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## Notices of Motion

- [Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Thursday 24 June 2021 4.00 pm \(Item 12.\) \(ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=189&MID=1768#A127780\)](#)

### Councillor Duffy to Move:

Déanann an Chomhairle comhghairdeas leis na grúpaí siúd, Studio 2, The North West Amateur Radio Club agus Amelia Earhart Derry Group a bhíonn samhlaíoch agus cruthaitheach ag cinntiú go gcuimhnítear ar leagáid tuairlingt Amelia Earhart i nDoire agus go gceiliúrtar í mar chéim mhór chun tosaigh in eitlíocht na mban.

Ceiliúránn 2022 an 90ú cuimhneachán den tuairlingt stairiúil seo i gceantar Ballyarnett.

Chun an ócáid a cheiliúradh mar is cuí, oibreoidh an Chomhairle leis na grúpaí leasmhara chun clár imeachtaí a fhorbairt agus a sholáthar. Bheadh mór-ócáid i mBallyarnett i gceist chun an cuimhneachán a ceangal leis an suíomh tuairlingte.

Cuirfidh an Chomhairle páipéar faoi bhráid an choiste chuí chun roghanna don chlár imeachtaí a phlé.

Council congratulates those groups including Studio 2, the North West Amateur Radio Club and the Amelia Earhart Derry Group, who have been imaginative and creative in ensuring that the legacy of Amelia Earhart's landing in Derry is remembered and celebrated for its great stride in female aviation.

2022 will mark the 90th anniversary of this historic landing in the Ballyarnett area.

To appropriately mark the occasion, Council will work with the interested groups to develop and deliver a programme of events. This should include a major event in Ballyarnett to link the anniversary with the landing site.

Council will bring back a paper to the appropriate committee to discuss options for the programme of events.

**Alderman Ramsey to Move:**

Council recognises the deficit in play provision across the District as identified in the Play Park Strategy. This has been added to with a number of parks currently closed due to health and safety concerns with no plan in place for replacement. Whilst acknowledging the very significant capital aspirations and competing priorities for investment, Council supports the need for new investment to be identified within its capital strategy to address these deficits.

**Councillor Doyle to Move:**

That this Council notes the impact on community wellbeing of green spaces and the pride communities take in parks in their areas;

Notes the Ballyarnett Country Park Landscape Masterplan and pending Outline Planning Permission for the project;

Expresses concern at the current state of Ballyarnett Country Park including damaged surfaces, lack of amenities, anti-social behaviour occurrences and lack of disabled access and;

Calls for a multi-disciplinary team to be established for the purpose of surveying the entirety of the park, identifying remedial works, maintenance, oversight and bringing the park to its full potential by producing a plan with park users and nearby residents as to its facilities and usage whilst capital funding for the masterplan is secured.

**Councillor McHugh to Move:**

Council notes the ongoing issues with community safety and anti-social behaviour in rural areas and how frightening this can be, particularly for our elderly and vulnerable population.

Council notes the positive impact community safety wardens have had across Derry City and Strabane town responding to incidents and providing support and assistance to residents in their homes and providing safety information to schools and the community and voluntary sector.

Council recognises that there is a deficit in this service within our rural towns and villages, therefore Council commits to work with PCSP, Housing Executive, DfC, DoJ and other relevant departments to fund and establish the roll out of the community warden scheme into the rural towns and villages of the Derg DEA.

Tugann an Chomhairle faoi deara saincheisteanna leanúnacha a bhaineann le sábháilteacht an phobail agus iompar frithshóisialta i gceantair thuaithe agus cé chomh scanrúil is a bhíonn an t-iompar seo dár bpobal aosta is leochaileach ach go háirithe.

Tugann an Chomhairle faoi deara an tionchar dearfach a bhíonn ag maoir shábháilteachta pobail ar fud Chathair Dhoire agus bhaile an tSratha Báin ag freagairt d'eachtraí agus ag soláthar tacaíochta agus cúnamh d'áitritheoirí ina dtíthe agus ag soláthar faisnéise sábháilteachta do scoileanna agus don earnáil phobail agus dheonach.

