

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 6th November, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

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

MS Teams: Cllr. P Hayes

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

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney, presided.

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

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

2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for November 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 Cllrs. Joe Cooney, Pat Daly, Gabriel Keating and Gerry Flynn for a Civic Reception for Clare Junior Camogie Team and Clare Minor Hurling team was circulated and discussed. The members agreed to recommend the granting of a Civic Reception to full Council.

4. Any other business

- An update was sought on the vacant SEO post in North Clare. Pat Dowling advised that the recent Director of Services interviews had concluded; that the appointment process is progressing, and that Departmental sanction has been sought for a further Director post to cover the Tourism portfolio. The SEO post filling will follow. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to consider the creation of a further SPC for Tourism to mirror the Directorate structure, when creating the next SPC Scheme. It was also noted that there were previous considerations for a separate Climate Change SPC.
- It was agreed to consider changing the time of the Social SPC to 3.30pm on the 6th December due to the morning session scheduled on the draft Cliffs of Moher strategy.
- It was confirmed that the Halloween in Bunratty event was a success and feedback to date has been positive.

- The members noted Pobal's HP Deprivation Index, published on 2nd November which requires further discussion and consideration.
- It was agreed that the Roads Department should seek additional funding from the Department to upgrade roads that have deteriorated due to recent flooding.

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

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