



**Present**

**Members:**

**Cllr Oliver McMullan (Chair).**

**Cllr Sandra Hunter.**

**Ald Joan Baird.**

**Cllr Dermot Nicholl.**

**Officers:**

**Richard Baker – Director,**

**Julienne Elliott – Interim Head of Service**

<b>NO.</b>		<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
	Welcome from the Chair	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Apologies from Councillor Helena Dallat-O'Driscoll.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notes of Meeting held on 28 March 22</b>	
	Minutes approved by the members present.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Agri-food research project</b>	
	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council in partnership with Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and Mid Ulster District Council in January 2022 directed a tender to undertake research at a sub-regional level into the wider economic outlook of the agri-food sector, to identify possible economic interventions to aid economic recovery and inclusive regional balanced growth. This action arose as part of an 11 councils' discussion on the Economic Recovery Action Plan. The report was funded through	AP1 - The Rural and Agricultural Working Group are to review the 9 recommendations and provide feed-

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	<p>the Economic Recovery Sub Regional Grant and led by Armagh City Banbridge &amp; Craigavon Borough Council.</p> <p>Agri-Food specialists Birnie Consultancy were appointed to undertake the work and the full report is provided at <b>Annex A</b>.</p> <p>The report will provide evidence for council going forward in relation to the agri-food sector which was identified as a sector to sustain and grow within the Recovery &amp; Renewal Economic Strategy for the Causeway Coast and Glens, pg. 53 <a href="#">CCAGBC - Economic Development Strategy 2020 to 2035.pdf</a> (<a href="#">causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p><b>Report Highlights</b></p> <p>The Sub Regional Report considered underpinning strategies and policies and researched the current agri-food sector across the 4 councils relevant to the key agri-food Challenges, the economic value of agri-food, Business interactions, current trends and existing support.</p> <p>Analysis of the Causeway Coast and Glens area notes that 50% of registered food businesses are from farmers and growers. The food businesses also have an excellent hygiene rating with 1209 businesses receiving a 5* rating.</p> <p>The total economic output relative to agri-food detailed below shows that Agricultural production equates to 12.8% of the total economic value for the region and agri-food production 25.7%</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="465 1091 1628 1310"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Total Economic Value of Region</th> <th>Total Value of Agricultural Production</th> <th>% of Total Economic Value</th> <th>Total Value of Agri-Food Production</th> <th>% of Total Economic Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Causeway Coast and Glens</td> <td>£1.9 billion<sup>1</sup></td> <td>£244m</td> <td>12.8%</td> <td>£488 million</td> <td>25.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Total Economic Value of Region	Total Value of Agricultural Production	% of Total Economic Value	Total Value of Agri-Food Production	% of Total Economic Value	Causeway Coast and Glens	£1.9 billion <sup>1</sup>	£244m	12.8%	£488 million	25.7%							<p>back to officers by the 22 July 2022.</p> <p>Comments are to be conveyed to Birnie Consulting.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> A snapshot of the local economy in Causeway Coast & Glens: COVID-19 and after  
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	<p>9 recommendations for future actions based on the feedback from stakeholders, examples of best practice have been detailed within the report by Birnie Consultancy and are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create comprehensive, effective communication and record keeping within each council region.</li> <li>2. Ensure Joined up working between the council, Invest NI and other connected organisations.</li> <li>3. Create a programme which supports all food businesses to collect and use data and to implement automation.</li> <li>4. Create an aesthetically appealing environment for business.</li> <li>5. Create space and services to accelerate food business growth.</li> <li>6. Intentionally focus on the delivery of culture change in agriculture and agri-food business.</li> <li>7. Provide advice and support to enable businesses to improve and market sustainability.</li> <li>8. Create events and networks which promote local food production and attract visitors.</li> <li>9. Engage with the Assembly on the delivery of the 10X Agri-Tech Cluster.</li> </ol> <p>Each of these recommendations have accompanying actions to consider [see pages 85-87 of the report in <b>Annex A</b>].</p> <p>Council officers will use this document to plan for future activity within Prosperity &amp; Place to sustain and grow the agri-food sector as part of the Recovery and Renewal Economic Strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens.</p>	
5.	<b>SSRP</b>	
	<p><b><u>Armoy - Playparks (Church Road and Turnarobert).</u></b></p> <p>Equipment suggestions have been shared with Armoy Community Association for feedback on 27/6/22. Some accessible equipment has been included in the list and</p>	

