpose of the Small Grants programme is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £500 towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members were advised that groups who apply for a small grant are not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2021/22 financial year.

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

In May, three applications totalling £1,500 were received and assessed by Officers as outlined below.

Group Name/Project Promoter	Project Description/Title	Pass/Fail	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
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D'Sign Arts NI	Short Multi Media Production – Laurel and Hardy/Charlie Chaplin	Pass	£500.00	£500.00
Burnside Village Committee	Insurance 2021/22	Pass	£500.00	£500.00
CORE New Mossley	Insurance 2021/22	Pass	£500.00	£500.00
Total			£1,500.00	£1,500.00

The total budget available for the Small Grants Programme for the 2021/22 financial year was £10,000 of which £4,467.14 remained.

The total amount of financial assistance requested by the three applications outlined above is £1,500 and if all three were approved by Council it would leave a balance of £2,967.14 to fund further applications submitted during the course of the current financial year.

It would be a condition of funding that all community/voluntary groups ensure compliance with all relevant and applicable COVID-19 Government and Public Health Guidance and Regulations.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
 Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

the three Small Grant applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £1,500.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

3.4 CP/PCSP/126 BEAT SUMMER INTERVENTION 2021

Members were advised that through the Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) supported by Council's Good Relations Programme, the delivery agent awarded the PCSP High Risk Youth Tender will be operating a youth intervention programme during July and August.

BEAT ('Be Educated, Be Active, Be Together') is designed to be more than a conventional summer scheme by engaging with detached young people who are at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and providing a mix of positive physical, developmental and educational activities. Young people are encouraged to participate in activities that include drugs/alcohol awareness, fire safety, team building, mental health awareness, developing healthy inter-personal relationships, arts and music, good relations, and sports. The BEAT programme is aimed at young people aged 11+ and aimed to operate three evenings per week, from 7-10 pm, for 8 weeks during July and August.

The BEAT programme is targeted in areas within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough that have been highlighted through a multi-agency forum as

experiencing increased levels of anti-social behaviour. The agreed programme delivery areas for the 2021 programme were Rathenraw, Ballyclare, Glengormley and Crumlin. A smaller scale 2nd satellite programme would run within another area of Antrim, on two evenings - for which Stiles Community Centre was requested.

Local community groups were encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation process to ensure local ownership and support for the programme. The delivery agent was engaging with local youth providers and community groups to secure venues in Ballyclare and Crumlin. They would also identify opportunities through other programmes they have funding to deliver, thereby ensuring a broader range of youth intervention during the summer across Antrim and Newtownabbey, in addition to that being delivered through the BEAT programme.

To support the delivery of this Summer's BEAT programme, Council was asked to grant free use of Council's community and park facilities in those areas that BEAT would be operating.

Sessions would run from Monday 5 July until Saturday 28 August (8 Weeks):

- Lilian Bland Pavilion- Glengormley, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday evenings 7-10pm
- Rathenraw Community Centre - Monday, Wednesday, Friday evenings, 7 -10pm
- Stiles Community Centre - Monday and Friday evenings, 7-10pm

The cost of the Centre hire would be as follows:

Venue	Cost Per Night	Total Cost
Lilian Bland Pavilion	£34.65	£831.60
Rathenraw Community Centre	£35.67	£856.08
Stiles Community Centre	£44.58	£713.28
	Total Cost:	£2,400.96

However, there was no guarantee that the BEAT bookings would displace other potential income generating activity.

The Head of Community Planning (Interim) updated Members that facilities had just been secured at St John's Church Hall in Ballyclare and an Education Authority facility close to the Integrated College in Crumlin. Following a query, he also advised that the community planning team were considering a number of proposals for youth diversionary activities. It was also suggested by a Member that programmes are carried out in all 7 DEA areas and that the PSCP may be able to offer some assistance.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
 Seconded by Alderman Michael and agreed that

free use of Lilian Bland Pavilion, Rathenraw and Stiles Community Centres during July and August 2021 to accommodate delivery of the Beat Summer Intervention Programme be approved.

ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Peace IV & PCSP Co-Ordinator

3.5 CP/P4/017/ VOL2 PEACE IV PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

Members were reminded that the PEACE IV Partnership operates as a Working Group of Council. As such the minutes of the PEACE IV Partnership meeting held on 20 October 2020 were circulated for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Ross
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the minutes of the PEACE IV Partnership held on 20 October 2020 be approved.

ACTION BY: Stacey Myles, PEACE IV Administration Officer

3.6 AC/GEN/14 TOURISM NI QUALITY GRADING SCHEME

Members were advised that Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI) operates a Quality Grading Scheme for visitor attractions, which gives operators an independent quality assurance award. The scheme is a practical example of TNI's commitment to increasing visitor numbers and experiences through developing a quality experience.

