



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

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

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

**1 APOLOGIES**

Alderman P Michael  
Councillor L Smyth

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 3.1 and 3.13 – Councillors M Cooper and N McClelland  
Item 3.4 – Councillor J Gilmour  
Item 3.2 – Councillor B Webb

Following a request from a Member, the Director of Community Planning undertook to revert with further information on Newtownabbey Senior Citizens Forum.

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

### **3 ITEMS FOR DECISION**

*Having declared an interest in the next item, Councillors Cooper and McClelland left the meeting.*

#### **3.1 CP/CD/432 COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND 2021/22**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Department for Communities (DfC) inviting Council to submit details on current COVID-19 recovery needs within the Borough and requesting proposals on how an additional £147,416.48, allocated to the Council under the Community Support Programme to meet such needs, could be spent if approved by the Department.

In order to provide a detailed response to this request the Community Development Section conducted a community survey targeted at Community and Voluntary Groups including Elected Members across the Borough.

The aim of the Survey was to identify current COVID-19 recovery needs in order to ensure that any potential funding from DfC would be targeted at community needs.

There were 28 responses to the survey received and these indicated that the provision of mental health programmes, food and essential supplies were the top two priorities at present with capacity building and tackling fuel poverty also high priorities.

Taking into consideration the results of the Survey, the aims and objectives of Councils Corporate Recovery Plan and the Department for Communities Community Support Programme, Officers have developed a proposal for the delivery of financial support under this fund, a copy of which was circulated for Members' consideration.

Pending receipt of Letter of Variance (LOV), and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) correspondence had been received to allow the Council to proceed with actions related to the proposals for spend of allocation.

As financial assistance under this programme has to be spent by 31 March 2022 it was proposed that an open call for applications under the Community Recovery and Tackling Fuel Poverty Fund be opened on Monday 15 November 2021.

Due to the limited timeframe for the delivery of successful projects it was proposed that successful applications, to the fund, be approved by the Director of Community Planning in line with the Council decision taken on Monday 26 October 2020 which states that "Authority has been granted to the Director of Community Planning to approve successful applications received under all strands of the Covid-19 Community Support Fund".

Members were also advised that correspondence had been received from DfC detailing an award of financial assistance under the Financial Inclusion Fund for 2021/22 totalling £51,651.00 to deliver a programme to help build financial resilience and improve overall financial wellbeing through access to money management, promoting savings and linking into holistic debt and income maximisation advice.

Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey (CAAN) delivered this programme on behalf of Council in 2020/21 and it was proposed that a direct award of £51,651 be made to CAAN in 2021/22 to deliver a similar programme.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

- a) the funding proposal for COVID-19 Community Support Fund 2021/22 be approved;**
- b) an open call for applications under Community Recovery and Tackling Fuel Poverty Fund be opened on Monday 15 November 2021;**
- c) all successful applications be approved by the Director of Community Planning in line with the Council decision of Monday 26 October 2020;**
- d) a direct award of £51,651.00 under the Financial Inclusion Fund be made to Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey to support a financial resilience and wellbeing programme similar to that delivered in 2020/21.**

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

*Councillors Cooper and McClelland returned to the meeting.*

### **3.2 CP/CD/422 CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH-ON EVENTS 2021**

Members were reminded of the decision taken at July Council to deliver two "Live" and five "Virtual" Switch-On Events across the Borough in November and December 2021. Live events to be held in Antrim and Glengormley.

Further to the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, over recent months there had been consultation and agreement with the 5 DEA's that were scheduled to hold "Virtual" events to now deliver these as "Live Events".

It was also agreed to change the date of the Antrim Switch-On to Friday 19 November 2021 as Members were advised at the Antrim DEA meeting of The Junction's plan to hold their Christmas Switch-On event on Friday 26 November also.

An updated list of the 7 DEA Switch-On Events are detailed below for Members' information:

**Antrim Town**

Friday 19 November 2021, 7pm – 8.30pm

**Glengormley**

Saturday 20 November 2021, 7pm – 8.30pm

**Macedon (Rathcoole)**

Thursday 25 November 2021, 7pm- 8.30pm

**Ballyclare**

Saturday 27 November 2021, 7pm- 8.30pm

**Threemilewater DEA**

Thursday 2 December 2021, 7pm- 8.30pm

**Randalstown**

Friday 3 December 2021, 7pm- 8.30pm

**Airport DEA (Crumlin)**

Saturday 4 December 2021, 7pm- 8.30pm

**NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPICE LIGHTS TO REMEMBER CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021**

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Hospice requesting support for its Lights to Remember Christmas Appeal in 2021 and assistance with the purchase of new display boards.

