

**LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**11.30 a.m. on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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 Cllr. Evie Sammon	<b>Local Community Interests:</b> Vivien Kelly-Keane Dr. Lorraine Benson PJ Fagan

**Also in attendance: Sonya Kavanagh**, (Director of Services, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Liam Dunne** (Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **John Shannon** (Administrative Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Denis McDermott** (Administrative Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development) **Ciara Gallagher** (Clerical Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Anne Daly** (Integration Coordinator, County Kildare LEADER Partnership), **Sara Stephens** (Integration Strategy Consultant) **Lucina Russell** (Arts Officer), **Elaine Donnelly** (Assistant Arts Officer).

**1. Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests**

No pecuniary or beneficial interests were declared in relation to items on this meeting's agenda.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Carmel Kelly seconded by Cllr. Bernard Caldwell. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**3. Progress Report – Director of Services, Sonya Kavanagh**

Sonya Kavanagh updated the committee on the ongoing work of the Community department. The report focused on the work of the Local Community Development Committee, Community Workers, the Community Call Helpline and Parks. The report will be circulated to all members after the meeting.

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**4. Kildare Integration Strategy 2020 – 2026** – Administrative Officer, Denis McDermott, Integration Co-ordinator, Anne Daly & Consultant Sara Stephens

Denis Mc Dermott, Anne Daly and Sara Stephens presented the proposed 2020 – 2026 Integration Strategy (circulated to all before the meeting) to the committee. They discussed the steps taken during the consultation phase and explained the scope of the work involved. The strategy was approved to be brought before the Corporate Policy Group on the proposal of Cllr. Noel Heavey seconded by Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer.

**5. Creative Places Athy** – Arts Officer, Lucina Russell & Assistant Arts Officer, Elaine Donnelly

Lucina Russell introduced the committee to the newly appointed Assistant Arts Officer Elaine Donnelly. Ms. Russell went on to detail the work involved in Athy being confirmed as one of nine places involved in the expanded national Creative Places programme. The programme builds upon existing cultural strengths to create new momentum. This €450,000 investment will ensure that more people in the town can choose, take part in and benefit from arts experiences. (Press release forwarded to committee in advance of the meeting).

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30 a.m.

The meeting concluded.

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