

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday 7th April 2025 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. A. O' Callaghan, P. Daly, P. Hayes, P. Burke, J. Crowe

Present online: Cllr. S. Talty.

Officials Present: Alan Farrell, Deputy Chief Executive
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance & Support Services
Siobhan McNulty, Director of Tourism Development (online)
Caroline O'Connor, Management Accountant
John Corry, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan presided.

1. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3rd March 2025

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 3rd March 2025 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. P. Daly and seconded by Cllr. P. Burke.

2. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Special meeting held on 10th March 2025.

The minutes of the Special C.P.G. meeting held on 10th March 2025 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes and seconded by Cllr. P. Burke.

3. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for April Council Meeting:

The draft Agenda was circulated to the members and the headed items and Notices of Motion were discussed and reviewed.

Item 11: It was agreed that this item would remain on the Agenda for noting purposes having been adopted by the Killaloe MD.

N. Fitzgerald attended & gave an update on Items 12,13,14 & 15.

Item 12: A discussion took place on the purchase of land at the Cliffs of Moher, at a cost of over €8m including associated costs, identified in the LG Audit Report. The members expressed concerns at the cost of the sites and the fact that they hadn't been consulted. It was indicated that the acquisition of land is an executive function & the Chief Executive's response to the Local Government Auditor indicated that the purchase of the sites was considered key in the context of the successful implementation of the Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040 and came about after 50 years of pursuing this objective to protect and preserve the lands adjacent to the Cliffs of Moher.

Item 27: It was agreed that the wording of this item be amended as the LNDR represents a key strategic route that is going to service the county of Clare

4. Annual Financial Statement 2024 Unaudited.

N. Fitzgerald updated the members on the unaudited AFS for 2024. She highlighted that there had been total expenditure of €311m for 2024 broken down into €186m Revenue & €125m Capital. She highlighted that Government Debtors were €33m at the end of 2024. She also highlighted that % collection across all Collection accounts increased from those of 2023. She highlighted areas of Overexpenditure for 2024 & indicated that a Resolution would be required for same at the Plenary Council meeting. She highlighted that Shannon Heritage DAC returned a deficit to Budget in 2024.

5. Honouring Dr. Brendan O'Regan.

It was agreed that a proposal to commemorate the late Dr. Brendan O'Regan by a commemorative bust, in Aras Contae an Chlair, should go before the Memorial Committee for consideration & if agreed should be considered by the Plenary Council at the May meeting.

6. Mayoral Reception for Mick Guinee.

It was recommended that a Civic Reception be held for Mick Guinee for his massive support of community organisations not only in Shannon, but across all of County Clare and beyond, while also providing a lot of employment in the Shannon Industrial Estate, which has huge economic benefits. This was proposed by Cllr. Crowe & seconded by Cllr. O'Callaghan & agreed by all.

7. Any other business.

Date for Civic Reception agreed for the Foster Carers is on 16th May.

Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan thanked all present and closed the meeting.

John Corry, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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