



Present

Members: Alderman Boyle
Councillors Peacock, McGurk

Officers: Director of Corporate Services, Community Development Officer

Agenda No.	Agenda report Title	ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	Councillor Chivers, Democratic and Central Services Manager.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3.	A suggested ‘project’ as an alternative to a training programme	
	<p><i>To look at the possibility of hosting a conference in February 2023 or March 2023 (part of International Women’s Day)</i></p> <p>Suggested “project” Community Development Officer provided the details of an event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That could satisfy the criteria for a project in relation to WWG/International Women’s Day whilst being mindful of time constraints, resources and financial input • Community Development Officer referenced the 16th November conference “Annual Dialogue Event” (previously circulated). • NIRWN – Northern Ireland Rural Women’s Network are interested in bringing something similar to this area, if Council could help/support. They would cover the costs. For example a “one-off” event, covering a wide range of topics, Council choose speakers and conference venue etc, focusing on the positive side of diversity, a voice of marginalised women etc. Council could work with the group, NIWRN, and help 	Gabrielle Quinn

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	organise, in terms of access to potential attendees though links with Community and Voluntary Groups. It was noted there are not too many conferences with Women specifically. NI Rural Women's Network is keen to discuss. The Health and Social Care Trusts are also keen to work with Council, get involved (Northern and Western) and assist with funding.	
4.	Draft training proposal from NI Rural Women's Network	
	<p>Community Development Officer – Training and getting voice heard. NIRWN circulated some brief notes of possible training projects, training Council and training others. They will cover cost of training – it could be unique to Council and something to consider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example, either a training programme or conference, the Community Development Officer could be the link point • Councillor Peacock stated she was keen to see both tied in if possible • Councillor McGurk stated of a similar frame of mind, both sounded good, to touch on topics in a different way, some coaching so that Elected Members can project themselves well and with members of the public. The political side of women in politics – counteract with confidence in public speaking. • Training course could be 2 x ½ days or 1 x full day • Community Development Officer has previous experience in Community and Voluntary Groups and linkages with Councillors. As part of the Community Development Training Programme, project called “Getting to know your Councillors” and requested one hour of Elected Members time to enable the Community & Voluntary organisations to engage with Elected Members. This Action was agreed/accepted. • Councillor Peacock stated reaching out as a committee and meet with Women's groups. Suggested obtain a list of Women's groups and hearing from those directly within the sector and would be very keen to see that happen. • Alderman Boyle suggested using money out of the Members' Training Budget. • The Director of Corporate Services advised there was budget remaining and currently being used to progress with the Elected Member Development Programme. 	Gabrielle Quinn

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Officer– Suggested “DemocraShe” speaks to NI Women’s networks, at training events etc. There is a cost associated with this speaker, but may be available to do a few hours. <p>Agreed Action - Community Development Officer would progress with investigating some options to be brought back to the next WWG.</p>	
5.	Correspondence	
	Noted	
6.	Consultation Schedule	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Consultation on Miscarriage Leave and Pay <p>Working Group would like to make a submission to the above consultation, however the submission date is 19th December. In terms of timescales and with the next Council meeting on Tuesday 6th, it was</p> <p>Agreed Action - to request an extension, to enable responses to be collated and presented to Council for approval in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome of Consultation on the Department of Education Consultation on Period Products (Free Provision) Regulations, noted. 	Moira Quinn
7.	Conferences/ Courses	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered previously in meeting 	
8.	Any Other Relevant Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the misogyny issues and comments made in a notice of motion. 	Moira Quinn
9.	Date of Next Meeting	
	To be Confirmed	

The Director of Corporate Services left the meeting at 7.30pm.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 7:35pm