

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

11.30 a.m. on Thursday 4th May 2023.

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members: Cllr. Carmel Kelly (Chairperson) Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer Cllr. Evie Sammon Cllr. Bernard Caldwell	Local Community Interests: Vivienne Kelly Keane Maureen Bergin PJ Fagan

Also in attendance: Eoghan Ryan (Director); Katie Lane (Administrative Officer); 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 6th of October 2022 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell seconded by Cllr. Evie Sammon. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- III. Correspondence**
Cllr. Kelly noted apologies for Cllr. Aoife Breslin, Marian Higgins (Director), Paula O'Brien (SEO) and Dr. Lorraine Benson.
- IV. Director of Service Progress Report**
The Director was welcomed the committee by the Chair Cllr. Kelly and provided an update on the Director of Services Report. There was a query on the tree surgery and how to mitigate bad PR in relation to this. The Director informed the committee that these were mainly tree trimmings in problem areas and that each MD receives a tree programme that identifies where and why trees are being trimmed. Further questions arose on the list of Age Friendly Libraries, the number of estates that are deemed Local Authority Residents Associations, and if there will be a penalty for incorrect information given for grass areas on the Residents Association grants. These questions are to be followed up on.

V. Consideration of policy issues: SPC Work Plan 2023

Director Eoghan Ryan talked the committee through the SPC Work Plan. It was noted that there were several different policies developed last year and this was more of an update on actions of project work. A review of the Liffey valley strategy (2006) was suggested. It was requested that strategies, policies, and the work plan be put on the website and linked to the SPC. The committee commented that getting the agenda and other documents a week before the meeting makes it difficult to get public engagement.

VI. AOB

It was asked if Twinning grants could be aligned with the other grants and run on the same timeline. There was also a query on how to help groups who want to run events in the first quarter of the year and want to apply for festival grants. A breakdown of approval timelines was requested for this. There was a query on Twinning funding, and it was advised that groups should apply through committees. Feedback was requested from the community team on the timeline to process LPT grants and whether it was possible to find out sooner how much was needed. The committee requested that a member of the parks team attend a meeting to explain what counts as a Local Authority Estate.

The next meeting will be held in Áras Chill Dara on Thursday 6th of July 2023.

The meeting concluded.

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Cllr. Tracey O'Leary