

Community, Leisure & Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting 09/11/2020

A meeting of the Community, Leisure & Culture Strategic Policy Committee was held virtually on Monday, 9th November, 2020 at 3pm

The following were in attendance: -

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon

PRESENT: Cllr. Michael Collins
Cllr. Olivia O' Sullivan
Cllr. Sarah Kiely
Cllr. Michael Donegan
Cllr. Elisa O' Donovan
Cllr. Dan McSweeney
Cllr. Conor Sheehan
Cllr. Jerry O' Dea
Cllr. Azad Talukder
Cllr. Francis Foley
Ms Josephine Butler
Ms Mary Conlon
Mr Keith Piggott
Mr Pádraig Lohan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Gordon Daly, Director of Services
Mr Seamus O' Connor, Senior Social Worker/ Chief Officer LCDC
Ms Fiona McCormack, A/Senior Executive Officer
Mr Damien Brady, Limerick City & County Librarian
Ms Kathy O' Grady, Staff Officer
Ms Carmel Lynch, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms Sarah McCutcheon, Executive Archaeologist
Ms Alice Hennessy, Assistant Staff Officer
Mr Eanna Rowe. Project Manager, Waterways Ireland

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Dan McSweeney

Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr O' Sullivan, seconded by Cllr M Collins the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 7th September, 2020 were adopted.

Item 2: Matters Arising

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

Item 3: River Tourism Masterplan (Presentation)

The members received a presentation from Mr Eanna Rowe, Regional Manager, Waterways Ireland on plans for tourism development along the River Shannon. The presentation outlined how the masterplan will be a key step in the evolution of the new Fáilte Ireland Strategy for 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands' which is one of the key regional tourism brands. The Masterplan includes Limerick and it is noted that the Council has a representative sitting on the Steering Group for the implementation of the Masterplan.

The members thanked Mr Rowe for his presentation and expressed their enthusiasm for the progression of the plan in relation to tourism in Limerick.

Item 4: Draft Play and Recreation Policy

The members were briefed on the Draft Play and Recreation Policy. The policy had been circulated and discussed at the September SPC meeting and the members were given the opportunity to provide feedback. This policy will guide Limerick City and County Council's approach to play and recreation. The policy will provide overall aims, objectives, and actions that will inform the development and delivery of many local authority led services, strategies and programmes.

It was proposed by Cllr O' Sullivan, seconded by Cllr M Collins, and agreed that the Draft Play and Recreation Policy go to Full Council meeting on 3rd December 2020 for their consideration.

G Daly informed the meeting that with the recommendation of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC, the draft policy will go forward to the Full Council for consideration at its next Meeting to be held on 3rd December, 2020.

Item 5: Draft Limerick City Gallery of Art Strategy

The members were briefed on the draft Limerick City Gallery of Art Strategy after having reviewed the strategy from the July SPC meeting. The members were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the strategy.

The strategy outlines 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

It was proposed by Cllr M Donegan, seconded by Cllr O' Sullivan and agreed that the Draft Limerick City Gallery of Art Strategy go to the next Full Council for their consideration.

G Daly informed that with the recommendation of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC, the draft strategy will go forward to the Full Council for consideration at its next Meeting to be held on 3rd December, 2020.

Item 6: Draft Burial Ground and Interment Strategy (Presentation)

The members received a presentation on the draft Burial Ground & Interment Strategy 2020-2040. The presentation highlighted the purpose of the strategy, how the data is collected, information on the capacity of graveyards in Limerick City and County and plans for future cremations, burials and columbarium walls. The presentation also discussed the preliminary assessment of heritage assets within Limerick City and County Council burial grounds.

G Daly outlined that this strategy will be brought back to members for discussion and feedback at a future SPC meeting.

Item 7: Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Dan McSweeney.

"I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council carry out a full review of the current 2015 Cemetery Bye-Laws"

As Cllr McSweeney was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed to defer this notice of motion to the next Community, Leisure and Culture SPC taking place on 1st February, 2021.

Item 8: Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Elisa O' Donovan.

"I will move at the next meeting that this Council put in place a working group to establish Limerick as an Autism-friendly City"

Cllr O' Donovan briefed the members on the notice and potential benefits for Limerick to be the first Autism friendly City and County in Ireland. She outlined that if a working group was set up it that they would work closely with the organisation ASIAM to assist in introducing Autism friendly services throughout Limerick.

Following the discussion the motion was seconded by Cllr O' Sullivan and agreed by the members the following wording was agreed

"I will move at the next meeting that this Council put in place a working group to establish Limerick as an Autism-friendly City & County"

Item 9: Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Azad Talukder

"I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council examine the feasibility of a Shannon River Cruise Development Project as this project will be helpful to attract tourists in the ongoing post Covid-19 period and, in the long term, promote Limerick City's attractiveness to foreign tourists."

Cllr Talukder briefed the members on the notice and the potential to develop domestic and international tourism on the river Shannon. G Daly recommended that it would be beneficial for a study to be undertaken on the river usage and that this study would come back to the SPC at a future date. Following the discussion by the members, the motion proposed by Cllr Talukder was agreed.

Item 10: Amended 2021 Meeting Schedule

Dates for meetings of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC for 2021 were agreed as follows:

1st February, 2021 3:00pm

19th April, 2021 3.00pm

Cllr O' Hanlon thanked all speakers and acknowledged the hard work they had put in to today's presentations.

As there were no other matters for discussion, the meeting was brought to a close.

Minutes Proposed By: Cllr Conor Sheehan

Minutes Seconded By: Cllr Kevin Sheehan

Minutes Signed By Chair: Kieran O'Hanlon Date: 6/2/21