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	<p>we are willing to take any further suggestions from the community on items they would like to see included. (This list can be found in a separate attachment).</p> <p>Cycle path (Church Road to Lime Park)</p> <p>Topographical survey received and drawing produced by Capital Projects Team. This drawing has been sent to Planners for comment and advice re Planning Application requirement. Engagement with the community to take place following Planners comments. (To coincide with the playpark meeting).</p> <p><b><u>Burnfoot – Sports Pavilion</u></b></p> <p>Pavilion and car parking drawing has been provided to the Community group and hopeful of an engagement meeting week commencing 4/7/22.</p> <p>When agreement is reached, Planning Application will commence by Capital Projects Team. (No issues).</p> <p><b><u>Cushendall – Coastal Walk</u></b></p> <p>Proposals for works have been prepared and these have been agreed by the Coast &amp; Countryside Team. Issued to Planners for comment. When finalised, engagement with Community will begin week commencing 4/7/22</p> <p>(No issues)</p> <p><b><u>Dernaflaw – MUGA</u></b></p> <p>Proposal finalised and shared with the Community Group and school principal Hopeful of a Community engagement week commencing 4/7/22.</p> <p><b><u>Dervock -MUGA</u></b></p> <p>Drawings for both locations received. (Riverside Park &amp; Community Centre) Planning comments on both proposed locations also received Proposal to be shared with Community following meeting with DEA councillors: Location issues:</p>	

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	<p>Location in Riverside Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The available space will not accommodate a full size MUGA (29m x 16m).</li> <li>• The site may be within a flood plain which could impact on the Planning decision.</li> <li>• An increase in traffic with limited parking could be a factor within Planning.</li> <li>• The loss of open space could be a factor within Planning.</li> <li>• Installation of lighting for the MUGA at this location could be a factor within Planning.</li> <li>• Overhead electricity wires could be a factor.</li> </ul> <p>Location at Community Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full size MUGA is possible at this site (36m x 18m)</li> <li>• Reduction in size of the grass pitch may be an issue however it is mitigated by the proximity of 2 other grass pitches.</li> <li>• There would be no issue with increased traffic as there are ample parking spaces</li> <li>• Changing facilities are available.</li> <li>• Primary school is nearby allowing convenient, safe access for children.</li> <li>• The local football team could make use of the MUGA during winter months when adverse weather affects training conditions on grass.</li> <li>• Lighting would not present any difficulties from a Planning perspective.</li> <li>• The remaining area of the grass pitch could be reconfigured into a smaller training pitch suitable for practice or under-age/school games.</li> <li>• Change of use would not be a factor within Planning as this is already designated as a sports area.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Given the short implementation time available for the project and with Topographical surveys to be completed and a Planning application to be submitted, it is imperative that there is agreement on the final location of the MUGA bearing in mind all of the factors above.</p> <p>Should a Planning application fail, there would be no time remaining to submit a further application and get the project delivered within the timescales available. The funding would potentially be lost to Dervock.</p> <p><b><u>Drumsurn – Community Facility</u></b></p> <p>Drawing of new path and groundworks including cycle stands etc provided and sent to Planners for comment.</p> <p>To be shared with the community and no problems envisaged.</p> <p>Thereafter, procurement process can begin.</p> <p><b><u>Gortnaghey</u></b></p> <p>Nonmaterial changes for additional gate and lighting submitted to Planners. Awaiting responses before seeking landowners permissions and commencing procurement.</p> <p><b><u>Magilligan – MUGA</u></b></p> <p>Design for MUGA to be prepared by Capital Works Team week commencing 27/6/22 Meeting with community will follow receipt of drawing.</p> <p>(No issues)</p> <p>Planning application required.</p> <p><b><u>Mosside – Community Hall</u></b></p> <p>Works on the ‘Barn’ only.</p> <p>Consultant to be appointed to produce a 3D design for the final project so that the community can understand what this would look like. When received, these will be shared with the community for comment and follow-up meeting will be arranged.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>Rasharkin – Heating and Lighting Systems for the Community Facility.</u></b></p> <p>Drawing for new path to be finalised by Capital Works Team week commencing 27/6/22. These will be shared with Community for comment and shared with Planners for advice re Permissions required.</p>	
6.	<b>AORB</b>	
	<p>Proposed by Councillor Hunter, Seconded by Alderman Baird, this Group writes to the DAERA Minister asking for clarity with regard to the NI Protocol and the impact upon the import of veterinary medicine into Northern Ireland.</p>	AP 2
7.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 1700hrs.	

