

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

10.00 a.m. on Thursday 2 May 2024.

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members: Cllr. Carmel Kelly (Chairperson) (via Teams) Cllr. Aoife Breslin Cllr. Tracey O'Dwyer (via Teams) Cllr. Evie Sammon	Local Community Interests: Maureen Bergin PJ Fagan

Also in attendance: Eoghan Ryan (Director); Marian Higgins (Director); Paula O'Brien (Senior Executive Officer); Susan Bookle (LECP Coordinator); Ciaran O'Toole (Acting 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 8th of February 2024 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Aoife Breslin seconded by PJ Fagan. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- III. **Correspondence**
Cllr. Kelly noted apologies for Cllr. Aidan Farrelly and Vivienne Kelly-Keane. No other correspondence was received.
- IV. **Director of Service Cultural Services Progress Report**
Eoghan Ryan gave the Director of Service Cultural Services Progress Report to the committee. The chair issued a congratulations to all involved on the opening of the new Naas Library.
- V. **Director of Services Community Progress Report**
Marian Higgins gave the Director of Service Cultural Services Progress Report to the committee. Susan Bookle and Jacqui McNabb were both thanked for their

work on the Local Economic and Community Plan. Questions arose on the new Local Community Safety Partnerships and how a chair would be appointed and the staffing numbers. It was confirmed that a Local Community Safety Partnership Chair would be appointed by the Minister and 2 dedicated staff would be assigned to support the Chair, a Community Safety Coordinator, Grade VII – Administrative Officer and an Administrator at Grade IV Assistant Staff Officer level. Regulations are awaited from the Minister in relation to the remaining members of the Local Community Safety Partnership and the profile of the two staff members. There was also a discussion on whether the Brigid 1500 grants would be continuing. The Brigid 1500 team were congratulated on their work and Marian thanked Maureen Bergin for her work on the Brigid 1500 committee.

VI. Briefing on Local Economic and Community Plan

Susan Bookle gave the briefing on the Local Economic and Community Plan which was adopted at the full council meeting on Monday 29th of April. It was agreed that it was a good time for this plan to come out as it is aligning with other plans. The plan is online and the PPN will send it to members shortly.

As this was the final SPC meeting of the cycle, the next meeting will take place in September. A thank you was issued to all members and colleagues for helping the committee to run efficiently.

The meeting concluded.

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