Aithníonn an Chomhairle go bhfuil easnamh sa tseirbhís seo inár mbailte agus sráidbhailte tuaithe. Ar an ábhar sin, geallann an Chomhairle co-oibriú le PCSP, Feidhmeannas Tithíochta, DFC, DOJ agus ranna ábhartha eile chun rolladh amach na scéime maor pobail a mhaoiniú agus a bhunú i mbailte tuaithe Cheantar Thoghchánach na Déirge.

**Councillor Farrell to Move:**

That this Council insists that the New Decade, New Approach commitment to bring forward proposals for the expansion of Magee to 10,000 students must be delivered;

expresses concern that over 500 days have passed since the publication of New Decade, New Approach and that no expansion proposals have been produced;

asserts that the First Ministers have governance and oversight responsibility for all New Decade, New Approach commitments and that the Economy Minister has responsibility for Magee expansion;

calls on the First Ministers and the Economy Minister to work collaboratively to ensure that the Magee expansion proposals are produced immediately;

and further calls for the expansion of Magee to 10,000 students to be included as a commitment in the forthcoming Programme for Government.

**Councillor Edwards to Move:**

That Council recognises the need to review and advance the Sion Mills Master Plan to provide for local businesses, residents and visitors to the area.

That Council further recognises the need to develop Mourneside Walk given it is one of only a few Council controlled outdoor recreation facilities in the area.

That this development of Mourneside Walk should focus on enhancing the area, including the potential of extending the river walkway to Victoria Bridge and Strabane, in addition to connecting Sion Mills to the Glebe and to Clady.

That Council agrees to review the Sion Mills master plan given recent business investment in the village, in addition to the need to develop outdoor recreation space within the area, and agrees to bring forward an update to the Environment and Regeneration Committee.

This Council further recognises there are staffing and resource implications in advancing capital projects and agrees to continue to engage with all relevant Stormont Departments to identify how they can assist progressing our capital plans.

**Councillor O'Neill to Move:**

Council notes the legal and social movement globally for the 'Rights of Nature' aimed to strengthen protections for people, place and planet.

Council recognises that 'Rights of Nature' can help catalyse an innovative rethinking about how to create regenerative, not extra-activist economies while also making human and other living communities safer, stronger and more resilient.

Council commends the excellent work already being done by Council officers on the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis but recognises the need for a rights based approach to nature.

Council will, over the next 6 months, collaborate with civic society (including The Gathering, Friends of the Earth Northern Ireland and trade unions) to explore what rights of nature mean for the people and economies of the region and to investigate how Rights of Nature could be expressed in community plans, corporate plans, improvement objectives and other strategic frameworks. In particular, the Council will in the next 6 months hold two community workshops and work with the local community and stakeholders to draw up a Declaration for the Rights of Nature for the Council area to be brought back before Council for adoption.

Council asks for a report to come to Council on embedding 'Rights of Nature' as a keystone concept into Council's operational practices, planning processes and long term decision making.

Council notes our position as a border region and our mutual environmental obligations under the Espoo Convention and so invites Donegal County Council, in addition to all Councils in the North to also explore 'Rights of Nature' for their Council areas.

**Councillor Harkin to Move:**

Council notes low-pay is a pivotal contributing factor to alarming deprivation and inequality statistics in Derry and Strabane District and across the entire North West. Council agrees ending the blight of low-pay is an urgent action central to a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy.

Council notes the New Decade New Approach agreed "that powers to set minimum wage levels should be made a devolved matter". Council further notes its disappointment that since NDNA was agreed by all parties and the Assembly restored, the Executive has thus far failed to take action on this hard-won demand. Council will write to the Minister for the Economy and the Stormont Executive for a full report on actions taken to devolve power to set minimum wage levels.

Council calls on the Stormont Executive as a matter of urgency to empower itself, as already agreed, to set minimum wage levels. Council calls on the Stormont Executive to act within the mandate of this Assembly to set minimum wage levels based on real living wages.

Council will invite the Minister for the Economy to present on their plan, and that of the Stormont Executive, to devolve minimum wage levels in order to set real living wage levels.

Council gives its full solidarity to all efforts towards establishing real living wages.

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