

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community, Quality of Life & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 via the Zoom Platform.

**Present:** Cllr. Emma Coffey, Chair  
Cllr. Michelle Hall  
Cllr. Maeve Yore  
Cllr. Pearse McGeough  
Cllr. John Sheridan  
Cllr. Paddy McQuillan  
Mr. Colin Roche, PPN Social Inclusion Rep.  
Ms. Gráinne Berrill, PPN Sport Rep.  
Ms. Stacey McVeigh, PPN Youth Rep.  
Ms. Fiona Crawley, PPN Environmental Rep.

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

**Apologies:** Ms. Susan Farrelly, PPN Arts Rep

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### **Introduction**

The Chair, 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. Pearse McGeough proposed the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and Cllr. John Sheridan seconded. An amendment was agreed to the previous minutes, to amend the record of apologies to include Cllr. Maeve Yore.

### **Matters Arising**

The order of the agenda for this meeting was discussed and it was agreed to amend the order to facilitate further discussion on the draft policy on a guide to community groups undertaking works in the public realm.

### **Louth Sports Partnership and Sports Unit Presentation**

A presentation was delivered to members by Graham Russell, Sports Partnership Coordinator and Gerard McGahey, Sports Centre/ Recreation Officer.

Initiatives undertaken during the Covid-19 restriction to support the #keepwell campaign were discussed in detail by the members.

Members recorded their recognition of the achievement of the National Quality Standards award for the Sports centre and are keen to encourage its use by residents throughout the county. The hosting of RTE's Operation Transformation from the centre was noted by the members and seen as a great boost not only for Sports in Louth but for the County as a whole.

#### **Draft Policy on Works by Community Groups**

A revised draft of the policy on a guide to community groups undertaking works in the public realm was discussed at length. Members proposed a number of suggestions to assist groups with clarification as to Public Realm and other legislative requirements set out in the document. It was agreed to amend the document to include some of the suggestions made and present at the next SPC meeting in June.

#### **SPC Work Plan for 2021**

A work programme for the SPC was discussed and members identified a number of topics for consideration at future meetings including:

- Works in the Public realm by Community Groups
- Heritage Plan
- Museum plans 2021-2022
- Review and update on Healthy Ireland Programme
- Digital Services and the Library

#### **A.O.B.**

It was confirmed that when the current level 5 COVID-19 restriction are lifted that the three remaining meetings in 2021 will be alternated between Drogheda, Dundalk and Ardee areas, as previously agreed.

#### **Next Meeting**

Cllr. Emma Coffey advised that the next meeting of the SPC will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. She expressed the hope that they could meet in person but that this will be decided closer to the time when the regulations are communicated.

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

Minutes confirmed at SPC Meeting held on: 10/3/21

Signed by Chairperson: 