

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

11.30 a.m. on Thursday 7th July 2022.

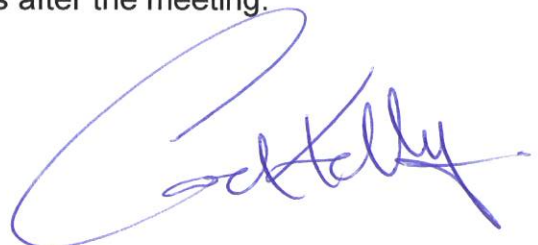
Members in Attendance:

Statutory			Non-Statutory
Local	Government	Elected	Local Community Interests:
Members:			Dr. Lorraine Benson
Cllr. Carmel Kelly (Chairperson)			Vivienne Kelly Keane
Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer			Maureen Bergin
Cllr. Aidan Farrelly			
Cllr. Bernard Caldwell			

Apologies received from P.J. Fagan

Also in attendance: Marian Higgins (Acting Director of Services); **Anne Dooley** (Staff Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development); **John Shannon** (Administrative Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development); **Gillian Allen** (Acting County Librarian) and **Cllr. Íde Cussen**.

- I. Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests**
Cllr. Kelly asked the committee to declare if they had any pecuniary or beneficial interests with regard to today's agenda items. No declarations were made.
- II. Confirmation of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of the 5th of May 2022 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer seconded by Cllr. Bernard Caldwell. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- III. Progress Report – Marian Higgins** (Acting Director of Services)
Marian Higgins updated the committee on the ongoing work of the Community department. The report focused on the Emergency/Ukrainian Response Forum and indicated 450 refugees had been processed through Maynooth University, with 39 in Bert House. 800 more are due in August. Funding of €100,000 would be managed through CKLP/SICAP with Helen Mulhall as lead. The Volunteer recognition event was a big success in May. A €250,000 allocation had been secured for the Sláintecare healthy eating communities initiatives. The appointment of a coordinator for Brigid 1500 is immanent. The report will be circulated to all members after the meeting.



IV. Public library strategy for Ireland consultation (Gillian Allen)

Gillian explained the background to the strategy to the committee and encouraged the members to contribute if possible. There was significant praise for the ongoing work of the library service in Kildare generally.

V. Amendment to Residents' Associations Grant Schemes

John Shannon presented a verbal report of the work of the sub-committee set up to discuss the issue of resident's associations grants schemes. The committee considered the written report previously circulated and agreed that the recommendations as set out should be forwarded for consideration by the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.

VI. Correspondence

The committee noted that a memo had issued to the Planning SPC on foot of the discussion about AEDs held at the last meeting in May.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 11.30 a.m. in Áras Chill Dara.

The meeting concluded.

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