

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON 14<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER, 2020 AT 11.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Irene Sweeney, Kevin Mann, Gertie Salley, Cllr. Vincent Blake, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr Anne Ferris, Cllr John Mullen.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Gail Dunne, Cllr. Miriam Murphy.

**In attendance:** Michael Nicholson, Caroline Fox, Máire Halvey, Brendan Martin, Mary Tuite.

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**{1} Adoption of the Minutes**

Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 was proposed by Irene Sweeney and seconded by Cllr Vincent Blake.

**{2} Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**{3} Covid Update**

Michael Nicholson informed the committee that in line with the governments Keep Well Campaign, the following initiatives had been undertaken focussing on health and wellbeing of the public.

Christmas Card send to each household providing information and contact details for the wicklow wellbeing website, and the Community Call Helpline and also included a campaign to encourage people to Shop Local for Christmas.

The Community Call Helpline while still active was not receiving as many requests/calls as previous months. This service has also linked in with ALONE, PPN and the Wicklow Volunteer Centre.

Cllr. John Mullen thanked the staff involved with the Community Call Helpline. Also Cllr. Mullen added that he was delighted to hear that the Helpline had become more pro-active with calls being made to vulnerable people in the community.

**{4} Project Ireland 2040 Rural Regeneration Programme Updates.**

Michael Nicholson provided a synopsis of the projects/programmes updates. Due to IT issues with email the reports and updates would be circulated to the committee after this meeting.,

**{5} Strategy Updates**

Michael Nicholson indicated that the strategy updates would also be circulated after the meeting.

The committee were advised that The Migrant Integration Strategy had been approved by the LCDC and would go before the Council for adoption in January.

Cllr. Mullen expressed his concern that only one engineer, Margaret Hartnett, was responsible for both the Blessington and Arklow/Shillelagh Greenways, as they were both such big projects. Michael Nicholson advised that this concern would be noted.

In response to Cllr. Vincent Blake, the committee were informed that Garvan Hickey, District Administrator, was in the process of identifying potential sites for allotments in west Wicklow.

**{6} Wicklow Sport and Recreation Partnership Update –**

This report will also circulate to the committee at a later date

**{7} Notice of Motion – “That Wicklow County Council agrees to put communication displays in all childrens playgrounds within the remit of this Local Authority to make it more inclusive and friendly.”**

This motion proposed by Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy and Cllr Melanie Corrigan was adopted by members. The committee agreed that the roll out would start with new playgrounds.

**{8} Any Other Business**

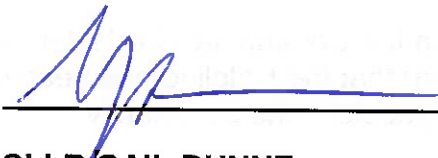
Cllr Anne Ferris thanked the Director for facilitating the Zoom Meeting. Also Cllr. Ferris added that she felt blended meetings were the way forward.

Cllr. Mullen thanked the Community Section for their hard work and positivity during Covid, particularly he acknowledged the section’s work on the Community Call Helpline.

Michael Nicholson wished members a happy and safe Christmas.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:



Date:

10/3/21

**CLLR/GAIL DUNNE**  
Chairman