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Council Meeting to be held on Monday 23 January 2023

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will ask at the next Meeting can Limerick City and County Council please provide a legal opinion on the rights of a person to record a public Council meeting, whether in person or online; and to outline, if there is a legal barrier to recording, what sanctions can Limerick City and County Council impose if a meeting is recorded by an individual

Reply:

The Standing Orders for Meetings, which are adopted by the Elected Members, state that no cameras of any kind, or sound recording, or communication equipment may be used by any person at Meetings of the Council, without prior approval of the Council.

The Meetings Administrator also begins each Meeting by outlining the requirements of Standing Orders that any recording is prohibited, ie that no recording of the meeting and its proceedings by any person, including Elected Members and attending members of the public and media shall be allowed.

The Standing Orders also states that any Member of the Council, or any other attendee, who, in the opinion of the Mayor transgresses any Standing Order or refuses to obey the ruling of the Mayor, may be called to order by the Mayor.

If (s)he persists in her/his refusal to obey the ruling of the Mayor then the Mayor may suspend her/him for the remainder of the sitting. The Standing Orders also outline that the provisions of Section 57(d) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 shall apply in relation to disorderly conduct. The legislation provides for sanctions including for example suspension from meetings and a reduction in remuneration.

Separately the recording of a meeting may not be in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and depending on the circumstances, there may be legal remedies available therein to an attendee at a meeting who believes a recording was possibly made and who wishes to contest same.

Laura Flannery

Head of Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 23RD JANUARY, 2023.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting

(a) how much of the Council-approved loan to Easy Bikes has been drawn down and what the outstanding balance stands at.

- The loan of €300,000 to Lazy Bike Tour Company is fully drawn down. The loan payments made to date are €23,300 in line with the agreed payment schedule.

(b) how many bicycles were purchased.

- To date, Limerick Greenway Bike Hire have purchased approximately 300 bikes.

(c) where are these Bikes stored.

- All bikes are stored locally, in Co. Limerick.

(d) what is the connection with the Limerick Bike Hire and how does the name change impact on this Council's Loan Agreement.

- The loan agreement with Limerick City & County Council is with The Lazy Bike Tour Company Limited. This loan is personally guaranteed and is registered with the CRO. Limerick Greenway Bike Hire Ltd is the name of the company they have set up to operate from the Limerick Greenway Hubs. This does not impact on the loan agreement.

***Gordon Daly,
Director of Services,
Community Tourism & Culture.***



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I will ask at the next Meeting how much money has been spent by our Authority on Consultancy Services in each of the years 2018 through to 2022.

Reply:

The following amounts were paid in the 5 years 2018 to 2022 on consultancy costs:

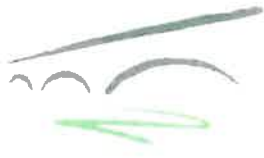
Year	Amount
2018	640,016
2019	751,932
2020	1,196,028
2021	1,293,094
2022	863,812
Grand Total	4,744,883

Some of the costs are recoupable/have been recouped. Please note that costs do not include consultancy services in respect of Roads or Housing.

Sean Coughlan

Deputy Chief Executive

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown on the budget allocated to festivals and events for 2017-2022.

REPLY:

Find below budget allocations for Limerick Festivals and Events for 2017-2022, including:

1. The Festivals and Events Grant Scheme
2. The Civic Festivals

Limerick City and County Council deliver other Festivals; this data does not include e.g. Culture Night, Crinniu na nOg and Africa Day. Limerick City and County Council also administers the LLPS Scheme and Failte Ireland funding.

1. Festivals and Events Grant Scheme

Year	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	Grant Allocation
2017	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€260,000
2018/2019	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€270,000
2019/2020	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€270,000
2020/2021	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€245,000
2021/2022	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€211,000
2022/2023	Festivals and Events Grant Scheme	€205,750

2. Civic Festivals

Year	St Patricks Day Parade & Irish Band Championships
2017	€146,380.19
2018	€141,510.13
2019	€183,075.19
2020	€129,643.69
2021	€49,922.25
2022	€208,841.90

Year	Riverfest
2017	€202,671.65
2018	€175,240.85
2019	€212,397.41
2020	€45,887.03
2021	€15,754.75
2022	€321,821.62

Year	Christmas in Limerick
2017	€100,045.53
2018	€118,687.64
2019	€123,037.93
2020	€113,224.81
2021	€70,760.75
2022	€110,000.00

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