

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

1 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Committee of the Ards and North Down Borough Council which will be held in the **Council Chamber, 2 Church Street, Newtownards** on **Wednesday 9 May 2018** commencing at **7.00 pm**.

Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be available from 7.00 pm.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Reid
Chief Executive
Ards and North Down Borough Council

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Deputation
 - 3.1 Department for Education
4. Community Development Game Plan 2018/2019 – Includes Presentation by Stephen Addy (Report attached)
5. Good Relations Strategy 2019/2022 – Includes Presentation by Blu Zebra (Report attached)
6. Peace IV Minutes dated 16 November 2017 (Copy attached)
7. Arts and Heritage Panel Minutes dated 5 February 2018 (Copy attached)
8. Community Development Grants Assessment 2018/2019 (Report attached)
9. Appointment of PCSP Chair for 2018/2019 (Report attached)
10. Cemetery Charges Additional Inscriptions (Report attached)
11. Redburn Users Forum (Report attached)

12. Ards and North Down Sports Forum (Report attached)
13. Proposed Membership Charges for New Ards Leisure Centre (Report attached)
14. Notices of Motion
 - 14.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Smart and Councillor Kennedy

That this Council, accepts the importance of accessible green space to the mental and physical wellbeing of town dwellers; notes the fact that Newtownards Town has limited public park provision; agrees to the creation of such a park and associated car parking, adjoining the proposed new greenway, at the redundant former landfill site adjacent to the floodgates on the Portaferry Road, Newtownards and brings back a report to include details of design, cost and funding opportunities.

- 14.2 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Robinson

That this Council welcomes the Safe Place initiative and supports our local PCSP to put measures in place to make Ards and North Down Borough a Safe Place.

- 14.3 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Smith

Last year in our area of Ards and North Down Borough Council there were nine burials of under 18 year olds in the period 01/04/17 to 31/03/18. Three burials were in the Movilla Cemetery, three were in Clandeboye Cemetery, one in Kirkistown Cemetery, one in Redburn Cemetery and one in Ballyvester Cemetery. This number includes burials for stillborn children.

The price was £65.00 for the burial of an under 18-year-old, but future charges will show an increase of 5% in line with Council policy resulting in an increase of £3.00 to £68.00.

Grieving parents can face hundreds of pounds to cover all costs involved in funeral and burial arrangements.

Therefore, I proposed that Ards and North Down Borough Council set the marker by waiving the cost of opening a grave only for those under 18yrs as a gesture of goodwill at a difficult time in any parents' lives.

This of course would be subject to Equality Screening.

I would also ask that a report be brought back to look at similar schemes in England and Wales which could be introduced by the N I Assembly. This would in effect be that all costs regarding funeral and burial arrangements would be covered by government.

15. Any Other Notified Business

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE (18 MEMBERS)

Alderman Irvine	Councillor Edmund
Alderman Smith	Councillor Kennedy
Councillor Adair	Councillor Martin
Councillor Boyle	Councillor McAlpine
Councillor Brooks (Chairman)	Councillor Menagh
Councillor Chambers	Councillor Muir
Councillor Cooper	Councillor Smart
Councillor Douglas (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Dunne	Councillor Woods