



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023 AT 6.45 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor T McGrann
- Committee Members (In person)** : Aldermen - J McGrath and S Ross  
Councillors – P Dunlop, N Kelly, R Lynch, B Mallon, V McWilliam, M Ní Chonghaile, A O'Lone, S Ward and S Wilson
- Committee Members (Remote)** : Councillor M Brady
- Non Committee Members (In person)** : Councillor B Webb
- In Attendance (In person)** : Robert McQuiston, Project Co-Ordinator, Antrim & Newtownabbey Seniors Forum  
Stewart McCleave, Chairperson, Antrim & Newtownabbey Seniors Forum
- Officers Present** Chief Executive – R Baker  
Director of Community Planning – U Fay  
Head of Community Planning – R McKenna  
Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism & Events – S Goldrick  
IT Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
Member Services Officer – S Boyd

## CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

### 1 APOLOGIES

Aldermen Boyle and Michael

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 4.1 Councillor Brady  
Item 4.5 Councillor Dunlop

### 3 PRESENTATION

#### 3.1 CP/CD/444 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY SENIORS FORUM

Members were reminded that the Council provided annual support of £15,000 to the Forum and, along with a number of other Community Planning partners, worked with the Forum to manage an annual Service Level Agreement.

The Quarter 1 performance report on delivery of the SLA was reported to the September Community Planning Committee and it was agreed that representatives of the Seniors Forum be invited to the Committee to update Members on their work.

Members noted that the Quarter 2 Report (circulated) was based upon performance measures in the Service Level Agreement.

Mr Robert McQuiston, Project Co-Ordinator and Mr Stewart McCleave, Chairperson, from Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors Forum delivered a presentation on the support they deliver across the Borough to residents in the community who are over 50 years of age.

They responded to Members' queries and the Chairperson and Members thanked Mr McQuiston and Mr McCleave for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that

**the presentation be noted and that the Quarter 2 Quarterly Performance Report on the Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors' Forum be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Conor Cunning, DEA Engagement Manager*

## 4 ITEMS FOR DECISION

### 4.1 CP/CP/113 BARNARDO'S THE THRIVE PROJECT

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 Macedon and Threemilewater DEAs to achieve their full potential and have the best start in life.

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the April 2023 Community Planning Committee to provide £25,000 in financial assistance to Thrive for 2023/24. It was previously agreed at the July 2022 Council Meeting that a quarterly performance report on the Thrive Project be provided to the Community Planning Committee from September 2022.

Elected Members from both the Macedon DEA and the Threemilewater DEA were nominated to serve on the Thrive Board at the Annual Council Meeting on 30 May 2023, with Councillors Brady and Gilmour nominated for their respective DEAs for 2023/24.

The Quarter 2 Performance Report was circulated for Members approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that

**the 2023-24 Quarter 2 Thrive performance report be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Will McDowell, DEA Engagement Coordinator*

### 4.2 CP/CC/009 MUCKAMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE – LADYHILL FLUTE BAND REQUEST

Members were advised that Ladyhill Flute Band had made a request to hire Muckamore Community Centre on Saturday 16 March 2024, 6pm to midnight for a cultural evening. In addition, they had requested permission to apply for a licence to sell alcohol at this event. The consumption and sale of alcohol at Community Centres is permitted with agreement by Council if the relevant licence was obtained by the event organiser.

Members were reminded that a previous request by the band to hold the event on Saturday 18 March 2023 was approved at the January 2023 Community Planning Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**granting of permission for Ladyhill Flute Band to apply for an alcohol licence to sell alcohol in Muckamore Community Centre on Saturday 16 March 2024 be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator*

#### **4.3 CP/CP/213 CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III SUB COMMITTEE**

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting in October 2022 it was agreed to establish a Sub Committee, to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to plan for the Coronation of King Charles III. The final meeting of the Sub Committee was held on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

The minutes of this meeting were circulated for Member's information.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Mallon and agreed that

**the minutes of King Charles III Coronation Sub Committee meeting of 8 November 2023 be approved.**

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

#### **4.4 CP/CP/214 ARMED FORCES DAY 2024**

Members were reminded that the delivery of Armed Forces Day 2024 on Saturday 22 June 2024 was approved at the June 2023 Council Meeting and it was agreed to establish a Working Group.

