

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Open Minutes of Health and Community Committee of Derry City and Strabane District Council held in the Chamber, Guildhall, Derry, on Thursday 14 February 2019 at 4.00pm.

Present: - Councillor R McHugh (Chairperson); Aldermen McClintock and Thompson; Councillors Campbell, Carlin, Cusack, Donnelly, Duffy, McGinley, Mellon, Reilly, Robinson and Tierney.

Non-members of Committee:- Alderman Hussey and Councillor Carr.

In Attendance: - Director of Health and Community (Mrs K McFarland), Head of Community Development and Leisure (Mr B O'Hagan), Head of Health and Community Wellbeing (Mr S Donaghy), Children and Young People's Co-ordinator (Ms C Lynch), PA to Health and Community Director (Mrs L Shields) and Committee Services Assistant (Mrs T Johnstone).

HC32/19 Notice and Summons for Meeting

The Director of Health and Community read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

HC33/19 Members Attendance and Apologies

The Director of Health and Community recorded Members attendance. Apologies were received from Alderman R Hamilton.

HC34/19 Declarations of Members' Interests

Councillor McGinley declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 10 – Update on Additional Funding Secured through the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

Councillor Mellon declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 10 – Update on Additional Funding Secured through the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

Councillor Tierney declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 10 – Update on Additional Funding Secured through the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

Alderman Thompson declared an interest in the following agenda items:

- Agenda item 10 – Update on Additional Funding Secured through the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
- Agenda item 8 – Call for Good Relations Funding for a Three Year Period from the Executive Office.

Councillor Reilly declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 10 – Update on Additional Funding Secured through the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

Councillor Carlin declared an interest in the following agenda item:

- Agenda item 8 – Call for Good Relations Funding for a Three Year Period from the Executive Office.

Open for Decision

HC35/19 Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's Business

HC36/19 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Health and Community Committee held on Thursday 17 January 2018

The open Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2019 (HC1/19 – HC26/19) were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

HC37/19 Youth 19 Update

The Chair invited the Children's and Young People's Co-ordinator to make her presentation to the Committee which highlighted the following:

- The Strategic Growth Plan Commitment is to engage and empower young people through their participation in the development of an inclusive programme of events and initiatives for Year of Youth 2019
- Youth 19 is a year dedicated to young people aged 12-24
- It will promote the voices, needs, priorities and rights of young people

- The programme supports young people to take a leading role and 'make change happen'
- Provide partners with the opportunity to work more collaboratively to improve outcomes for young people
- Build effective cross border co-operation in the development and delivery of youth participation programmes
- Key themes include; promote positive health and wellbeing, engagement and participation of young people, youth recognition and access and inclusion
- Youth 19 Golden Events and Grant Aid has received 19 applications with 5 letters of offer being issued
- Wide variety of Golden Events scheduled until November 2019 to include; Wellbeing Festival, Electronic Dance Festival, Digital Youth Festival and Youth Voices
- A marketing and events steering group has been launched to oversee and shape the opening events.

The Chair thanked the Children and Young People's Co-ordinator for her presentation and remarked on an exciting programme with a wide variety of events. He then invited comments from Members.

Alderman Hussey stated that as Deputy Mayor, he had the privilege of being in attendance at several launches within the Youth 19 programme. He stated that the response from young people had been overwhelming and extended his sincere congratulations to everyone involved.

Councillor Mellon thanked the Children and Young People's Co-ordinator and her team for all the hard work undertaken on the programme and noted that young people were responsible for its' design and implementation. She queried if any consideration had been given to groups who had been unsuccessful for the Golden Events but were involved in working with youth at a community level. She then asked when the programme schedule for Golden Events would be available.

In response, the Children and Young People's co-ordinator stated that an announcement would be made regarding the Golden Events after the opening event. She stated that officers were liaising with the Community Development team and that governance arrangements for the Local Community Plan were currently in the process of being set up. She advised that once those structures were in place, the Children and Young People's committees would explore the contingency budget

that could be used within local communities to enable those youth organisations who were not successful for the Golden Events, to be engaged at a grass roots level.

Councillor Reilly thanked the Children and Young People's Co-ordinator for the report and commented on the huge amount of work carried out to bring the programme to this stage. He referred to the Golden Events and queried if there were any plans within the programme to bring young people together with older citizens within the community as this may break down the age barrier between the generations.

In response, the Children and Young People's Co-ordinator stated that an event as part of the Spring Carnival in Strabane had been identified for intergenerational activity. She stated that it was hoped to use this event as a model going forward. She added that events such as buddying programmes with school children and the elderly were also being considered going forward.