There were five-quality grades awarded for the standard of services and facilities and are represented like hotels by 1 to 5 stars, which convey the following standards:

- **Five Stars Exceptional**
- **Four Stars Excellent**
- **Three Stars Very Good**
- **Two Stars Good**
- **One Star Acceptable**

Assessments are carried out without advance warning through in the main incognito visits by assessors but also with pre-visit research online and on the telephone. Having identified the scheme as an excellent tool in the ongoing continuous improvement strategy an application for Antrim Castle Gardens was first submitted in 2019 and a four-star rating achieved. The visitor attraction participated in the scheme again in 2020 with the retention of a four-star award noted at the June 2020 Council Meeting and participation in the scheme in 2021 at a cost of £150 approved.

Tourism NI had been in contact to advise that they had not been able to carry out their full assessment process with in person incognito visits at the start of the year not possible due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, they were recommending that Antrim Castle Gardens retains its four-star rating for 2021.

The grading assessment report provided by TNI in 2020, following their assessment visit, had been used to inform an improvement plan which aimed to achieve a Five Star rating in 2022 by improving the visitor experience from excellent to exceptional. This plan would also form the basis of creating an excellent visitor service at the newly opened nearby Gateway Visitor Attraction.

It was proposed that both Antrim Castle Gardens and The Gateway Visitor Centre participate in the TNI Quality Grading Scheme in 2022 the outcome of which would be reported to a future meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

the retention of a four star TNI Quality Grading for Antrim Castle Gardens be noted and participation in the scheme by Antrim Castle Gardens and The Gateway Visitor Attraction in 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Samuel Hyndman, Gardens Operations and Development Officer

3.7 AC/MU/001 PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

Correspondence had been received from a local paranormal group in Newtownabbey. They had requested permission to carry out a paranormal investigation in Mossley Mill at the end of August. They had stated that they do not advertise where they are carrying out investigations.

Members were reminded that it was approved at the Council meeting in June 2017 that permission be granted to Ballyclare Paranormal Society to carry out an investigation into paranormal activity associated with Ballyclare Town Hall.

Out of hours' access to Mossley Mill can be facilitated given the presence of contract security staff, however Mossley Mill remains closed to the public with access limited at present due to COVID-19 restrictions. It was proposed to permit access to Mossley Mill by this group for paranormal investigation at the end of August providing restrictions in place at the time permit public access to the Mill. Any planned paranormal investigation activity in the Mill would be subject to a risk assessment including COVID-19 secure measures.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the request to carry out a paranormal investigation at Mossley Mill, subject to COVID-19 restrictions and appropriate risk assessments being completed, be approved and the group report back on their findings.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

3.8 AC/GEN/074 DEFENCE GARDENS SCHEME AT ANTRIM CASTLE GARDENS

The Reserve Forces' & Cadets' Association for Northern Ireland (RFCA NI) is an independent, community-based organisation with the responsibility of advising and assisting the Defence Council on issues concerning the 2,000 reservists and more than 3,500 cadets in the region.

A RFCA representative had been in contact to request that the Council consider participation in The Defence Gardens Scheme (DGS) by allocating a small area in Antrim Castle Gardens for this use. The DGS works in partnerships with veterans' charities, military units, community mental health service providers and gardening projects to develop, deliver and evaluate nature-based therapy for service leavers and veterans. It is supported by the Northern Ireland (NI) Veterans Support Office and the NI Veterans Commissioner.

It was proposed to allocate the Cottage Garden bed in Clotworthy House for this scheme at no cost to the Council. Those participating in the scheme would tend this bed and participate in gardening and maintenance of the bed to the benefit of visitors to Antrim Castle Gardens under the direction of the Head Gardener.

Proposed by Aldermand Michael
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

participation in the Defence Gardens Scheme by allocating a flower bed in Antrim Castle Gardens, at no cost to the Council, be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

3.9 AC/GEN/067 ULSTER-SCOTS LEID WEEK 22 TO 27 NOVEMBER 2021

Members were reminded that participation in Ulster-Scotch Leid Week from the 23 to 28 November 2020 was agreed by the Committee in September 2020 with a virtual programme delivered. The Council participated in the first Ulster- Scotch Leid week in November 2019.

Correspondence had been received from the Ulster-Scots Agency a copy of which was circulated for Members' information. They had informed the Council of their plans to run another Ulster-Scotch Leid Week from 22 to 27 November 2021 with the aim of increasing awareness and appreciation of Ulster-Scots language and building upon the success of the last two years.