Over the past nine years Council had supported the appeal which last year raised in excess of £200,000 by erecting display boards at every Christmas tree site in the Borough, raising awareness of the appeal and reaffirming the Councils support.

To promote this year's campaign the request was to erect a 1m x 1m display board at each of the 7 DEA Christmas tree sites across the Borough at a total cost of approximately £250 plus VAT, provision for which exists in the Community Planning Budget.

Following a request from a Member, the Director of Community Planning advised that Officers would review marketing around the animations in the DEA areas.

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

**the provision of support for the Northern Ireland Hospice Lights to Remember appeal as outlined be approved.**

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

### **3.3 CP/CD/433 CENSUS 2021 OUTPUTS CONSULTATION**

Members were advised that the operational data collection phase of Census 2021 is now complete and NISRA launched a public Census 2021 Outputs Consultation as circulated, on October 1st 2021.

This technical consultation, will allow Census Office to gather the views of users on the proposed strategy for disseminating 2021 Census results. The consultation document outlines the proposed design for 2021 Census results, specifically the order of the release of census statistics, and the way the statistics will be made available to users.

NISRA were inviting feedback on the proposals outlined in the technical document to help produce the final design of the 2021 Census outputs for Northern Ireland.

Responses to the consultation should be submitted through [www.nisra.gov.uk](http://www.nisra.gov.uk)

A webinar event was being planned for November 2021, which will provide consultees with additional information and an opportunity to ask questions about the issues of interest to them. Further details would be provided in due course.

The consultation would remain open for 8 weeks, from 1 October 2021 to 26 November 2021. Any Member wishing to be notified when event registration is available could do so by emailing [2021census.consultation@nisra.gov.uk](mailto:2021census.consultation@nisra.gov.uk)

Proposed by Councillor Goodman  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed that

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

*NO ACTION*

### **3.4 CP/CP/113 BARNARDOS'S THE THRIVE PROJECT**

Members were aware that the Thrive Project is a collaboration of local parents, schools, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies working together to help children and young people in Rathcoole and Monkstown achieve their full potential and have the best start in life. An elected member from each of the Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's were nominated to serve on the Thrive Project Board at the January 2021 Community Planning Committee.

Members were reminded that following presentation to the Community Planning Committee in November 2019 it was agreed to provide £15,000 in financial assistance to Thrive for 2020/21. It was also agreed that officers explore external funding opportunities for the project with a senior officer to liaise with the Thrive Project.

Correspondence had been received from Thrive outlining the impact of their work in 2020/21 including the Councils investment and a copy was circulated. Thrive had also requested that the Council consider provision of £50,000 in financial assistance over 2021/22 and 2022/23. A breakdown of the project funding secured for both years and was circulated for Members' information.

It was proposed to provide £15,000 in financial support to Thrive for 2021/22 from the Department for Communities (DFC) COVID-19 Community Support Fund 2021/22 with officers, including a senior officer, to liaise with Thrive and explore alternative external funding opportunities.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour

Seconded by Alderman McGrath and agreed that

- (a) provision of £15,000 financial assistance to Thrive for 2021/22 from the DfC COVID-19 Community Support Fund 2021/22 be approved;**
- (b) a Senior Officer liaises with Thrive and explore external funding opportunities with an update to be brought back to a future meeting;**
- (c) an extra £10,000 financial support be given from Council funds; and**
- (d) officers engage with Thrive in relation to their financial plan for 2022/23.**

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

### **3.5 AC/GEN/078 DUKE OF EDINBURGH WORKING GROUP**

Members were reminded that following a motion carried at the Council meeting in April the Duke of Edinburgh Working Group was established. The minutes of two Working Group meetings held in August were approved by the Community Planning Committee in September 2021. The Working Group met again on 30 September 2021 and the minutes of this meeting were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Stewart

Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**the minutes of the Duke of Edinburgh Working Group meeting of 30 September 2021 be approved.**

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

### **3.6 AC/GEN/010 BOROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY PANEL**

Members were reminded of the resumption of meetings of the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel in February 2021. The minutes of the 23 June 2021 meeting including autumn programme for Theatre at The Mill were approved at the July Council Meeting.

