



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### **Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022, Virtual Meeting, 2.30pm**

**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 Fennessey

**Attendees Sectoral Representatives:** - Sinead Smith, Gerard Weldon, John Regan, Niamh Ui Loinsigh

**Officials:** Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Ciaran Managan

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1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by G. Weldon</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr Murphy sought clarity on when the special Full Council meeting on Housing issues would be arranged. B. Lynch advised that the Housing Delivery Action Plan had been submitted to the Department. A number of queries have been raised by the Department and once finalised and approved details of the Housing Delivery Action Plan will be presented to the Elected Members.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b><u>To Receive details on the proposed Community Grants Scheme 2022</u></b></p> <p>F. Fallon provided an overview of the 2021 Community Grant Scheme and set out the numbers of grants received and claimed. A presentation was provided on the proposed Community Grants Scheme for 2022 which set out the grant categories and also set out the increased budget for the scheme. F. Fallon advised that it is intended to ringfence the additional budget for residents association groups. The closing date for grant applications is 5pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</p> <p>The presentation was welcomed by those present, with the following discussion points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Query if the closing date for the grants scheme could be extended</li> <li>▪ Clarity on whether St. Patrick's Day parades were eligible under the Festival and Events category, it was confirmed that St. Patrick's day parades are eligible up to a maximum grant of €1000</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b><u>To receive details on the Regional Festivals and Participative Events Grant Scheme</u></b></p> <p>F. Fallon provided a presentation on the details of the Fáilte Ireland Regional Festivals and Participative Events grant scheme. It was confirmed that the budget for 2022 was €11,000 and the eligible categories for festivals and events were set out. One key difference to previous years is that there is no requirement to attract overseas visitors, the benefit to the local community and estimated numbers of domestic visitors will be reviewed as part of the assessment process. The community section will</p>



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	liaise with the Tourism section with regard to publicising the grant scheme. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022.
5.	<p><b><u>To receive an update on the Decade of Centenaries programme</u></b></p> <p>C. Mangan provided details of the proposed Decade of Centenaries programme which has been submitted to the Department for approval. It is hoped that notification of approval will be received in the coming weeks to allow preparation and planning of the events.</p> <p>Details of the programme were welcomed by those present, with the following discussion points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Welcomed the extensive and wide-ranging proposed programme of music, language and art</li><li>▪ As public events could not take place in 2021, communities should have the opportunity to be part of the programme during 2022</li></ul> <p>All members acknowledged the great work and looked forward to the commencement of the programme.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ S. Smith gave an update on the work of the Meath Women's Refuge and Support Services. She advised that 121 women and children could not be assisted during 2021 and would provide a further breakdown on these figures. S. Smith also provided an update on the proposed new Women's Refuge building. Proposed layout plans have been submitted to the Department with details of estimated costs to follow when requested. Estimated costs must be approved by the Department prior to the submission of a planning application. All members recognised and acknowledged the incredible work of the Women's Refuge and the services they provide.</li><li>▪ A discussion took place in relation to a number of housing related issues. B. Lynch provided a comprehensive response to the issues raised. B. Lynch also advised that approval has been received to recruit 13 additional staff for the housing section to assist in the delivery of "Housing For All".</li><li>▪ The members were advised that the adoption of the Estate Management Policy is included on the agenda of the February Full Council meeting.</li></ul>

### **Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)**

- None



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