The third meeting of the Working Group was held at Mossley Mill on Tuesday 14 November 2023 and the minutes were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Alderman Ross

Seconded by Councillor Mallon and agreed that

**the minutes of the Armed Forces Working Group meeting of 14 November 2023 be approved.**

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

*Having declared an Interest in Item 4.5 Councillor Dunlop left the Chamber at this point of the meeting.*

#### **4.5 CP/CD/445 KING'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2023**

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was established in 2002 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II and was the equivalent of an MBE for volunteer led groups that make an outstanding impact in their local community.

It was agreed at the August 2022 Council Meeting that Mayfield Village Community Association and Muckamore Parish Development Association be nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2023.

Following the passing of the Her Majesty the Queen in September 2022 the Awards were suspended, however it was announced in February 2023 that the scheme would continue as the King's Award for Voluntary Service with an annual announcement of winners to be made on the King's birthday on 14 November. The Council's two nominations were automatically carried over to the new King's Award.

On 14 November 2023 the first recipients of the King's Award for Voluntary Service were announced with nine groups from Northern Ireland successful, including both Mayfield Village Community Association and Muckamore Parish Development Association.

As for previous recipients of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, it was proposed that the Council supports the delivery of events for both groups to be formally presented with their awards by the Lord Lieutenant early in 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Alderman McGrath and agreed that

**the delivery of events to formally present Mayfield Village Community Association and Muckamore Parish Development Association with their King's Award for Voluntary Service, at an approximate cost of no more than £10,000, be approved.**

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

*Councillor Dunlop returned to the Chamber at this point of the meeting.*

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

Members were reminded that arrangements for the re-establishment of the Equality and Diversity Working Group, including membership, were approved at the September Community Planning Committee meeting.

A copy of the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group meeting held on 9 November 2023 were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor McGrann and agreed that

**the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group held on 9 November 2023 be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning*

#### **4.7 CP/GR/184, CP/GR/185, CP/GR/186, CP/GR/187 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID**

The 2023/24 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 the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme was to improve day to day relationships by encouraging fair treatment in society in which all cultures and traditions are understood, respected and accepted.

Members were advised that applications were required to score higher than 50% to be deemed successful. Four applications were received in November 2023, scoring above the 50% threshold, requesting a total amount of £7,904.90, which was available within the Good Relations Action Plan approved budget.

A summary of the applications received and an overview of the assessments conducted was circulated for Members' information.

Following a question from a Member in relation to whether the 50% threshold for the Good Relations Grant Aid Policy had been set by Council or the Executive Office, the Director of Community Planning advised that the policy had been set by Council.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that

**the four applications for Good Relations Grant Aid of £7,904.90, as detailed in the enclosure, be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Coordinator*

#### **4.8 CP/PP/008 PEACEPLUS PROGRAMME**

It was reported to the June Council meeting that the SEUPB had issued a call on 15 June 2023 for applications under Theme 1.1, Co-designed Local Community Action Plans.

Under Theme 1.1 local Councils across Northern Ireland and the border counties would submit applications to secure funding to deliver against the actions identified in each Local Community Action Plan.

The closing date for submission of applications under Theme 1.1 was due to be Thursday 14 December 2023.

Members were further reminded that the draft minutes of the PEACEPLUS Partnership meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, were approved at the November Community Planning Committee. The minutes included detail of the programmes approved by the Partnership for inclusion in the Local

Community Action Plans, following on from the extensive engagement and co-design process.

SEUPB had recently engaged with all local Councils, facilitating clinics to discuss the progress of PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plans and applications. Officers met with SEUPB on 31 October.