It was proposed to participate in the Ulster-Scotch Leid Week 2021 with content developed which utilises in house resources and Council venues. Whilst it was hoped to deliver an 'in person' programme, development of the programme would ensure that it can proceed in line with any COVID-19 restrictions that may be in place in November. As part of this Officers would engage with the Agency regarding potential events and access their support where possible.

The programme was equality screened in 2019 and did not need to have an Equality Impact Assessment carried out.

Proposed by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

participation in Ulster-Scotch Leid Week 22 to 27 November 2021 be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

3.10 AC/GEN/018 LIGHT UP WORKING GROUP

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the Council meeting in July 2019 that the Council form an all-party working group to decide a policy of lighting the main Council civic buildings. A Light Up Civic Buildings Policy developed by the Working Group was approved at the October 2020 Council meeting, when it was agreed that a review of the Policy be brought to the June 2021 Community Planning Committee meeting. The Working Group met on 29 April 2021 to review the current Policy and the minutes were circulated for Members' information.

The Group agreed that the Light Up Policy had worked well from November 2020 to date with the Council able to show support for a variety of worthwhile charities and causes as well as tragic events and sporting success. The Group have proposed some revisions to the Annual Programme of Council Identified Light Up Events on page 4 as follows:

Change	Date	Cause	Colour
Add	21 March	International day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Purple
Add	2 April	World Autism Awareness Day	Blue
Add	21 August	International Day for the Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism	Red
Remove	16 October	Show Racism the Red Card	Red

The addition of a Light Up on 21 March for Elimination of Racial Discrimination has been proposed as an alternative to the Show Racism the Red Card proposal, which is limited to anti-racism in sport and therefore had been removed from the annual schedule.

The review period had highlighted that there may be a few occasions when requests for light ups cannot be covered within the Policy. To address this the Working Group had requested the addition of clause 5.5 which now provides a mechanism for dealing with all requests under this Policy in a consistent manner.

The revised Light Up Civic Buildings Policy was circulated. An equality screening and rural screening exercise were carried out in October and impact assessments were not required.

It was proposed that the revised Light Up Civic Buildings Policy be approved for immediate implementation with a review to be brought to the June 2022 Community Planning Committee.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

the revised Light Up Civic Buildings Policy be approved with a review of the Policy to be brought to the June 2022 Community Planning Committee meeting.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director Community Planning (Interim)

3.11 AC/GEN/075 CRAFT OPPORTUNITIES

Members were aware that inclusion of craft in the Council's arts and culture programme as a participation and educational activity, 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.

Craft is now firmly established as mainstream with 75% of the adult population buying craft in 2019. The craft buying audience in Northern Ireland is estimated to be 1.1 million. Interest in craft is strong both in terms of desire to purchase but also in the demand for experience. The pandemic would appear to have accelerated the interest in craft making.

Craft NI is the sector-lead body for the promotion and development of the design-led contemporary craft industry in Northern Ireland. Members were advised that engagement with Craft NI to identify potential collaboration opportunities has been taking place.

Following discussions about potential collaboration Craft NI had submitted a proposal on how the Council can develop its craft offer, with their support, to the benefit of residents and visitors to enhance the arts, culture and tourism offer and contribute to ongoing recovery of the Borough. The proposal was circulated for Members' information.

Some suggestions from this were proposed for implementation as follows:

- August Craft Month – Participation in this annual celebration of craft, promoted by Craft NI, which takes place throughout NI over the whole of August. This can be delivered by development of a programme of exhibition, talks and retail opportunities both digital and in person.
- Pop Up Shops - Compliment the Antrim Castle Gardens Gift Shop with a 'Pop Up' retail offer in August and at other seasonal peaks such as Easter

and Christmas selling contemporary NI craft. Explore the potential for 'Pop Up' craft retail at other venues such as the Gateway Visitor Centre.

- Craft Fairs and Events – Further develop the craft fair programme across a range of venues including towns and villages to support development of craft to drive footfall.

Development of craft as an art form, as a retail offer and as a potential experience has many benefits for residents, visitors and crafters themselves who are among the self-employed hit hard by the pandemic. Ongoing collaboration with Craft NI has mutual benefits for the recovery of both this sector and arts and culture recovery.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the implementation of the craft initiatives as proposed and ongoing collaboration with Craft NI in relation to continued development of craft in the Borough be approved.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim)

3.12 CP/GEN/039 NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY CELEBRATION EVENTS FUND 2021

Members were reminded that it was agreed by Committee in May 2021 to allocate an additional budget of £5,000 to the Northern Ireland Centenary Events fund with the additional budget coming from Arts & Culture underspends.

