

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH IN COUNTY BUILDINGS**

**Present:** Gertie Salley, Cllr Shay Cullen, Cllr Pat Kennedy, Cllr Nicola Lawless, Cllr Grainne McLoughlin, Cllr Miriam Murphy, Cllr Jim Ruttle.

**Apologies:** Irene Sweeney, Brendan Thornhill

**Present:** Michael Nicholson, Brendan Martin, Theresa O'Brien, Máire Halvey, Martina Byrne, Mary Tuite

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**{1} Adoption of the Minutes**

Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December was proposed by Cllr Pat Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Shay Cullen.

**{2} Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**{3} Community Grants 2018**

Theresa O'Brien circulated an update on the Community Grants process for 2018 highlighting the fact that the judging this year would be undertaken in conjunction with the Municipal Districts. Members agreed that the issue of non return of Post Events Form and non-attendance at presentation nights should be taken into considered when judging for future funding.

**{4} People of the Year 2018.**

Theresa O'Brien circulated an update on the People of the Year Event 2018 to be held in the Glenview Hotel on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. She requested members of the SPC to become actively involved in putting forward candidates for consideration. Michael Nicholson informed the members that four hotels had been asked for quotations to host the event and that the Glenview Hotel provided the best quotation.

**{5} Update on Funded Schemes**

Updates were also circulated on –

- Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- CLAR
- Outdoor Recreation Scheme
- REDZ
- RAPID

Theresa informed members that three very successful Information Nights had been held in Aughrim, Hollywood and the Glenview Hotel in February and March. These had been very well attended by community group who were given an overview of funding schemes coming on line in 2018. Details of 85 proposed projects were gathered and these would be reviewed over the coming weeks.

**{6} Wicklow Outdoor Recreation Scheme**

Update circulated containing details of Greenways, Coastal Walking Routes, South East Coastal Blueway, Celtic Routes Interreg Project. Michael Nicholson indicated that a Project Manager would be appointed to drive the Celtic Routes Interreg Project and Cllr Shay Cullen requested that once he is appointed that he make a presentation to the SPC.

**{7} Library Update**

Brendan Martin provided an update on progress within the library service. Jim Ruttie and Pat Kennedy congratulated Brendan and staff on a comprehensive programme and in particular the work on the Rathdrum Library. Michael Nicholson indicated that there was a possibility of a new library for Newtown on a site adjoining at development site in the town.

**{8} Healthy Ireland**

Aisling Hubbard circulated details of the Healthy Ireland Programme detailing the projects being proposed. In response to Cllr Jim Ruttie's query about the Baltinglass Park extension Aisling informed members that the boardwalk at Baltinglass Park had to be taken up. Michael Nicholson paid tribute to Aisling, the staff and all the community groups for their input into the programme.

**{9} Local Sports Partnership**

Aisling circulated an update covering –

- Inclusive Sport and Physical Activity Workshops
- Primary School Dance Programme
- Operation Transformation
- Dormant Account Programme with LGFA
- Training and Education

She informed the meeting that the new Local Sports Partnership Strategy was being prepared. Childrens First Act – all clubs must have completed workshops and the demand for courses had increased.

**{10} Arts Update – Creative Ireland**

As Jenny Sherwin, Arts Officer, is still on maternity leave this items was moved forward to next meeting. The draft Creative Ireland Strategy is being prepared and is to be submitted to the Department by end of March.

**{11} Ethics – Local Government Act 2001.**

Michael Nicholson asked members to note that a Circular containing Code of Conduct would issue from Corporate Affairs as non-elected members of committees were now bound by the same rules that applied to Council Members.

**{13} Date for next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was scheduled in for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the usual time of 11 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLLR JIM RUTTIE**  
**Chairman**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

18/6/18