The Panel met on 13 October 2021 and the minutes of this meeting were circulated for Members' information. Programmes for Theatre at The Mill, The Old Courthouse Theatre and The Courtyard Theatre for the Spring 2022 season of January to May were also circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

**the minutes of the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel of 13 October 2021, including the Spring programmes for the Councils theatres, be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ursula Fay Director of Community Planning*

### **3.7 CP/GR/055 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

A copy of the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group meeting held on 29 September 2021 were circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

**the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group on 29 September 2021 be approved.**

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

### **3.8 CP/GR/137 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID 2021-22 – RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY HUB**

Members were reminded that the 2021/22 Good Relations Action Plan submitted to The Executive Office, includes a budget of £20,000 for the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme. The remaining budget available for the 2021/22 year is £17,500.

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

Members were advised that applications are required to score higher than 50% to be deemed successful. An application has been received and scored above the 50% threshold requesting a total amount of £2,500.

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

Following a query from a Member on other reimagining funding streams, the Head of Community Planning (Interim) to revert with further information.

Proposed by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**a total of £2,500 be approved for Rathcoole Community Hub.**

*ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Officer*

### 3.9 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 Community Development Grant Aid Programme.

Members were further reminded that it was agreed at the October 2021 Council meeting to revise the Community Development Grant Aid Programme including increase of the small grants funding thresholds.

The purpose of the Small Grants programme is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough 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 be assessed on the basis of Pass/Fail against eligibility criteria and not subjected to a scored assessment process. All proposed awards are subject to the receipt of a Group Constitution, List of Committee Members, Bank Statement, Annual Accounts and a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all other appropriate supporting documentation is in place and can be provided on request or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

During the month of October two applications totalling £979.40 were received and assessed by Officers as outlined below, under the previous funding thresholds:

| Group Name/Project Promoter                   | Project Description/Title                                                  | Pass/Fail | Amount Requested | Amount Awarded |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Loanends Presbyterian Church                  | Loanends Cameo Christmas Lunch and Entertainment for 65 people             | Pass      | £480.50          | <b>£480.50</b> |
| Whiteabbey Environmental and Well-being Group | Small Seeding Grant Insurance, Access NI Checks and Environmental Sundries | Pass      | £498.90          | <b>£498.90</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |                                                                            |           | <b>£979.40</b>   | <b>£979.40</b> |

The total budget available for the Small Grants Programme for the 2021/22 financial year is £10,000 of which £967.14 remains.

The total amount of financial assistance requested by the two applications outlined above is £979.40 and if the two applications were approved by Council it will exhaust the Small Grants budget for the current financial year. In the event that further applications were submitted before the end of this financial year these would be brought to Council for consideration under

identified underspend in Community Planning Budgets.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the two Small Grant applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £979.40**

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

### **3.10 AC/GEN/075 CRAFT NI CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**

Members were reminded that the implementation of the various craft initiatives and ongoing collaboration with Craft NI in relation to continued development of 'craft' in the Borough was approved at the June 2021 Community Planning Committee.

Craft NI have contacted the Council to advise of their forthcoming 'Buy Craft – Christmas 2021' - a campaign designed to spotlight some of the best craft in Northern Ireland. They are keen to explore a NI wide Buy campaign in a collaborative partnership with Local Government. The financial environment over the pandemic has been exceptionally difficult for the craft sector and this campaign has the potential to support recovery of the sector.

They have requested that the Council consider provision of between £500 and £1000 to support delivery of this campaign, which would allow Craft NI to purchase advertising resources across a number of platforms including outdoor, digital and radio and also deliver the following promotional initiatives:

- Regional gift guides as hard copy supplements in the print media
- Online gift guides organised by theme, discipline or council area
- Promotion of makers by Council area and
- Council events promoted through Craft NI social media, driving traffic to Christmas listings on their website.

Craft NI were hoping for support from all the Councils so that the campaign can have real impact in promoting craft makers and the story they tell about the areas of Northern Ireland where they live and work. The Council area had a strong craft sector and talented craft makers, who could be supported by such a campaign.

