

**LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**11.30 a.m. on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**via Microsoft Teams**

**Members in Attendance:**

<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Non-Statutory</b>
<b>Local Government Elected Members:</b> Cllr. Aoife Breslin (Chairperson) Cllr. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer Cllr. Aidan Farrelly Cllr. Noel Heavey Cllr. Bernard Caldwell	<b>Local Community Interests:</b> Vivien Kelly-Keane Dr. Lorraine Benson (Ecologist, Peatlands Group Coordinator) PJ Fagan

**Also in attendance:** **Liam Dunne** (Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **John Shannon** (Administrative Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Ciara Gallagher** (Clerical Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Keith McKeag** (Executive Librarian), **Marian Higgins** (County Librarian), **Anne Myler** (Senior Executive Librarian), **Dr. Jesmond Harding** (Butterfly Conservation Ireland), **Tristram Whyte** (Irish Peatland Conservation Council), **Ray Stapleton** (Lullymore Heritage Park), **Alan Costello**, (Music Development Officer Kildare, Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board), **Lucina Russell** (Arts Officer).

**1. Welcome/ apologies / correspondence**

Cllr. Breslin welcomed all to the meeting, apologies were received from Sonya Kavanagh. Three letters were noted: one to the HSE, one to the Minister for Health and a response from the HSE. This correspondence related to the discussion on youth mental health services which was held at the last meeting (circulated to all members in advance of the meeting).

**2. Confirmation of minutes / matters arising / conflict of interest**

The minutes of the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell seconded by Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer. There were no matters arising from the minutes. There were no conflicts of interest relating to today's agenda items.

**3. 2021 Toys, Technology & Training Programme – Keith McKeag**

A report issued to the committee prior to the meeting. Keith presented a PowerPoint detailing the programme.



**4. National Peatlands Park – Dr. Lorraine Benson, Dr. Jesmond Harding, Tristram Whyte, Ray Stapleton**

Supporting information was sent to all committee members preceding the meeting. A comprehensive proposal was presented by the team via PowerPoint. The committee unanimously supported the proposal. It was agreed that a submission by this committee would be made on behalf of the National Peatlands Park proposal to the county Development Plan. It was also agreed that Liam Dunne would investigate the possibility of engaging a Kildare County Council project officer or the Heritage Officer to work with the group to further their project.

**5. Kildare Music Generation – Alan Costello**

Alan Costello presented a PowerPoint on the work involved in the Kildare Music Generation programme.

**6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11.30 a.m.

The meeting concluded.

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