The Chair thanked the Children and Young People's Co-ordinator for her presentation on the implementation of the Youth 19 programme and wished her well with the project.

HC38/19 Call for Good Relations Funding for a Three Year Period from the Executive Office

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to inform Members of a change to the mechanism of Good Relations funding by the Executive Office, from an annual programme to a three year programme.

Alderman McClintock thanked officers for the report and said that she was happy to endorse the recommendation to approve the submission of the plan.

Councillor Tierney welcomed the report and stated that any work towards the promotion of good relations in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area was to be welcomed.

The Committee

Recommended That Members approve the submission of a Good Relations

**Action Plan to the Executive Office
on 15 February subject to approval
by full Council in March 2019**

Open for Information

HC39/19 Playing Pitch Report Update

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report, previously circulated to Members for information. The purpose of the report was to update Members on the current position on the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy.

Alderman Hussey outlined issues contained within the report which he stated, needed to be addressed. He referred to 2.4 '*Prioritising key facility developments in relation to play pitches and support ancillary services has now been produced*', and stated that it did not include the potential for development of Council's existing facilities particularly at Spamount and Castledearg. He stated that Council had fantastic sports facilities which could be further enhanced with the installation of lighting. He asked that a report be brought forward regarding the provision of lights at pitches within Council's remit. He referred to the 7 percent surplus for the provision of pitches throughout the Council area and noted that it was much lower compared to other Council areas, particularly regarding association football. He referred to the lack of provision for hockey and rugby within the Sperrin and Derg DEAs. He stated that Strabane once had a vibrant men's hockey team and felt that more encouragement to develop hockey and rugby needs was required.

The Chair informed Alderman Hussey that a report would be brought forward as requested.

Alderman Thompson welcomed the report, however he felt that more detail was required. He referred to a recommendation that a capital investment programme for sports clubs be established to recognise sports facility providers, and stated that there was no indication on how to proceed with same. He referred to aspirations within the strategy and stated that more in depth information was required on how these would progress particularly at Donemana Pitch and Clooney Park West Playing Fields. He also referred to a hockey project for Strabane Academy and asked if any discussions had taken place regarding securing support from Council.

The Chair reminded Members that the report had been approved at a previous Committee meeting prior to planned consultation and that further updates would be provided.

The Head of Community Development and Leisure welcomed Members comments and stated that the projects within the survey and strategy had not received funding apart from those agreed at the Capital Working Group. He stated that a detailed report on how Council would deliver on the action plan would be presented at a future meeting of Committee. He advised that the purpose of the report was in regard to a specific query arising from the previous presentation provided by the consultancy team that had not been considered. He stated that officers, would be carrying out a similar exercise with private clubs throughout the City and District to be included in the action plan for consideration by the Senior Leadership Team, Capital Working Group and subsequently through the Health and Community Committee. He stated that the Committee would then consider proposals regarding the delivery of the strategy and action plan and also address the shortfall and the relevant funding.

In response, to a query from Alderman Hussey regarding the consultation process, the Head of Community Development and Leisure stated that an update on the consultation process would be included in the further report requested.

Councillor Tierney stated that whilst he appreciated the tremendous amount of work involved, he stated that he had been regularly contacted by constituents regarding progress at Culmore Playing Fields and Ballyarnett Park. He asked that the report be brought as soon as possible in order to give assurance that progress was happening.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the current position regarding the playing pitch report with officers to continue to engage with clubs who own their facilities to produce an additional appendix to the Strategy specific for privately owned facilities and that a further detailed report be provided.

HC40/19 Update on Additional Funding Secured through the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

The Head of Community Development and Leisure presented the above report for information, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to update Members on additional funding support secured by the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) from the Department of Justice and Department for Communities.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the additional funding support of £191,374.36 secured by the PCSP from the Department of Justice and Department for Communities.

HC41/19 Licensing Activity from 1 October 2018 – 31 December 2018

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to inform Members of Licensing Activity for the period 1 October 2018 – 31 December 2018.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the Licensing Activity from 1 October 2018 – 31 December 2018.

HC42/19 Road Closure Application for Special Events: Period 1 October 2018 – 31 December 2018

The Head of Health and Community Wellbeing presented the above report for information, which had been previously circulated to Members. The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an update on applications received to close roads for special events including status for the period October – December 2018.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the content of the report.

HC43/19 Correspondence

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members regarding correspondence received by Council.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

HC44/19 Consultations

The Director of Health and Community presented the above report for information, previously circulated to Members regarding consultation papers received by Council.

The Committee

Recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

The Meeting then went into Confidential Business.