To be successful in securing financial assistance, of up to a maximum of £1000 under this fund, applicants are required to demonstrate how their event/project meets the objectives of the programme under one or more of the following themes:

- Reflection
- Commemoration / Celebration
- Inspiration

A public call for applications to the fund opened on Wednesday 26 May 2021 and closed on Friday 4 June 2021 at 12 noon.

Eight applications for a total of £6,990 had been received and assessed by officers using a similar eligibility criteria and scoring matrix as that used to assess applications under the Community Development Small Grant Aid Programme. A summary of the application score sheets and funding recommendations were circulated for Members' consideration.

Following assessment, the total amount of eligible financial assistance requested was £6,990 which exceeded the budget by £1,990, although this could be met by underspend identified in the Arts and Culture grant aid programme.

All events will be required to comply with all relevant and applicable COVID-19 Government and Public Health Guidance and Regulations.

Proposed by Councillor Ross
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the eight applications for a total of £6,990 be approved.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

4 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 CP/P4/047 PEACE PLUS CO-DESIGNED LOCAL COMMUNITY PEACE ACTION PLANS

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from SEUPB regarding the Co-design of Local Community PEACE Action Plans (circulated).

The SEUPB had appointed a group of consultants to work across all 17 local authorities to support the development of a PEACE PLUS Local Action Plan Model, and governance structure. Each local authority could utilise up to a maximum of €100K to resource the development of the plan.

Phase one would involve co-designing a local community peace partnership model, recognising existing community planning or local economic and community planning processes and structures.

The allocation of funding would follow a similar process to the current PEACE IV Programme and primarily be related to population and deprivation. Each local authority would be allocated a base sum of €1Million, after which an additional element based on population size and deprivation would be added to each allocation.

SEUPB believes that utilising this approach would ensure that each Local Authority will have an allocation for a Plan that can make a significant difference within the community. It was anticipated allocations would be broadly similar to the allocations in the current Peace IV Programme. There would be regular engagement with Elected Members as part of the Plan development process.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

4.2 CP/PCSP/127 HEALTH (INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH) IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received by Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) from the Safer Communities Directorate within the Department of Justice, on Health (including Mental Health) in the Justice System.

The update provided a summary of the latest position with regards to relevant strategies and action plans being taken forward, which would have an impact on the health outcomes of those who come into contact with, or are on the cusp of, the criminal justice system.

Detail on the following key strategies and initiatives could be found within the update:

- i) Department of Health Substance Use Strategy
- ii) Department of Health Mental Health Strategy
- iii) Department for Communities Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for Northern Ireland
- iv) Executive Working Group on Mental Wellbeing, Resilience and Suicide Prevention

Members were advised that the update is not protectively marked and the Department of Justice had stated Members are free to share wider with those interested in health within the justice system.

Proposed by Alderman Michael

Seconded by Alderman McGrath and agreed that

the update be noted and that a report is brought to a future meeting to update on the progression of the motion brought before Council in January 2020.

ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Peace IV & PCSP Co-Ordinator

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

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

Community Development		
File Ref	Date of Meeting	Name of Partnership
D/Gen/91	14 Jan 2021	Antrim & Newtownabbey Citizens Advice Bureau
D/CSP/48	16 Dec 2020	Antrim & Newtownabbey Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

D/DP/67	12 Jan 2021 2 Mar 2021	Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
D/DP/67	24 Feb 2021 10 Mar 2021	Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
	-	Joint Cohesion Group
CP/GR/43	-	Traveller Issues Local Government Partnership

Proposed by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

the Partnership Minutes be noted.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Archibald
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

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

5. ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

5.1 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/392 WHITEABBEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – ASSET TRANSFER SPONSOR REQUEST

Members were reminded that the Whiteabbey Residents Association (WRA) request for Council to be the project sponsor for the asset transfer of the Whiteabbey Maintenance Depot, Abbeyville Street, Newtownabbey was deferred for a month in order to seek further information relating to the group.

Further information was sought from Development Trusts NI, who are currently working with the WRA to advance their interests and assess capacity of the group to acquire and manage the Whiteabbey Maintenance Depot through the Community Asset Transfer process. Officers also sought information from other local community and voluntary organisations in the Whiteabbey area.

Having reviewed the governance documents previously supplied and subsequent further information, it was proposed that the group would benefit from further support and capacity building from the Community Planning Team. The Community Planning Team has no history of any close working with the group.

Proposed by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

the provision of support for WRA in a capacity building programme be approved.

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

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

the remainder of Committee business be taken in Open Session.

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

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a query from a Member, the Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim) advised she would check the suitability of all the planting in the sensory beds at Antrim Castle Gardens.

The Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim) also confirmed that should updates on reports be available, these will, where possible, be advised to Members in advance.

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Deputy Director of Community Planning (Interim)

There being no further committee business the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.12 pm.

MAYOR