

**COMMUNITY, LEISURE & EMERGENCY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Community, Leisure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee was held at Exhibition Area, City Hall, Merchants Quay, Limerick, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at 2.00p.m.

The following were in attendance: -

**IN THE CHAIR:** Cllr. F. Foley

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Michael Collins, Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy, Cllr. Malachy McCreech, Cllr. Gerald Mitchell, Cllr. Bill O'Donnell, Cllr. Joe Crowley, Cllr. Bridget Teefy, Mayor Michael Sheehan, Cllr. Marian Hurley, Cllr. Sean Lynch, Cllr. Michael Hourigan, Cmhlr. Seighin Ó Ceallaigh, Mr. L. Toland, (Business/Commercial), Ms. M. Vaughan-Mullane, (Agriculture/Farming), Ms. M. Fitzgerald, (Development/Construction)

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Kevin Sheahan, Cllr. Ciara McMahon, Cllr. John Loftus

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. J. Cotter Coughlan, Director of Service  
Mr. S. O' Connor, Senior Social Worker  
Mr. M. Ryan, Chief Fire Officer  
Mr. D. Dullaghan, Senior Executive Librarian  
Ms. S. Doody, Administrative Officer  
Mr. S. Hayes, Administrative Officer  
Ms. P. Little, Ass. Arts Officer  
Ms. J. Hayes, Archivist  
Mr. D. McGuigan, Administrative Officer

**Item 1: Welcome and Introduction**

Cllr. Foley welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that as a previous Chair of a Community, Social and Cultural SPC he was looking forward to working with the members and officials on issues of relevance to the committee.

**Item 2: Draft Standing Orders and Guidance Document for SPCs.**

Ms. Cotter Coughlan informed the committee that meetings will be scheduled at least 2 weeks before Council Meetings. The Chairperson requested that meetings to be moved to different areas to enable the SPC members to view other parts of the City and County. Ms. Cotter Coughlan also informed the committee that revised times of meetings will be advised in the context of the PPN representatives coming on board.

**Proposed: Cllr. Francis Foley**

**Seconded: Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy**

The Chairperson proposed and the committee agreed the venue for the next meeting:

- **Castlemahon Community Centre**

Cllr. O'Donnell asked that this committee be mindful of referrals back to the SPC from the full Council Meetings in setting the SPC dates.

### **Item 3: Overview of SPC for Community, Leisure & Emergency Services**

Presentations were given to the members of the SPC from the following people:

Mr. D. Dullaghan, Senior Executive Librarian

- *Library Service*
- *Local Collection/History*
- *Archives*
- *Museum*
- *Arts Service & City Gallery*

Mr. M. Ryan, Chief Fire Officer

- *Fire Services*
- *Civic Defence*
- *Munster Regional Communication Centre*

Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Social Worker

- *LCDC*
- *PPN*
- *Community*
- *Estate Management*

The Chairperson congratulated the Library & Cultural Service on its work. Ms. Fitzgerald requested presentations to be emailed to all members of the SPC along with Senior Directorate Team contact details.

- **Presentations and Senior Directorate Team Contact Details to be emailed to SPC members.**

Several queries regarding the presentations were raised from the Members regarding the Fire Service, Comhairle na nÓg, Age Friendly Programme, Estate Management, PPN and the Library Service. There was a lengthy discussion among the members and council officials with the queries being responded to.

- **Cllr. Hourigan proposed a presentation be given at the next SPC in relation to the Library Service. This was seconded by Cllr. Bill O' Donnell.**

### **Item 4: Sports Capital Funding**

D. McGuigan gave details of the Sports Capital Funding that had recently become available. Closing date for applications was 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**Item 5: Consideration of Scheme of Payment of Grants under the Arts Act 2003.  
(Letter from Director dated 12/3/15).**

Grants under the Arts Act Letter and Report were approved. Eighty-eight applications were received and the arts evaluation committee recommended funding fifty nine. Funding recommendations ranged from €100 to €1,000. In all €20,000 was allocated across a range of Arts disciplines. Training and clinics will be implemented around this grant strand next year.

**Item 6: Any Other Business**

- Next SPC 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Provisional venue - **Castlemahon Community Centre**

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