Following the meeting, correspondence (circulated) had been received from SEUPB, advising of updated guidance and clarification on the level and nature of project specifications required to be included in the application.

It was proposed that the draft Local Community Action Plan was reviewed by the PEACEPLUS Partnership to ensure it met with the updated application guidance provided by SEUPB.

Members were advised that the revised timeline proposed by the SEUPB for submission of applications, by Councils, under Theme 1.1, was:

- Application to be submitted to SEUPB by 28 March 2024
- Target for SEUPB Steering Committee which makes the final decision on whether or not funding was awarded to projects was late August 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

**the review of the draft Local Community Action Plan by the PEACEPLUS Partnership to ensure it meets the updated application guidance provided by SEUPB, be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager*

#### **4.9 AC/HE/044 MEMORIAL FOR CIVILIANS KILLED IN WW2 AIR CRASH AT RAF ALDERGROVE**

Members were advised that on 19 July 1941 a Bristol Blenheim aircraft from 254 Squadron was involved in a fatal crash at RAF Aldergrove when it struck a wireless mast during a low level flight and crashed into the roof of the NAAFI (Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes) building before bursting into flames. All three airmen on board were killed, as was another airman, who had been walking nearby, and six civilian women working in the building.

Memorials have been erected subsequently to the military casualties, but to date there has been no memorial to the civilian casualties. It was proposed to erect a memorial plaque in Killead village to the six civilian women killed in the crash.

Margaret Castles	Blaris Road, Lisburn
Elizabeth Osborne	Ballymacateer, Lurgan
Brigid McGarry	The Largy, Crumlin
Mary Mulholland	Aldergrove

Annie Watson        50 Pernau Street, Belfast  
Annie V. S. Crozier   80 Farnham Street, Belfast

The plaque would be sited close to the original crash site, and it was expected to cost approximately £1,000.

Following a request from a Member, the Director of Community Planning agreed to circulate drawings of the memorial plaque prior to it being installed.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**the installation of a memorial plaque to mark the loss of civilian life arising from the air crash at RAF Aldergrove in 1941 be approved.**

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

#### **4.10 AC/GEN/008 FREE USE OF EYRE STUDIO**

A request from the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) to deliver Near You – Hearing Aid User Support Service sessions at Ballyclare Town hall between June and December 2023 was approved at the Council meeting in June 2023.

Members were advised that a further request for free use had been received from the RNID to deliver similar sessions in the Eyre Studio, Antrim Castle Gardens, once a month throughout 2024. The support services offered were intended to benefit residents of the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that

**the request for free use of the Eyre Studio in Antrim Castle Gardens by the Royal National Institute for Deaf People once a month throughout 2024 be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Jenna Collier, Theatre Bookings, Conference and Events Manager*

#### **4.11 CP/CD/443 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR IN NORTHERN IRELAND.**

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from The Department for Communities (DfC) regarding the draft proposals for the future infrastructure support of the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland.

DfC welcomed views and responses on the proposed framework through consultation events being hosted both in person and online throughout



November and December 2023. The consultation schedule was listed below:

When	Where	Eventbrite Booking Details
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 11:00am – 12:30pm	The Junction, Dungannon	<a href="#">The Junction</a>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 11:00am – 12:30pm	Holywell Trust, Derry-Londonderry	<a href="#">Holywell Trust</a>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Virtual (Microsoft Teams)	<a href="#">Virtual</a>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual (Microsoft Teams)	<a href="#">Virtual</a>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 11:00am – 12:30pm	The Braid, Ballymena	<a href="#">The Braid</a>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 11:00am – 12:30pm	Duncairn Centre, Belfast	<a href="#">Duncairn Centre</a>

The events would take the form of roundtable discussions and were an opportunity to share thoughts, ideas or comments. DfC also welcomed views and responses on the proposed framework via an online survey or via email at [vcinfrastructure@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vcinfrastructure@communities-ni.gov.uk).

