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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC **11th April 2022, Virtual Meeting, 10am**

Attendees Councillors: - Cllr Conor Tormey (Chairperson), Cllr Yemi Adenuga, Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Nick Killian, Cllr Eimear Tobin, Cllr Damien O'Reilly, Cllr Sean Drew, Cllr Eddie Fennessy

Attendees Sectoral Representatives: - Gerard Weldon, Sinead Smith

Apologies: Niamh Ui Loinsigh, John Regan, Michelle McCullough

Officials: Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Brian Hora

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting held on 20th October 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by Cllr Killian and seconded by G. Weldon
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No matters arising
3.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F. Fallon set out the details of the correspondence received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Response from Sean Fleming TD Minister is State for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance in response to Notice of Motion ○ Response from Joe O'Brien, TD Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in response to the Notice of Motion relating to insurance costs ○ Response from Joe O'Brien, TD Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in response to the Notice of Motion relating to the Charities Governance Code ○ Response from Joe O'Brien, TD Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in response to the Notice of Motion relating to the National Volunteering Strategy <p>The correspondence was noted. GW advised that most community groups cannot opt out of the Charities regulation as they fall within the definition of a charity and noted the difference between community groups and charities with paid staff.</p> <p>The SPC members committed to supporting GW on the matters raised. Correspondence to be circulated to the PPN membership.</p>
4.	<p>To receive details of the proposed Community Grants Scheme, grant allocations for 2022 and if deemed appropriate recommend for approval to the Full Council of Meath County Council</p> <p>F. Fallon provided details on the assessment of community grants for 2022. It was noted that there was a drop in the number of applications received from residents' associations and a large increase in the number of applications from burial grounds. Based on the increased budget adopted, it was possible to ensure that all groups received a higher allocation than 2021.</p>



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	<p>The budget for the burial ground grants was increased through an additional allocation from the community grants and from the heritage section.</p> <p>It was also noted that there was approximately €40,000 unallocated in the community grants scheme. It was proposed to re-advertise the scheme and target residents associations who hadn't already made an application in 2022 however the scheme would be open to all groups who hadn't already applied.</p> <p>A number of queries were raised by Cllrs Nick Killian, Emer Toibin, Maria Murphy, Yemi Adenuga and Sean Drew in relation to the re-advertisement of the scheme and the allocation towards St. Patrick's Day festivals. F. Fallon advised that in previous years the St. Patrick's Day festivals would have received €1000 and it was proposed to increase the 2022 allocation to €1000.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Nick Killian and seconded by Gerard Weldon, it was proposed to forward the community grant allocations to the May meeting of the Full Council for approval.</p>
5.	<p>To receive details of the proposed Regional Festival & Participative Events grant allocations for 2022 and if deemed appropriate recommend for approval to the Full Council of Meath County Council</p> <p>F. Fallon provided details of the proposed grant allocations under the Failte Ireland Regional Festivals and Participative Events grant scheme.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Emer Toibin and seconded by Cllr Nick Killian, it was proposed to forward the regional festival & participative events grant allocations to the May meeting of the Full Council for approval.</p>
6.	<p>To Receive details of the Proposed 2022 Meath Pride of Place Awards Scheme</p> <p>F. Fallon provided details on the overview of the 2021 Pride of Place Scheme and the proposed scheme of 2022. The Pride of Place Scheme 2022 will be advertised week ending 16th April 2022 with a closing date of 27th May 2022.</p>
7.	<p>To receive an update on the Housing Capital Programme</p> <p>B. Hora gave a presentation on the details of the Housing Capital Programme. It was noted that the draft Housing Delivery Action Plan has been submitted to the Department and the Council is currently addressing a number of queries which were raised.</p> <p>The SPC Members namely Cllr Maria Murphy, Emer Toibin, Sean Drew, Nick Killian, Eddie Fennessy, Yemi Adenuga and D. O'Reilly raised a number of queries in relation to the presentation.</p> <p>B. Hora addressed the queries raised and committed to responding to a number of queries separately.</p> <p>B. Lynch advised that a report on the costings to develop the site in Drumree would be prepared as soon as possible. It was also confirmed that the any land that might be used for temporary housing of Ukrainian refugees is a separate matter to land designated for Housing for All as set out within the Housing Delivery Action Plan.</p>



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6.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Maria Murphy sought information in relation to upgrades to council housing stock and whether the provision of timber framed windows will be continued rather than install PVC windows. BL advised that the housing maintenance is moving to a planned maintenance system (which is being implemented nationally) and whether timber framed windows would be used would be examined.

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

- **Agenda Item no. 4 Refers:** To approve proposed Community Grants Scheme Allocation for 2022, as presented
- **Agenda Item no. 5 Refers:** To approve Regional Festival & Participative Events Grant Allocation for 2022, as presented