

**LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**11.30 a.m. on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

**via Microsoft Teams**

**Members in Attendance:**

<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Non-Statutory</b>
<b>Local Government Elected Members:</b> Cllr. Carmel Kelly (Chairperson) Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer Cllr. Aidan Farrelly Cllr. Evie Sammon Cllr. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Aoife Breslin	<b>Local Community Interests:</b> Dr. Lorraine Benson PJ Fagan Vivienne Kelly Keane Maureen Bergin

**Apologies received from Marian Higgins** (A/Director of Services, Economic, Community & Cultural Development)

**Also in attendance: Paula O'Brien** (Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **John Shannon** (Administrative Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Ciara Gallagher** (Clerical Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development), **Carmel Cashin** (Age Friendly Coordinator) and **Cllr. Coleman**.

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

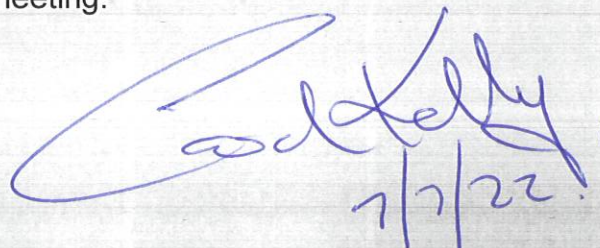
Cllr. Kelly asked the committee to declare if they had an pecuniary or beneficial interests with regard to today's agenda items. No declarations were made.

**II. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2022 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell seconded by PJ Fagan. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**III. Progress Report – Senior Executive Officer, Paula O'Brien**

Marian Higgins passed on her apologies for this meeting. Senior Executive Officer Paula O'Brien updated the committee on the ongoing work of the Community department. The report focused on the Emergency/Ukrainian Response Forum, the Kildare Volunteer Recognition Event and Kildare Libraries Story Trails and My Little Library Book bag initiative. The report will be circulated to all members after the meeting.



Cllr. Kelly  
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**IV. Consideration of Policy Issues – Amendment to Grants Policy (Festival Grants Limits), John Shannon, Administrative Officer**

John Shannon requested approval that section 9 of the Grants Policy be amended as follows; maximum grant limit of €2,000 for Festival grants include the wording *“\*This limit does not apply to any projects which have been historically supported to higher levels by former town councils pre-2014.”*. All committee members agreed to make this amendment.

**V. Age Friendly Presentation – Carmel Cashin, Age Friendly Coordinator**

Carmel Cashin presented an overview of the areas of work of the Kildare Age Friendly programmes. Presentation will be circulated to members after the meeting.

**VI. Motion from Cllr. Coleman**

Cllr. Coleman explained the background to the discussion held at the Celbridge/Leixlip municipal district meeting. The committee was broadly in favour of the proposal to install AEDs in local authority estates. However, the members recommended that where any such scheme is proposed that consideration is given to ensuring that AEDs are situated on a strategic basis to ensure adequate coverage of all areas and that the council uses whatever powers it has as a planning and housing authority to put this in place.

**VII. Update from Resident Association Grants Sub-committee – John Shannon**

John Shannon gave a brief report on the work of the sub-committee to date. Three meetings have been held and a further meeting has been organised with the heritage officer and climate officer. This meeting will explore possible alternatives to the large-scale grass-cutting currently being undertaken by most residents' associations at significant cost either to the association itself or the council.

**VIII. Correspondence**

A submission was made to the Draft County Development Plan in support of the National Peatlands Park (circulated to committee members prior to meeting).

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 11.30 a.m. in Áras Chill Dara – meeting room to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded.

Please contact [jshannon@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:jshannon@kildarecoco.ie) if you would like a digital copy of any of the documents, reports or presentations noted in these minutes.