

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

11.30 a.m. on Thursday 6th October 2022.

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members: Cllr. Carmel Kelly (Chairperson) Cllr. Aoife Breslin Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer Cllr. Evie Sammon	Local Community Interests: P.J. Fagan

Apologies received from Dr. Lorraine Benson, Vivienne Kelly Keane, Maureen Bergin and Cllr. Aidan Farrelly.

Also in attendance: Paula O'Brien (SEO); John Shannon (Administrative Officer); Lucina Russell (Arts Officer); Carmel Cashin (Age Friendly coordinator) and Colin Ennis (Clerical Officer).

- 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 7th of July 2022 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer seconded by Cllr. Kelly. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- III. **Progress Report – Paula O'Brien (SEO)**
Paula updated the committee on the ongoing work of the community department. She informed the committee that Colin Ennis had joined the community section and would be working on Brigid 1500 and that a project coordinator and project manager would be in place soon. The Brigid 1500 steering committee had held its first meeting and had commenced discussions on a programme of events under various streams.
Three local groups had entered the national Pride of Place competition and the council's own Pride in Your place competition would hold an awards night in November. Other recent events included Playday; the opening of the youth café in Athy; a twinning delegation from Lexington Kentucky and over 70 culture night activities. Capital works are ongoing at Naas library and planning is well advanced for Newbridge and Clane libraries.

The report will be circulated to all members after the meeting.

IV. Consideration of policy issues: Kildare Arts Strategy 2023-2027 & Kildare Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027

Lucina Russell, Arts Officer gave the committee members brief presentations on both strategies and answered questions as required. The SPC agreed unanimously to recommend that both strategies be adopted by Kildare County Council.

V. Consideration of policy issues: Age Friendly Strategy 2022-2027

Carmel Cashin, Age Friendly coordinator briefed the committee on the success of the previous strategy and on new initiatives including the need for a longer strategy to 2027. Carmel indicated that Kildare was a significant leader in many aspects of age-friendly development. The committee thanked Carmel for the excellent work being done in this area. On the proposal of Councillor Evie Sammon, seconded by Councillor Tracey O'Dwyer it was agreed to refer the strategy to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.

VI. Correspondence

None received.

The next meeting will be held in Áras Chill Dara in 2023 once the meetings calendar is agreed.

The meeting concluded.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eoin Kelly', with a stylized flourish at the end.