

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cllrs. A. O' Callaghan, P. Daly, S. Talty, P. Burke, J. Crowe

**Present online:** Cllr. P. Hayes.

**Officials Present:** Carmel Kirby, Interim Chief Executive  
John Corry, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan presided.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. P. Burke and seconded by Cllr. S. Talty

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

The draft agenda was circulated to the members and the headed items and Notices of Motion were discussed and reviewed. It was noted by the members that the Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O' Callaghan should be treated as a Question in accordance with Standing Orders. It was further suggested that the wording be amended as it was not possible for the Chief Operating Officer to attend the March meeting where the Question was only being raised.

J. Corry provided an update to the members on the differentiation between a Motion & a Question as differentiated in Standing Orders & it was agreed that all Members of the Council would be updated on same.

**3. Correspondence from Fostering Mid-West.**

J. Corry referred to correspondence received from Fostering Mid-West seeking the award of a Civic Reception by Clare Co Council for Foster Carers in the Clare region. It was agreed that this item would appear as a Headed Item for the March Council meeting.

**4. Any other business**

A discussion took place on GMA budget allocations for MDs and the MDs allocation of this budget in accordance with the necessary legislation. The members agreed that each MD should manage their GMA allocation in accordance with the legislation.

It was agreed by the members that a Special meeting of the CPG would be convened to discuss the proposed SMDW for 2025 in advance of same going before the MDs for consideration

It was agreed by the members that a Part 8 application for the development of a small car park in the village of Bodyke would appear on the Agenda of the Killaloe MD meeting for March for consideration in accordance with the required legislation. It was agreed that once considered

at the March meeting of the Killaloe MD that the item could appear on the Agenda of the April meeting of the Council for noting.

It was agreed that all members of the Council would be updated on the legal position re S38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 through their respective MDs.

It was agreed that consideration would be given to the placing of a commemorative bust of Dr. Brendan O'Reagan at Aras Contae an Chlair in recognition of his role as one of the greatest visionaries of Clare.

It was agreed that a delegation from the Council would meet with TII to discuss issues of importance. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach as well as the Chairs of each MD as well as the Chair of the Physical Development SPC would attend. It was further agreed that the meeting should take place in Dublin as it was felt that there may be a greater availability of staff from the TII to meet with the Clare delegation. Once a date is agreed for a meeting it was agreed that all Council members would be updated to afford them an opportunity of bringing forward items for discussion.

It was agreed that consideration could be given for the setting of a date for the AGM at the next CPG meeting.

It was noted that Seachtain na Gaeilge would be highlighted at the March Council meeting & that where appropriate that the members would be encouraged to use Irish .

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

***John Corry, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services***

***3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025***