

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community, Quality of Life & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th June, 2023 at 4pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk.

Present: Cllr. John Sheridan-Chair
Cllr. Sean Kelly
Cllr. Maeve Yore
Cllr. Pearse McGeough
Ms. Lorna Costelloe, PPN Social inclusion rep
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, PPN Sports rep
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, Manager of Outcomers
Mr. Ben Malone, Community Water Officer

Officials: Mr. Joe Mc Guinness, Director of Services
Ms. Amanda Brannigan, County Liabrian
Ms. Paula Gribben, Administrative Officer
Ms. Fiona Lennon, Community Climate Action Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Paddy McQuillan
Cllr. Michelle Hall
Ms. Fiona Crawley, PPN Environmental Rep
Ms. Stacey McVeigh, PPN Youth Rep.
Ms. Susan Farrelly, PPN Arts Rep
Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Oliver Winters, Senior Staff Officer

Introduction

The Chairperson, Cllr John Sheridan welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.

Minutes of the previous meeting- 16th November 2022

Cllr. Pearse McGeough proposed the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 and Lorna Costelloe seconded.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Presentation on LGBT+ Outcomer's Pride Festival, by Ms Bernardine Quinn, Manager of Outcomers

Ms Bernardine Quinn, Manager of Outcomers, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the LGBT+Outcomers Pride Festival. Members thanked Ms Quinn made some comments and raised a number of questions that were addressed by Ms. Quinn.

Presentation on Local Authority Waters Programme, by Mr. Ben Malone, Community Water officer.

Mr. Ben Malone, delivered an all-embracing presentation on LAWPRO, and advised members on the Community Water Development fund that supports community initiatives to improve and protect water quality through local action. Louth has had a poor uptake of this fund so a number of suggestions were made by members around encouraging engagement of the community and voluntary sectors. There was also some discussion on the Castletown River and on a project carried out in conjunction with Dundalk Tidy Towns on the Ramparts River. Members agreed that LAWPRO should feature annually as an item on the agenda for this SPC.

AOB

Cllr Maeve Yore raised a query on the library lift and asked for clarification on LCC's access officer. Mr. Joe Mc Guinness, Director of Services, responded to the queries raised.

Cllr Pearse McGeough, extended his best wishes to the chairperson on his forthcoming wedding.

Ms Fiona Lennon, Community Climate Action Officer was introduced to members and gave a short overview of her role.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th September 2023 in County Hall, Dundalk and there will be a presentation on Volunteerism as the lifeblood of community and quality of life, by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Minutes confirmed at SPC Meeting held on: 13/09/23

Signed by Chairperson: 