

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community, Quality of Life & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 via the Zoom Platform.

**Present:** Cllr. Emma Coffey  
Cllr. Michelle Hall  
Cllr. Maeve Yore  
Cllr. Pearse McGeough  
Cllr. John Sheridan  
Ms. Susan Farrelly, PPN Arts Rep  
Ms. Gráinne Berrill, PPN Sport Rep.  
Ms. Stacey McVeigh, PPN Youth Rep.

**Officials:** Mr. Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Mr. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Yvonne O'Brien, County Librarian  
Ms. Paula Gribben, Administrative Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Paddy McQuillan  
Mr. Colin Roche, PPN Social Inclusion Rep.  
Ms. Fiona Crawley, PPN Environmental Rep

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### **Introduction**

Cllr. Emma Coffey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting- 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Cllr. John Sheridan proposed the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and Ms. Gráinne Berrill seconded.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Presentations on The Healthy Ireland Programme & Healthy Ireland at your Library**

A presentation on the Healthy Ireland programme was delivered by Mark Garvey, Healthy Ireland Coordinator. Details of the extensive range of activities and initiatives that are supported by the programme were outlined and Mark responded to questions raised by the members.

Yvonne O'Brien, Co. Librarian presented in support of the Health Ireland Programme details of "Healthy Ireland at your Library". There was a strong emphasis on placing the Library as the go to place for quality reliable information on Health issues. A presentation delivered by Doctor Harry Barry in the Library was recalled and described as one of the most powerful events ever hosted by the Library Service.

Such pre-Covid offerings have of course been curtailed but the Library continue to serve the wellbeing needs of the community in person and virtually. Members were encouraged to share the information that Health Ireland information is available in all Libraries.

**Draft Policy on Works by Community Groups in the public realm- update**

Members again considered the draft policy on works by community groups. Reference was made to a number of submissions that had been received and their content were considered in detail. Where appropriate the suggestions therein will be included in the policy.

**SPC Work programme 2021, 2022 & 2023**

The Work programme was noted and will be considered again at the next meeting in November.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Paddy Donnelly advised that the next meeting of the SPC will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**That concluded the business of the meeting.**

Minutes confirmed at SPC Meeting held on: 15/9/21.

Signed by Chairperson: 