

Community, Leisure & Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting 06/07/2020

A meeting of the Community, Leisure & Culture Strategic Policy Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick on Monday, 6th July, 2020 at 3pm

The following were in attendance: -

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon

PRESENT: Cllr. Olivia O' Sullivan
Cllr. Sarah Kiely
Cllr. Tom Ruddle
Cllr. Gerald Mitchell
Cllr. Elisa O' Donovan
Cllr. Michael Donegan
Cllr. Dan McSweeney
Cllr. Michael Collins
Cllr. Frankie Daly
Cllr. Conor Sheehan
Cllr. Jerry O' Dea
Cllr. Azad Talukder
Cllr. PJ Carey
Ms Josephine Butler
Ms Louise Crowley
Mr Keith Piggott
Mr Oliver Creighton
Ms Louise Donlon
Mr Pádraig Lohan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Gordon Daly, Director of Services
Ms Anne Rizzo, Administrative Officer
Ms Kathy O' Grady, Staff Officer
Ms Úna McCarthy, Director/Curator, Limerick City Gallery of Art

APOLOGIES: Mr Mike Ryan
Ms Donnah Vuma

The Chair Cllr K O' Hanlon opened the meeting by welcoming the newly appointed sectoral interests and asked each member to introduce themselves to the group.

Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J O' Dea, seconded by Cllr D McSweeney the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 3rd February, 2020 were unanimously adopted.

Item 2: Matter Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Item 3: Covid 19- Community Response Update.

The members received a presentation on Limericks Community Response to Covid 19. The update outlined the setting up of a call centre at the Munster GAA headquarters, the community response Management Team and the community response forum. The presentation also detailed the wide variety of members of the volunteer team. It also outlined the next steps in relation to the call centre; calls will now be relocated to Corporate Headquarters and will be answered by Customer Services staff from Monday to Friday 9-5pm from the 6th July.

Mayor M Collins acknowledged their hard work and advised that when it is safe to do so that in his role as Mayor he would like to honour those involved in the Community Response.

Cllr E O' Donovan also expressed her thanks for the hard work in these unprecedented times but also raised concerns that not all community groups were represented on the Community Forum. G Daly outlined that the Forum had a very large membership and some additional groups were added on request. A Rizzo also highlighted that the PPN and LCDC were represented on the community forum and that the Government gave instruction on who should be on the forum.

O Creighton, member of Limerick Senior Forum also expressed his gratitude to the response effort and outlined that he knew many people that used the service,

The members expressed their gratitude to the staff and other agencies in their hard work during this difficult time.

Item 4: Draft of the Limerick City Gallery of Art Strategy (Presentation)

The members received an update on the Draft Limerick City Gallery of Art Strategy. The presentation outlined the context and history of the Art Gallery, the process involved in developing the strategy, the Mission and vision, the integrated ambition, strengths and opportunities along with risks and weaknesses and information on delivering on the vision. The presentation also outlined that the vision for LCGA will be delivered through four integrated ambitions, which focus on:

- Exhibitions + Cultural Programme
- Access – Developing Audiences
- Access – Strengthening Public Engagement
- Investment for the Future

These ambitions were developed from consultation with stakeholders and emphasise Limerick City Gallery of Art's commitment to enriching their programme and public engagement.

After the presentation the members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Cllr O' Sullivan, along with other members, outlined the importance of marketing the Art Gallery and highlighted the importance of getting the collection online.

Cllr S Kiely suggested putting out an invitation to primary and secondary schools to come visit the Art Gallery.

L Donlon queried whether there was funding available that could be used for an Education and Outreach officer to assist in engaging more students to the Art Gallery.

U McCarthy addressed the questions raised by the SPC members.

G Daly outlined that the Strategy needs to be finalised and that its implementation would be the main priority for the Art Gallery in the coming year.

The Chair Cllr K O' Hanlon outlined the members of the SPC would welcome a visit to Limerick City Gallery of Art to see the collection and facilities and suggested holding a future SPC meeting at the Gallery when it is safe to do.

Item 5: Update on the Limerick Tourism Development Strategy and Actions (Presentation)

The members received a progress report on the Limerick Tourism Development Strategy and Actions. The presentation outlined the progress to date in relation to the different objectives and themes of the strategy.

After the presentation, the members were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the strategy.

Many of the members highlighted the fact that the tourism industry has been hugely affected by Covid 19 and asked could this item be put on the Agenda again for the next SPC meeting.

K Piggott raised the issue in relation to the food industry and highlighted that food tourism should be integrated into the Tourism strategy.

G Daly acknowledged the importance of food tourism and said he would also raise the matter with the Economic Development Directorate and the LEO, who are also focusing on this through the food strategy.

G Daly also highlighted that Limerick City & County Councils Marketing Department were working closely with Fáilte Ireland on a campaign to advertise Limerick as a perfect staycation.

Cllr K O' Hanlon and the members thanked all those who made the presentations under each of the agenda items and welcomed progress made to date under the various briefings made at the meeting.

Item 6: Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC will be held on Monday 7th September, at 3pm. Location to be decided.

Cllr K O' Hanlon thanked the members for their input into the meeting and as there were no other matters for discussion, the meeting was brought to a close.

Minutes Proposed By: _____

Minutes Seconded By: _____

Minutes Signed By Chair:  Date: 7/9/20