Proposed by Councillor Gilmour

Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**provision of £750 funding support to Craft NI for their 'Buy Craft – Christmas 2021' advertising and promotional campaign be approved with an evaluation of the campaign to be brought to a future meeting.**

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

### 3.11 CP/CP/178 DEA MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP MINUTES

Members were reminded that the DEA Member Engagement Groups are now a central part of the Community Planning engagement framework. Draft minutes for all seven of the DEA Member Engagement Groups were circulated for Members' information, these will be formally adopted at the next meetings of the groups.

| <b>Community Planning Section – DEA Member Engagement Group Meetings</b> |                        |                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Ref</b>                                                          | <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>Name of Partnership</b>                 |
| CP/CP/168                                                                | 6 October 2021         | Airport DEA Member Engagement Group        |
| CP/CP/169                                                                | 12 October 2021        | Antrim DEA Member Engagement Group         |
| CP/CP/170                                                                | 20 October 2021        | Ballyclare DEA Member Engagement Group     |
| CP/CP/171                                                                | 14 October 2021        | Dunsilly DEA Member Engagement Group       |
| CP/CP/172                                                                | 7 October 2021         | Glengormley DEA Member Engagement Group    |
| CP/CP/173                                                                | 21 October 2021        | Macedon DEA Member Engagement Group        |
| CP/CP/174                                                                | 13 October 2021        | Threemilewater DEA Member Engagement Group |

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

**the draft minutes of the DEA Member Engagement Groups be approved and the option for the meetings to be held in person in February be explored.**

*ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Community Planning Manager*

### 3.12 CP/CP/185 REVERSE THE TREND FOUNDATION'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

Correspondence had been received from Reverse The Trend Foundation. The Foundation was established in 2014 and registered as a charity in 2016. They use science and technology to give children and young people the tools to create lifelong healthy habits and reverse the trend of childhood poor mental health.

The Foundation had been developing a Children and Young People Mental Health Strategy in conjunction with Government Agencies in Northern Ireland and would like to include children and young people from the Borough in their Neuronimo Programme. The Neuronimo Programme helps children and young people create healthy habits around mental and physical health.

Discussions with the Health Minister, Public Health Agency (PHA) and Education Authority (EA) has meant that due to demand for the Programme across Northern Ireland a Steering Committee is being set up to co-ordinate effort, disbursement and funding of the initiative.

The Committee includes senior representation from the University of Ulster, EA, PHA and the Department of Health and the Council has been invited to nominate a senior officer to represent children and young people of the Borough on the Committee. Reverse the Trend launched their Covid

Recovery Programme with the EA in October and report that several schools in the Borough are already on board.

It was proposed that the Director of Community Planning be nominated to represent the Council on the Committee with an update on the initiative to be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

**the nomination of the Director of Community Planning to the Neuronimo Steering Committee be approved with an update on the initiative to be brought back to a future meeting of the Community Planning Committee.**

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

*Having declared an interest in the next item, Councillors Cooper and McClelland left the meeting.*

### **3.13 CP/CD/431 COVID-19 FOOD AND ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TRANSITION FUND 2021**

Members were reminded that on 29 March 2021 The Department for Communities (DfC) outlined their commitment for additional funding totalling £95,558.21 for the COVID-19 Community Support Fund, administered through the Council's Community Support Plan.

This additional £95,558.21, which has to be spent by 31 March 2022, has been awarded under the Covid-19 Food and Essential Supplies Transition Fund the aim of which is to **“enable the transition from emergency food support to the implementation of more sustainable pathways/responses to address food poverty insecurity”**

The Briefing document accompanying the Letter of Offer from DfC highlights a set of guiding principles for this investment around developing a more strategic response that will shape any future emergency response and for ongoing and future policy development as follows:

- Recognising and maximising the local infrastructure – building capacity, capability and collaboration with stakeholders:
- Building on partnerships established, including the Voluntary and Community Sector:
- Brokering strategic/programme links within and between actions to deliver improved outcomes for citizens

DfC had indicated that there is a high degree of flexibility in relation to how this financial assistance should be utilised in each Council area and that programmes should be designed and delivered in a way which targets those most in need.

