

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 1st March, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Ms Teams
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. M. Howard P. Hayes, J. Crowe and J. Garrihy, via Ms Teams Video Call
Cllrs G. Flynn and P. McMahon, via Conference Call

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive
Ann Reynolds, A/Senior Executive Officer.

Cllr. M. Howard presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 1st February, 2021.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 1st February, 2021 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. J. Crowe and seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes.

2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for March Council Meeting.

The draft agenda was circulated to members and the headed items and notices of motion were discussed and reviewed.

3. Any other business.

- The Chief Executive provided an updated on the recently established Mother and Baby Homes working group, following the public apology at the February Council meeting. The working group is engaging with local representatives and seeking to identify a suitable location for the erection of a memorial.
- The Chief Executive advised that the Reflective Garden at the Áras, to honour deceased members and staff is almost complete. It is intended to hold a ceremony to mark the opening of the Garden post Covid.
- Cllr. Gerry Flynn advised that it is intended to hold a meeting of the Standing Orders Committee in March to consider the Notice of Motion items submitted, i.e. time of meetings and live streaming of meetings.
- The members expressed concerns at the level of consultation and engagement on the recently presented Cliffs of Moher draft strategy. Members highlighted that it is important that local representatives engage with the detail and the thinking behind the proposals. The Chief Executive advised members that there is a clear governance structure in place for the Cliffs of Moher and the members are represented by two councillors on the board. Members were assured that there will be full and comprehensive engagement with Councillors on the development of any proposals.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Ann Reynolds, A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services.*

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