

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 3rd July, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Boardroom
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. J. Cooney, G. Flynn, I. Lynch, J Crowe, P. McMahon and P. Daly.

Present Ms Teams: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney presided and acknowledged and welcomed the Cllr. Ian Lynch and Cllr. Pat Daly as new members of CPG for the next year.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd June 2023.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 2nd June 2023 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. J. Crowe.

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

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

3. Request for Civic Reception

Request from Cllr. Pat Mc Mahon for a Civic Reception for Newmarket Celtic FC was circulated and discussed. The members agreed to recommend the granting of a Civic Reception to full Council.

4. Establishment of a County Clare Heritage Forum and a County Clare Biodiversity Forum

Party groupings to revert with nominations for ratification at the July Council meeting.

5. Any other business:

Pat Dowling provided updates on the following items:

- The launch of Shannon Estuary Taskforce final report will take place in Ardnacrusha on Saturday 8th July. The report will be formally launched by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, TD, and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade, and Employment, Simon Coveney TD. The Cathaoirleach and Chairs of MDs have been invited to the launch.

- The KPMG Women's Irish Open will be staged for the second time at Dromoland Castle's 18-hole Championship Course, from 31st August - 3rd September, 2023. The Council will be supporting the event and collaborating with the organisers to ensure the event runs smoothly and showcases all Clare has to offer.
- Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), as a statutory committee of Clare County Council, is at an advanced stage in progressing the Local Development Strategy for the delivery of the LEADER programme in Co. Clare. The LEADER Funding Programme 2023-2027 has a €6.8 million budget allocated to Co. Clare. The closing date for submission of the LEADER Local Development Strategy is Friday 14th July 2023.
- Cllr. Ian Lynch requested that the appointment of SEO West Clare be progressed as soon as possible, and highlighted that the update on the Chairs of all MDs on social media should get equal coverage.

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

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