

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

10.00 a.m. on Thursday 6 February 2025.

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members: Cllr. Suzanne Doyle (Chairperson) Cllr. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Pat Balfe Cllr. Veralouise Behan Cllr. Rupert Heather Cllr. Lumi Panaite Fahey (via Teams) Cllr. Brian O'Loughlin	Local Community Interests: Maureen Bergin Majella O'Keeffe Dr. Deepak Kumar

Also in attendance: Eoghan Ryan (Director); David Creighton (Acting Director); Gillian Allen (County Librarian); Terrie Devlin (LECP Implementation Plan Coordinator); Ciaran O'Toole (Acting Administrative Officer) and Colin Ennis (Clerical Officer).

- I. Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests**
Cllr. Doyle asked the committee to declare if they had any pecuniary or beneficial interests regarding today's agenda items. No declarations were made.
- II. Welcome, members introduction and apologies**
The committee members introduced themselves to the group and were welcomed by Cllr. Doyle. No apologies were noted.
- III. Approval of Standing Orders**
The Standing Orders were circulated to the group and discussed. These will be reviewed by the Corporate Services Department to ensure they are in line with updated legislation.
- IV. Confirmation of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd of May 2024 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Maureen Bergin and seconded by Cllr. Bernard Caldwell. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

V. Areas of work included under this SPCs remit

Eoghan Ryan talked the committee through the areas of work under the SPC's remit and provided an update on the 2025 work plan.

VI. Integration Team Overview - Presentation by David Creighton, A/Director of Service

David Creighton gave a presentation on the Integration Team. The presentation was circulated to the committee after the meeting. Following questions from the committee the group were informed that the response teams try to focus on specific issues such as peer support groups, mental health and trauma supports etc. The committee questions whether the Integration team were responsible for overall integration or if it was limited to the 4 groups identified in the presentation. It was discussed that the integration team doesn't have capacity to work with people outside of the 4 groups, but the chair is hopeful that integration will be a key focus for the SPC going forward. There was also a discussion around how private suppliers' accommodation is affecting housing stock, but this is not a big issue in Kildare as there is more money to be earned from the private market.

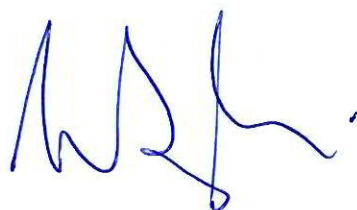
VII. Building For the Future – Draft Kildare Library Development Plan 2025-2029 – Presentation by Gillian Allen, County Librarian

Gillian Allen presented the draft Kildare Library Development Plan. The presentation was circulated to the committee after the meeting. There were discussions around getting more information out about library services, getting more involved with schools and youth groups. Gillian confirmed that the libraries take on transition year students for work experience and will continue to reach out through the school's programme. There is currently a grant scheme open for youth organisations for creative events/organisations. The Kildare Library Development Plan 2025-2029 was approved on the recommendation that intercultural section be moved to the Reaching Out chapter of the policy.

To close the meeting, it was asked if anyone has any matters for discussion relating to policy development, please contact the chair Cllr. Suzanne Doyle or Eoghan Ryan.

The meeting concluded.

Please contact cennis@kildarecoco.ie if you would like a digital copy of any of the documents, reports or presentations noted in these minutes.

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