**Meeting closed at 6PM**



**Present  
Members:**

**Cllr Oliver McMullan (Chair)**

**Cllr Chivers**

**Cllr Sandra Hunter**

**Ald McQuillan**

**Cllr Knight McQuillan**

**Cllr MA McKillop**

**Officers:**

**Richard Baker – Director**

**Julienne Elliott – Town and Village Manager**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
	Welcome from the Chair	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Apologies from Alderman Baird and Councillor McGurk.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notes of Meeting held on 28 March 22</b>	
	Minutes approved by the members present.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Small Settlement Regeneration Scheme</b>	
	<b><u>Background</u></b>	



NO.		ACTIONS
	<p>The Small Settlements Regeneration Programme is made up of combined funding from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department for Communities [DfC],</li> <li>• The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs [DAERA]</li> <li>• The Department for Infrastructure [DfI]</li> <li>• Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council</li> </ul> <p>Each Department has criteria relating to how their funding can be used as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project A - Continuation of the village renewal scheme £1,444,000</li> <li>• Project B - Restore &amp; Reactivate grant programme £ 475,000</li> <li>• Project C - Active travel infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Enhancement of Core Path network</li> <li>– Rural all ability cycle scheme</li> <li>– £171,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Project A</u></b></p> <p>Continuation of the village renewal scheme:</p> <p>Villages Projects (Population Figures)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dernaflaw [299] MUGA.</li> <li>• Drumsurn (459) Community Facility.</li> <li>• Magilligan (578) MUGA.</li> <li>• Burnfoot (239) Upgrade community facility.</li> <li>• Dervock (714) MUGA &amp; Walking path.</li> <li>• Rasharkin (1115) Upgrade community facility &amp; footpaths.</li> <li>• Armoy 1097] Upgrade playpark &amp; walking path.</li> <li>• Gortnaghey (278) Walking/cycle path.</li> <li>• Mosside (270) Upgrade community facility.</li> <li>• Cushendall [1280] Walking path link to village.</li> </ul> <p>Update:</p>	

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	<p><b>Dernaflaw:</b> MUGA. Planning application submitted.</p> <p><b>Drumsumn:</b> Community Facility. Procurement process ongoing for the main contractor.</p> <p><b>Magilligan:</b> MUGA. Community agreement has been received. Planning application to be submitted 30/10/22.</p> <p><b>Burnfoot:</b> Upgrade community facility at pitch facility. Community agreement has been received. Planning application submitted.</p> <p><b>Dervock:</b> MUGA &amp; Walking path. Community agreement has been received to locate the MUGA at Riverside Park. Walking path designs to be created and agreed in conjunction with the community. Issue with overflow pipework and consulting with NI water to resolve. Planning Application required to be submitted following site investigations.</p> <p><b>Rasharkin:</b> Upgrade community facility &amp; footpaths. Planning permission not required. Designs agreed by community.</p> <p><b>Armoy:</b> Upgrade playpark &amp; walking path. Playparks - Updated design for Church Road with community for comment. Agreed to concentrate budget at Church Road location. Planning application required for path – community requested lighting but this is beyond the scope of the budget available – design will include duct work to future proof.</p> <p><b>Gortnaghey:</b> Walking/cycle path. Officers seeking landowners' permissions on Permissive Path Agreements in conjunction with Council's legal team.</p> <p><b>Mosside:</b> Upgrade community facility. Site investigations to conclude before ITT documents prepared.</p> <p><b>Cushendall:</b> Walking path link to village. Proposals for works have been agreed. No Planning required. Proceeding to Tender process following Site Inspection Report.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>Project B</u></b></p> <p>Restore &amp; Reactivate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant programme – call opened 24/5/22, closed 30/6/22.</li> <li>• Open to 12 settlements within the population threshold 1000 -4999:</li> <li>• Armoy, Ballykelly, Bushmills, Castlerock, Cloughmills, Cushendall, Dungiven, Dunloy, Garvagh, Greysteel, Kilrea, Rasharkin</li> <li>• Max grant £50,000.</li> <li>• 6 successful applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total fund allocation - £216,664</li> <li>○ Sites in Garvagh, Kilrea [2], Bushmills, Cushendall, Greysteel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• – LoO workshop held 26/10/22.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Project C</u></b></p> <p>Active travel infrastructure</p> <p>2 projects identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C1 - Improvement of the core path network at Bushmills, Cushendall and Dungiven</li> <li>• C2 - All Ability Cycle Pilot Project Garvagh.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Rural Social Enterprise Investment Scheme Pilot Phase 2</b>	
	<p>Rural Social Enterprise Investment Scheme Pilot phase 2 Call for Expressions of Interest will close at 3pm on Monday 14 November 2022.</p> <p><a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/rural-social-enterprise-investment-scheme-pilot-phase-2">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/rural-social-enterprise-investment-scheme-pilot-phase-2</a></p> <p><b><u>Purpose of the scheme</u></b></p> <p>The main aim of the Rural Social Enterprise Investment Scheme is to help</p>	

