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Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC

16th April 2021, Held via Zoom

Attendees - Councillors: Cllrs. Pádraig Fitzsimons (presided) Alan Tobin, Brian Fitzgerald, Joe Fox, Elaine McGinty, Aisling O’Neill,

Apologies: Cllrs. Stephen McKee, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Aisling Dempsey,

Attendees - Sectoral Gary Plunkett, Michael Wall

Representatives: **Apologies:** John Curran, Kieran Cummins, Sean Boyle

Officials: Larry Whelan, Des Foley Seán Clarke, Wendy Bagnall, Alan Russell, Alan Rogers, Aoife Fegan, Danielle Monhan, Loreto Guinan

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>To adopt the minutes of the meeting of 25th January, 2021</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January, 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. B. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. J. Fox.</p>
2.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on the Royal Sites of Ireland – UNESCO Tentative List bid</u></p> <p>Members of the SPC received a presentation from Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer on the Royal Sites of Ireland, UNESCO Tentative list bid which detailed the history of the bid to date and the need to reapply in order to remain on the tentative list.</p> <p>Members were supportive of the reapplication and made the following comments/queries, relating to the bid and to the Hill of Tara;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do other European Sites deal with such bids • The need for an interpreter center which could transport visitors to the site • Discussions on the Tara Management Plan
3.	<p><u>To receive an update on progress relating to the Meath County Development Plan</u></p> <p>Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer provided an update to the SPC on the progress of the Meath County Development Plan advising that the special meetings had now concluded and the draft minutes were with the elected members for adoption. He advised that if the minutes were adopted at the May Council meeting, then it was anticipated that the Material Alterations would be placed on public display for a period of 4 weeks from 26th</p>



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	<p>May, 2021.</p> <p>Cllr. A. Tobin paid compliment to the planning department on all their work and assistance during the special planning meetings.</p>
4.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Cllr. A. Tobin advised that the Climate Action Forum had met the previous day and discussed the Sustainable Development Goals and stated that SPCs would be required to take a pledge with respect to same.</p> <p>Aoife Fegan advised Members on the Failte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme which was being administered by Economic Development.</p> <p>Cllr. B. Fitzgerald welcomed the fact that MSD (former Shire Pharmaceuticals site) had applied for an extension to the premises.</p> <p>Des Foley was introduced as the new Director of Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs, replacing Larry Whelan who had deputized in the role since the retirement of Kevin Stewart.</p>
5.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To be Confirmed
	<p><u>Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)</u></p> <p>None</p>

The meeting concluded at 12.00pm