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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

22nd January 2020, Swift Room, Buvinda House, Navan

Attendees -
Councillors: Cllr Damien O’ Reilly (Chairperson), Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Sean Drew, Cllr Niamh Souhan, Cllr Nick Killian, Cllr Connor Tormey

Apologies: Cllr Yemi Adenuga, Cllr Emer Tobin

Attendees -
Sectoral Representatives: Niamh Ui Loinsigh, Gerard Weldon, John Regan, Michelle McCullough

Apologies: Deirdre Murphy

Officials: Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Aine Bird, Danielle Monaghan, David Jones

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| 1. | <p><u>Minutes of previous meeting held on 11th November 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by Cllr Souhan and seconded by Cllr Murphy |
| 2. | <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were no matters arising |
| 3. | <p><u>To Receive details on the proposed Community Grants Scheme 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ F. Fallon provided details on the outturn for the Community Grant Scheme 2019, and proposed scheme for 2020. Documents circulated to members present. The following key points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An increase in the number of applications received in 2019 was recorded, in particular under the category of Recreation & Sport ▪ 2020 Scheme reflects the same categories as 2019, with the addition of a specific new category – Ashbourne 2020 (fund of €10,000) ▪ Scheme to be advertised on 24th January 2020, with closing date for receipt of applications 6th March 2020 ▪ Noted that a separate LCDC scheme (Health Ireland Mental Health Fund) will also be advertised on 24th Januarys 2020. The eligibility of schools to apply under this fund to be confirmed <p>The proposed Community Grants Scheme 2020 as presented was approved. Proposed by Cllr Murphy, and seconded by Cllr Killian</p> |



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| 4. | <p><u>To receive details on the proposed Community Amenity Project Scheme 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ F. Fallon provided details on the outturn for the Community Amenity Scheme 2019, and proposed Scheme for 2020. The following key points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of applications received in 2019 required significant funding balance, and therefore were not viable to grant fund in terms of actual project realization ▪ Confirmed that all unsuccessful applicants were corresponded with, and reasons for not being successful were outlined. Unsuccessful 2019 applicants can reapply to the 2020 Scheme ▪ Confirmed that Sports clubs can apply where projects have a community wide basis ▪ Scheme is not to top up other grants schemes/match funding ▪ Assessment of grant applications is completed by staff in the Community Section, with final decision resting with the Municipal Districts and full Council <p>The proposed Community Amenity Project Scheme 2020 as presented was approved. Proposed by Cllr Killian, and seconded by Cllr Murphy</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>To Consider the Compliance Requirements placed on Voluntary & Community Groups by the Charities Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G. Weldon provided an overview of Motion as circulated to the members. Recent correspondence received from Minister Ring also cited. ▪ There was agreement in respect of the spirit of the Motion by the members present. It was agreed that the Motion as submitted be reworded and brought forward to the next meeting of the Committee to be finalised. D. Monaghan to assist on refining the Motion. D. Jones to seek clarity on the process to be followed in respect of bringing forward a Notice of Motion to full Council from a Sectoral representative |
| 6. | <p><u>To Receive an Update on the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D. Jones confirmed that the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government were advised that that following a request by the Department to review, it was the intention of the Committee to reduce the radius in respect of education and employment from 300km as cited in the current Scheme to 120km, and its view on same was sought ▪ Department Officials have advised that it was their belief that a radius of 120km remained too high, and was not fulfilling the spirit of the regulations, namely to afford priority on the grounds of local need. However, it was further advised that it would be a matter for the incoming Minister to decide on the matter. <p>Accordingly, it was agreed to hold the matter in abeyance until the new Government is formed.</p> |
| 7. | <p><u>To Consider Priority Areas in respect of Committee's Work Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D. Jones circulated a summary of the policies/plans progressed under the term of the last Committee. It was noted that certain policies/strategies will be brought forward to the Committee as the need requires, for example the Regional Homeless Action Plan and Housing |



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| | <p>Strategy for Persons with a Disability in 2020.</p> <p>The following areas were highlighted as areas of interest to the Members present, and for consideration in the Work Programme of the Committee during the course of the current term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Allocation Scheme▪ Provision for single person households▪ Anti-Social Behaviour Policy▪ Pride of Place▪ Heritage▪ Programme of Commemoration re: War of Independence/Civil War▪ Substance Misuse/Mental Health (homelessness)▪ Part V▪ Land Bank▪ Approved Housing Bodies▪ Strategic Housing Developments – Affordability Opportunities▪ Vacant Units/Compulsory Purchase Orders▪ Housing Stock & Energy Upgrades▪ HAP▪ Community based TUS/CE Schemes▪ Rural Nodes/provision of infrastructure top facilitate same▪ Procurement▪ Sectoral Employment Orders▪ Housing Maintenance Policy |
| 8. | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Next meeting to take place on 1st April 2020, 2.30pm▪ Members sought a special meeting with County Librarian to review details on any proposed local programme of commemoration in respect of the War of Independence/Civil War |

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

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