After taking into consideration the aims and objectives of the programme, as detailed in the Letter of Variance, Officers had developed a delivery plan for this funding as detailed below:

### **Aim**

"To enable the transition from emergency food support to the implementation of more sustainable pathways/responses to address food poverty insecurity"

### **Proposed Approach to Programme Delivery**

Under this programme it was proposed to make nine Direct Awards of £9,500 to the nine Groups that participated in DfC's Food Pallet Scheme. This would allow food and essential supplies to be distributed at a more strategic level across the Borough. The nine groups are:

- Monkstown Community Association
- Womens Aid
- Listening Ear
- Oasis Antrim
- Community Relations Forum
- TIDAL
- 1<sup>st</sup> Randalstown Presbyterian Church – The Jam Store
- A Safe Space To Be Me
- Whiteabbey Community Group

In addition to tackling food insecurity and fuel poverty the nine groups, in association with other Public, Private, Community/Voluntary sector partners, will also offer a range of other "wrap around" services to participants including money management, debt counselling, benefits advice, healthy eating, promoting good mental health, training and employability skills, volunteering and work placements etc.

Such a holistic approach will provide participants with a pathway out of poverty of which food insecurity is only one factor.

### **Development of a Social Supermarket**

The remaining £10,058.21 would be used to engage a consultant to work with the nine groups to develop a model for a future Social Supermarket/s for the Borough for which DfC is to provide further financial assistance to develop regionally. If established such an initiative will empower participants, help improve their social and emotional wellbeing and enable them to make the transition from poverty to prosperity.

The Director of Community Planning and Head of Community Planning (Interim) provided clarity around the role of the Groups, support available, the opportunity for schools and other organisations to help signpost, consultancy fees and aspirations around Social Supermarkets.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Goodman and agreed that

**the Covid-19 Food and Essential Supplies Transition Fund proposal outlined above be approved.**

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

*Councillors Cooper and McClelland returned to the meeting.*

#### **4 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

##### **4.1 CP/CD/383 NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL END OF YEAR REPORTS**

Members were reminded that the Grange and Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were formally established in April 2006 under funding from the Department for Communities (DfC). These are inter-sectoral partnerships, tasked with driving the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy in Grange (Ballyclare North and South) and Rathcoole (Macedon).

The end of year 2020/2021 report in respect of each Partnership was circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal and Grange Neighbourhood Renewal 2020/2021 end of year reports be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

##### **4.2 AC/HE/029 LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP HISTORICAL ANTRIM STUDY**

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the Community Planning Committee in September 2019 that the Lough Neagh Partnership proposal to conduct a Historic Antrim study be approved. Upon completion of this study it was brought to the October 2020 Community Planning Committee and approved and it was agreed that the Council work in partnership with the Lough Neagh Partnership to develop a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to realise the project opportunities.

This partnership has met regularly to develop the project and an Expression of Interest was submitted to Heritage Fund £250,000 to £5 million Grant Category in March 2021 for a project valued at £1.2 million. All applications for grants in this category must first submit an Expression of Interest in order to be invited to apply for funding.

Lough Neagh Partnership received correspondence from the Heritage Fund, a copy of which was circulated, advising the Partnership that the Heritage Fund would not be inviting an application at this time and would not consider another application for a minimum three-month period.

Members were advised that the Heritage Fund has recently altered their

funding priorities in light of the pandemic and they will prioritise projects that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people (a mandatory outcome)
- boost the local economy
- encourage skills development and job creation
- support wellbeing
- create better places to live, work and visit
- improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage

These priorities closely align with both the Council Recovery Plan priorities and Corporate Strategy Priorities under the three pillars of People, Place and Prosperity.

Work with the Lough Neagh Partnership to develop a redesigned Historic Antrim project, which meets the Heritage Funds current priorities above, have resumed and it was hoped to submit a revised Expression of interest in the coming months with a further update to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Ross and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **4.3 CP/CP/184 COMMISSION FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS REQUEST TO PRESENT TO COMMITTEE**

Correspondence had been received from the Commission for Victims and Survivors and was circulated. They had advised that they had recently completed a number of research projects including a quantitative population survey which provides data on a council by council basis. The Commission is keen to work more closely with Council and Peace Partnerships on social cohesion, good relations and community planning.

They had requested permission to make a presentation to Elected Members and Officers on their proposals.

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

**The Commission for Victims and Survivors be invited to present to a future Community Planning meeting.**

*ACTION BY: Member Services*

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Following a request from a Member, the Director of Community Planning to follow-up on communications and publicity relating to NI Centenary events.

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

There being no further committee business the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.

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**MAYOR**