

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

Present: Cllrs. T. O'Brien, P. Hayes G. Flynn, Cllr. C Colleran Molloy, Cllr. J Crowe and P. McMahon

Present Ms Teams: S. Talty.

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

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Tony O'Brien presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 28th April 2023.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 28th April 2023 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. McMahon.

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

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

3. Any other business:

Pat Dowling provided updates on the following items:

- Shannon Heritage -work is progressing on legal matters following the signing of the Share Purchase Agreement, which includes the option to purchase additional land. Stephen Hanley has been appointed as the new Manager and will commence in early June.
- Arrangements are being put in place at visitor sites, beaches and car parks for the bank holiday weekend at Municipal District level. It was noted that there are 47 lifeguards in place for the June weekend. The members extended sympathies to the family of the person involved in the tragic accident in Killaloe the previous week.
- Strike actions planned by the Water Services and Retained Fire Fighters staff. It was noted that discussions are ongoing and any strike action will not impact on emergency services. The members acknowledged the work and commitment of the Water Services and Fire Service staff and noted that it is important that water services employees who wish to remain in the service of the Council are redeployed to appropriate roles.
- Remediation of the Roche site at Clarecastle is ongoing and will continue for the next 2 years. There is an opportunity for the Council to engage with Roche to develop a strategy for the future economic development of this site. It was confirmed that the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be certifying the site post remediation. The members noted the opportunities for development on this site due to its strategic location and transport links.

- Cllr. S. Talty recommended that the Council should proceed in a timely manner to have the Cliffs of Moher Strategy adopted following the recent presentation to members.
- Cllr. G. Flynn advised that he will be convening a meeting of the Standing Orders Committee to address some outstanding items in relation to the Standing Operating Guidance that was implemented on 25 September 2020. It was also agreed to reexamine Standing Order No. 19 relating to countersigned motions.
- The members extended sympathies to Jason Murphy, A/Director of Service on the passing of his mother Christine Murphy, RIP.
- As this was the final meeting of the current CPG, the members extended thanks to the outgoing members, Cllrs. C. Colleran Molloy and S. Talty for their work and participation during the year. The members also acknowledged the Cathaoirleach and thanked him for his leadership and co-operation during his term of office. Cllr. Tony O'Brien, extended his appreciation to the members, staff and management for their co-operation and support during the year.

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

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