It was proposed that an Officer from the Council's Community Planning team participates in the consultation programme and that the Council responds to the consultation on a corporate basis.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that

- a) the participation of an Officer in the Department for Communities consultation programme on Future Infrastructure Support of the Community and Voluntary Sector, be approved;**
- b) Council responds to the consultation on a Corporate basis.**

*ACTION BY: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager*

#### **4.12 ACTE/ED/TOU/006 DRAFT TOURISM STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND: 10 YEAR PLAN**

Members were advised that the Department for the Economy had launched a public consultation on a draft Tourism Strategy for Northern

Ireland, which outlined a ten-year plan to increase the value of tourism. A copy was circulated for Members' information.

The draft strategy set out a vision that sought to establish Northern Ireland as a year round world class destination renowned for its authentic experiences, landscape, heritage and culture which benefits communities, the economy and the environment, with sustainability at its core.

Councils had already had an input into the development of this strategy through participation in a Culture and Heritage Leadership Group led by Tourism NI. The Group included representatives of Tourism NI, Arts Council NI, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Department for Communities, Department for Economy, National Museums NI and SOLACE. The Council's Director of Community Planning was the nominated SOLACE representative on the Group.

The consultation opened on 6 November 2023 and would close on the 12 January 2024. It was proposed to respond to the consultation on a corporate basis.

Following a question from a Member on the tourism staffing structure, the Director of Community Planning provided clarity on the structure, and advised Members that there were interim arrangements in place to cover vacancies.

Proposed by Alderman Ross  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**the Council responds to the consultation on a draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland on a corporate basis.**

*ACTION BY: Katherine Gardiner, Tourism Officer*

#### **4.13 AC/EV/025 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR**

Members were advised that the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group met on 13 September in Ballyclare Town Hall to commence planning for the May Fair 2024. The third meeting was held on 29 November 2023 and the minutes of the meeting were circulated for Members information.

At the meeting revised Terms of Reference for the Working Group were approved and were circulated for Members' information

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**the minutes of the May Fair Working Group meeting of the 29 November 2023, including revised Working Group Terms of Reference, be approved.**

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

## **5 ITEMS FOR NOTING**

### **5.1 FI/FIN/004 BUDGET REPORTS 2023/24**

As agreed at the August Council meeting, quarterly budget reports would be presented to the relevant Committee or Working Group. All financial reports would be available to all Members. A short presentation outlining the Community Planning Summary Budget Report would be provided by the Director of Community Planning.

The overall financial position of the Council would be presented to the Policy & Governance Committee. Budget reports for Community Planning for Quarter 2 – April to September 2023 were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

### **5.2 PT/CI/049 PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/24 - PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 2 – COMMUNITY PLANNING**

As agreed at the August Council meeting, quarterly performance reports would be presented to the relevant Committee or Working Group

Members were reminded that Part 12 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 puts in place a framework to support the continuous improvement of Council services.

The Council's Corporate Performance and Improvement Plan 2023-24 was approved in June 2023. This set out a range of robust performance targets, along with six identified improvement objectives and a number of Statutory Performance Targets.

A second quarter progress report for Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Events and Community Planning was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

### 5.3 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 iPads.

<b>Community Development</b>		
<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Name of Partnership</b>
D/Gen/91	-	Antrim and Newtownabbey Citizens Advice Bureau
D/CSP/48	28/06/23	Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
D/DP/67	-	Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
D/DP/67	21/06/23 05/07/23	Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
	-	Joint Cohesion Group
CP/GR/43	-	Traveller Issues Local Government Partnership

Proposed by Councillor McGrann  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**the Partnership Minutes be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

### 5.4 CP/GEN/047 IPB PRIDE OF PLACE AWARDS 2023

Members were reminded of the annual IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland, the aim of which was 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.

In May 2023 the Council nominated three groups to take part in the competition namely:

- All About Us – ASD Teens (Community Wellbeing Initiative)
- Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group (Housing Estates/Residents Associations)
- Newtownabbey Men's Shed (Creative Place Initiative)

Judging of the three entries took place in August 2023 and the awards ceremony was hosted on Friday 10 November 2023 at the Armagh City Hotel.

