



**Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council**

**Notes of Women's Working Group
Monday 20 June 2022 at 4.00pm
Via MS Teams**

Present

Members: Alderman Knight-McQuillan (Vice Chair), Baird, Boyle, S McKillop
Councillors Chivers

Officers: Democratic and Central Services Manager, Community Development Manager,
Community Development Officer, Museums Officer

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1.	Apologies	
	Councillor Peacock (Chair), Schenning.	DS
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3.	Update on actions from last meeting February 2022	
	Exhibition history of women in local politics Museums Office in attendance to discuss with Working Group. Business & Corporate Development, Northern Ireland International Air Show Invitation to a future meeting of the working group to present the group with information relating to the Airshow STEM 'village' sponsored by PULSAR who are focused upon getting women into STEM employment. Representative to attend September Working Group meeting. Members noted that this would be after the Airshow and noted that the presentation would have been beneficial to	DCS

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	<p>prior to the event. Members also noted that updates on the Airshow are presented through the Leisure and Development Committee.</p> <p>Update on Council Notice of Motion re Violence Against Women and Girls Noted that the resolution of Council as follows had been sent to the NI Assembly in 2021. No response to date. Members also noted that the motion had also required action by Council and asked that progress or plans be reported to the Working Group's next meeting in relation to the latter part of the Notice of Motion.</p> <p>Financial support available to officers and Elected Members in terms of childcare (other caring responsibilities) and NILGA or NAC have any specific provision for women's issues either in terms of training, working groups, initiatives Report to be brought to next meeting. Confirmed that NILGA Officer to attend September meeting to brief on NILGA's initiatives and response awaited from NILGA. Information sought and received from Council departments.</p>	<p>DCS</p> <p>DCS</p>
4.	<p>Possible collaboration with the Women's Working Group on the Community Development Action Plan</p>	
	<p>The Community Development Officer provided information to Members on the potential for Council's Women's Working Group to develop a project with the Women's Rural Network. She outlined the themes from the Community Development Strategy where developing the relationship could deliver in terms of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Communities to Council (to promote links and build relationships between Community Organisations & Council, How Groups engage with Council and political representatives). • Supporting the C&V sector and Network organisations with a specific remit for Women to engage with WWD. <p>Members welcomed the opportunity to engage with any groups to promote women and women's issues. They also noted that the development of any project could include an</p>	

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	<p>element of the impact of the abuse of social media. Members AGREED: that to explore the possibility of developing a project Members requested the item is added to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Members also discussed ways of addressing abusive and bullying behaviour including peer support, 'calling out' negative behaviour immediately and the use of existing policies and procedures where appropriate.</p>	Community Development Team
5.	Potential exhibition highlighting history of women in local politics	
	<p>Council's Museum Officer (SC) attended and advised Members that Council had material in its collection which could form an exhibition to highlight women in local politics which could coincide with IWD 2023. She further advised that if successful a wider exhibition could be built.</p> <p>Members were also advised of project, titled, Peace Heroines, which is about women's involvement in the Peace process and will mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. The organisers are seeking letters of support and interest from local council's at this stage. Members AGREED: that the matter be added to the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	Museum Officer
6.	Consultations	
	As requested at the previous meeting relevant consultations (also presented to Committee/Council will be presented. Members noted one recently closed from Department of Justice on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.	
7.	Correspondence	
	Members noted a 'Progressing Women into Leadership' Conference to be held 28 th June. Authorisation through CPR in line with usual process for conference attendance.	

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8.	Date of Next Meeting	
	19 th September 2022 at 4pm.	

This being all the business the meeting closed at 16:46