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	<p>established social enterprises in Northern Ireland to enable them to increase their capacity, potential profitability and sustainability whilst supporting those who live in rural areas.</p> <p>This will be done primarily through supporting capital investment on expenditure related to non-agricultural activity. Evidence of a need for your project and achievement of one or more of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the sustainability of your rural social enterprise</li> <li>• Strengthening rural community/communities</li> <li>• Improving the economic circumstances of rural communities</li> <li>• Working in partnership with others</li> </ul> <p>Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial support of between £50,000 and £100,000 [max].</li> <li>• The grant will be calculated at 80% of eligible project costs [Minimum eligible project costs totalling £62,500 or more].</li> <li>• 20% provided by applicant.</li> <li>• De-minimis aid will apply.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Who can Apply?</u></b></p> <p>Social Enterprises who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently trading.</li> <li>• Trading income for at least 2 years (evidenced by accounts);</li> <li>• Based in a rural area in Northern Ireland</li> </ul> <p>NB: Only one application per enterprise is allowed and applicants must be 18 years of age or over to apply.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>2 Stage Approach</u></b></p> <p>Stage 1 – EOI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that both the enterprise and the project are eligible.</li> <li>• Assess how well your project meets the Scheme priorities for grant. To do this, we will look at the Business Case section of the EOI (the 'strategic fit').</li> </ul> <p>Stage 2 – Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If EOI endorsed, invitation to submit a full application.</li> <li>• Based on Strategic Fit, Value for Money, Need &amp; Demand, Financial Viability, Delivery &amp; Sustainability.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Eligible costs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Build Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The construction, or refurbishment of an immovable property which demonstrates growth to an existing social enterprise.</li> <li>– Building works and equipment costs only in cases where it can demonstrate growth to an existing social enterprise.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Equipment Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The purchase of new machinery and equipment.</li> <li>– The purchase of second-hand equipment (criteria applied may not apply to all 2nd hand).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Professional fees up to a max 10% of overall project costs.</li> <li>– Computer software, copyrights must be directly associated with the product.</li> <li>– Bespoke training course fees [criteria applied].</li> <li>– Site laneways /car parking if park of the larger project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NB. Applicants should talk through with DAERA prior to submitting EOI.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>Ineligible Costs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General running costs.</li> <li>• Building and equipment costs.</li> <li>• Operational costs.</li> <li>• Agricultural Business costs.</li> <li>• Financial costs.</li> <li>• Other costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Investments in accommodation including, bed and breakfast, self-catering accommodation, hotel accommodation, guest houses or hostels.</li> <li>– Investments in childcare provision.</li> <li>– Investments in gyms or individual specialised sports equipment or sports provision.</li> <li>– Any cost associated with meeting a legislative or statutory requirement for the social</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Enterprise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Investments considered to have an unacceptable negative effect on the environment (or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proposed investment fails to meet environmental regulations). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– General training expenses that is available generally either through the marketplace or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Through another Government Department or agency.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>AORB</b>	
	<p>The Chair asked for more matters relevant to 'Agriculture' to be included on the agenda. The Director confirmed that as an organisation, Council does not have a statutory or legislative responsibility for Agriculture. Therefore, any matters included to date have had a relevance to the statutory services provided by Council. It was agreed that the Director would meet the Chair to discuss further.</p>	AP 1

NO.		ACTIONS
	Invite Ulster Farmers Union and Agricultural Action to discuss how this Working Group can support these organisations and their work in the Borough.	AP2
7.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	19 <sup>TH</sup> Jan 2023 at 1700hrs.	

**Meeting closed at 6PM**

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## Help government inform new legislation!

You are invited to participate in an online workshop run by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. At these workshops, public bodies from across Northern Ireland can learn more about and can help inform the development of upcoming new climate change reporting regulations which might affect them.

### Who should attend?

The invitation is open to representatives from public bodies who are coordinating or are interested in climate change reporting within their respective organisations.

### Sectoral Workshop Dates

Register for a Sectoral Workshop which best relates to your organisation by following the links below:

- [Local Councils - 9th November 13:00-15:00](#)
- [Health, Education, Emergency Services and Social Care – 16th November 14:00-16:00](#)
- [Housing and the Built Environment – 17th November 10:00-12:00](#)
- [Infrastructure, Energy and Transport – 21st November 14:00-16:00](#)
- [Regulators, Funders, Arts, Culture, Sport and Other Public Bodies not included elsewhere – 23rd November 10:00-12:00.](#)

If you are not able to attend the workshop for the sector your organisation works in, please attend another session.



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Good afternoon Oliver

Thank you for your letter (copy attached) to Minister Poots MLA.


The issues raised will be considered and a response will issue in due course.

Kind regards

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