It was agreed at the October Community Planning Committee meeting that Members and Officers attend the Awards Ceremony along with representatives of the nominated groups.

At the Awards Ceremony Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group were announced as winners and All About Us - ASD Teens were awarded runners up of their respective categories. Newtownabbey Men's Shed received a Certificate of Recognition for their nomination.

Several Members congratulated not just those who had received awards but also groups which had been nominated, and thanked Officers for the support they had provided.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*NO ACTION*

#### **5.5 CP/CD/443 RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK SURVEY ON HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION IN THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR.**

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from The Rural Community Network regarding a scoping exercise that was being carried out to build an understanding of how the voluntary and community sector contributed to the development and delivery of Health and Social Care Services in this region.

The Rural Community Network (RCN) was seeking to understand the current levels of funding investment and the value of this contribution in terms of staff, funding, volunteers and partnerships. RCN was also attempting to identify the sustainability issues currently faced by Voluntary and Community Sector.

The first phase of the project was to undertake a baseline survey of Voluntary and Community contributions to the Health Service, the survey could be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7R3LWBJ>  
To promote participation, it was proposed that an Officer from the Council's Community Planning team would inform and encourage Voluntary and Community groups within the Borough involved in Health and Social Care to participate in the scoping exercise and subsequent engagement sessions to be organised by RCN.

More information could be found at the following link:  
<https://co3.org.uk/health-sig/>

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

NO ACTION

## 5.6 AC/TOU/049 HOLIDAY WORLD SHOW 2024

Members were advised that Holiday World shows are held annually in January both in Belfast and Dublin attracting 410 and 700 exhibitors as well as 23,000 and 30,000 visitors respectively. These events provided an opportunity for tourism providers to promote their offer with shows targeting both the Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland markets.

The 2024 events were scheduled to take place at the Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast from 19 to 21 January and at the RDS in Dublin from 26 to 28 January 2024.

It was proposed that the Council participated in both shows by taking stand space and having an Officer presence to promote the Council's tourism offer. Tourism Officers would extend an invitation to local accommodation and tourism providers to participate in both shows alongside the Council's Tourism team.

Costs for participating in Holiday World Belfast and Dublin were £1,144 and €1,690 respectively, provision for which exists in the 2023/24 tourism budgets.

Following a question from a Member relating to who would attend from the tourism team the Director of Community Planning reiterated the interim staffing arrangements and confirmed that Officers from the tourism team would be in attendance.

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop  
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

**the report be noted.**

*ACTION BY: Katherine Gardiner, Tourism Officer*

### **PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'**

Proposed by Councillor Mallon  
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed

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

## 6 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

### 6.1 **IN CONFIDENCE** CP/CF/001 COMMUNITY FACILITIES REVIEW

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

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

- Monkstown Jubilee Centre
- The Sovereign Complex Rathfern

Members were also reminded that on completion of the Community Centres Capacity Building Programme it was approved at the September Committee that the Council entered into a Service Management Agreement with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff for an initial 12-month trial period, including an annual grant of £15,000.

The draft Service Management Agreement was circulated for Members' information with a proposed commencement date of 1 January 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Ní Chonghaile and agreed that

**the Service Management Agreement with Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group to operate The Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff commencing on 1 January 2024, be approved.**

*ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning*

**PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'**

Proposed by Alderman McGrath

Seconded by Councillor Wilson and agreed

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

*Alderman Ross left the meeting.*

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

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A Member requested that following positive feedback on the Enchanted Winter Garden event this year, that thanks be passed on to the Officers involved in the event.

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

The Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events agreed to follow up with a Member regarding a proposed street art project which had been discussed in October's Community Planning Committee meeting.

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

There being no further Committee business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance, wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The meeting concluded at 7.18 pm.

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**MAYOR**