



**Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Hybrid
Meeting 09/07/2025**

A meeting of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee (CLAHC SPC) was held on Wednesday, 09th July 2025 at 3pm in the Council Chamber Dooradoyle and Online via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRPERSON:

Cllr. Fergus Kilcoyne
Cllr. Azad Talukder
Cllr. Brigid Teefy
Cllr. Dan McSweeney
Cllr. Daniel Butler
Cllr. John Sheahan
Cllr. P.J. Carey
Cllr. Padraig Reale
Cllr. Sarah Beasley
Cllr. Shane Hickey O'Mara
Cllr. Tommy Hartigan
Ms. Marion Hurley

Mr. John Ward
Mr. Pete Moles
Mr. Padraig Lohan
Mr. Randal Hodkinson
Mr. Khurram Iqbal

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Martin Ryan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Stephane Duclot, Director of Service
Mr. Declan White, Director of Service
Ms. Anne Rizzo, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Karen Burke, Town Centre First Officer
Ms. Fiona McCormack, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Eileen Gleeson, Staff Officer
Ms. Jane Kissane, Executive Architect
Mr. Damien Brady, City & County Librarian
Ms. Fiona Ismail, Senior Executive Librarian
Ms. Joanna O'Donoghue, Staff Officer
Ms. Aisling Coughlan, Assistant Staff Officer
Ms. Orla Battles, Clerical Officer
Mr. Eamon O'Hanlon, Community Safety Administrator

Declaration of Interest:

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Standing Order, all present members should notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

Minute of silence was held in memory of Daniel Nedelcu, Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee member, who passed away on the 12th of June.

Item 1: Minutes:

The Minutes of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee held on 14th May 2025 were proposed by Cllr. B. Teefy and seconded by Cllr A. Talukder and adopted.

Item 2: Matters Arising

No matters arising were brought forward.

Item 3: Presentation on the Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan

A presentation was given by Karen Burke, Town Regeneration Officer on Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan. This is a high-level plan with key actions for the next 5 years. The Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan aims to strengthen and support the sustainable development of the outdoor recreation sector in Limerick for years to come.

Members were updated on the consultation process, which took place across Limerick, in May and June. Consultation included public display, online submissions and drop in consultations, 3 submissions were received, and comments have been incorporated into the Plan.

Town Regeneration Officer advised of the requirement to establish an Outdoor Recreation Forum to continue a stakeholder engagement process to highlight potential projects. It was advised that calls for participation will be widely circulated in the coming months.

Cllr. D. McSweeney asked for clarification if the Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan should be going to the full council for adoption rather than noting and if the planned Outdoor Recreation Forum would have any restrictions for elected members to participate. Town Regeneration Officer advised that The Plan is not a statutory document, therefore does not require adoption by full council, however the support of the Council will be shown by noting. Ms Burke advised that the planned Outdoor Recreation Forum will be opened to all and will not have restrictions for elected members to join.

Recommendation to consider the Limerick Outdoor Recreation Strategy, prepared in line with Guidelines for Development – County Outdoor Recreation Plans, to proceed to the September Full Council Meeting for noting, proposed by Ms Marion Hurley seconded by

Cllr F. Kilcoyne, that the Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan go to the Full Council for noting.

Item 4: Update on the Local Sports Plan

Fiona McCormack, A/SEO, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation Directorate, presented on the progress of Local Sports Plan.

The update was given to the members on the consultation process that already took place and is still outgoing. Members were asked to help in promoting surveys / consultations with children, young people, residents and stakeholders that are available online on My Point. The deadline for submission was extended till Friday 11th of July to allow more participation.

Final Draft of The Local Sports Plan will be presented to Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee members upon completion.

Ms M. Hurley asked if it would be still possible to engage with teenagers that are often left out from consultation process and their voice should be heard. Ms F. McCormack advised that those comments will be taken on board.

Item 5: Presentation on The National Famine Commemoration 2025

The City & County Librarian, Damien Brady, presented overview of 2025 National Famine Commemoration that took place in Kilmallock, County Limerick on Saturday, 17th May 2025.

The timeline for organising the event was short, however great work was done by Limerick City and County Staff, Kilmallock community and other stakeholders. During the week of the Commemoration Day, a programme of community events was held in Kilmallock including exhibitions, historical talks, lectures and activities that were very well attended.

The commemoration was a formal State ceremony and included a keynote address by President Michael D. Higgins and Minister Patrick O'Donovan. It was also attended by officials including the Mayor of Limerick, Limerick City and County Councilors and 56 diplomats. In total 570 people attended the ceremony, which got widespread coverage across local and national print and online media and getting the front page in Limerick Post.

Councillors congratulated Mr Brady and his team for organising such a great event and acknowledged great support and collaboration with Kilmallock community.



Chairperson complemented the work done by all involved and thanked them for organisation of The National Famine Commemoration.

Item 6: Date of next meeting

The Chairperson Cllr Fergus Kilcoyne thanked all for the presentations made. The next meeting of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture SPC will take place on Wednesday 15th October 2025 in Council Chamber, Dooradoyle at 3pm and online. Dates of the future meetings will be circulated to members.

Meeting ended at 3.40 pm

Minutes Proposed By: Cllr D. BUTLER

Minutes Seconded By: MR. J. WARD

Minutes Signed By Chair: Chairperson Date: 15/10/25