

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2026 AT 4.15 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor C. Slattery, Príomh Chomhairleoir.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Moran.

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Galvin, Gavan, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Reale, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan, Stokes, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Ryan (M).

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (Dr. P. Daly), Deputy Director General and Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Finance, Investment and Governance (Mr. M. White), Director, Housing (Mr. V. Murray), Director, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm (Ms. P. Liddy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Head of Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. B. Troy), Senior Executive Officer, Municipal District and Príomh Chomhairleoir (Ms. K. White), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Mr. S. Lenihan, Director, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings.

1. St. Patrick's Festival Open Funding Call 2026

Circulated, Report of the Head of Economic and Tourism Development dated 4th March, 2026 seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocations under the Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events St. Patrick's Festival Open Funding Call 2026.

The Head of Economic and Tourism Development provided an overview of the timeline for the funding call, the categories under which applications were received, the funding available and details of the recommended allocations. He outlined the funding categories as follows:

1. Category 1: Limerick St. Patrick's County Parades Support – Subdivided into:
 - a. Towns (maximum funding cap at €1,800 per town)
 - b. Villages (maximum funding cap at €800 per village).
2. Category 2: Cultural Institutions/Venues - St. Patrick's Festival-themed Event
3. Category 3: Other St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events/Creations

Members thanked the Head of Economic and Tourism Development for the overview of the Open Funding Call 2026. Members queried how villages and towns were categorised for the allocation of funding and emphasised the importance of informing Members in advance of issuing notice of a Call for Funding, noting that it is a reserved function.

In response to the Members' queries, the Head of Economic and Tourism Development advised that applications for funding for towns and villages were categorised based on the Settlement Hierarchy set out in the Limerick Development Plan 2022 to 2028.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor Ryan (E);
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the recommendations on the proposed allocation of funding for the St. Patrick's Festival Open Funding Call 2026, as set out in the report of the Head of Economic and Tourism Development dated 4th March, 2026.”

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date:
