

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community, Quality of Life & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th June, 2022 in the Conference room, Council Offices, Fair Street, Drogheda.

Present: Cllr. Paddy McQuillan-Chair
Cllr. Michelle Hall
Cllr. Maeve Yore
Cllr. Pearse McGeough
Ms. Fiona Crawley, PPN Environmental Rep
Ms. Susan Farrelly, PPN Arts Rep
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, PPN Sports rep

Officials: Mr. Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Paula Gribben, Administrative Officer
Ms. Amanda Brannigan, Senior Executive Librarian
Ms Valerie Mc Hugh, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Emma Coffey
Cllr. John Sheridan
Ms. Yvonne O'Brien, County Librarian
Ms. Stacey McVeigh, PPN Youth Rep.
Mr. Colin Roche, PPN Social Inclusion Rep

Introduction

As the Chair, Cllr Coffee was unavailable it was agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Cllr Paddy McQuillan, who welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.

Minutes of the previous meeting- 16th February 2022

Cllr. Maeve Yore proposed the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Wednesday 16th February 2022 and Cllr. Pearse McGeough seconded.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Museum Standards and Accreditation process- presented by Mr. Brian Walsh Museum Curator

Mr Brian Walsh, County Museum Curator presented and overview of the Museum – Standards and Accreditation process and confirmed that the Museum had recently been successful in retaining its MSPI standard. Details of the Museum collection was outlined and discussed with the members.

Members raised a number of questions that were addressed by Mr. Walsh about the process and congratulated him on the success of many of the initiatives carried out by the County Museum.

Progress on new Louth Arts Development Plan- presented by Ms Moya Hodgers, Arts Officer

A presentation on the progress on new Louth Arts Development Plan was delivered by Ms Moya Hodgers, Arts Officer. The process of formulating the plan was outlined by the Arts Officer and the member's questions were addressed. The plan will have five themes and will focus on Access, Inclusion and Young People. The Plan will come before Council in Q3 for noting.

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

Draft guidance document on works by community groups in the public realm, Ms Paula Gribben gave an update to members on the guidance document that had been amended to include the clarifications sought by the members. The Community Team will work with community groups to ensure an understanding and that the purpose of the document is to assist community groups in planning and actioning of projects in their local areas.

AOB

Members were advised that the Chair Cllr. Coffey was resigning as Chair of the Committee. Members paid tribute to Cllr Coffey for the professional and efficient manner in which she chaired the meeting over the last three years and in particular noted the added challenge of chairing the meeting during the Covid pandemic

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th September at 4.30pm, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Minutes confirmed at SPC Meeting held on:

7th Sept 2022

Signed by Chairperson:

Adm Sheridan