

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.00 am on Wednesday 13th April 2022 in the Setanta Room, County Hall, Dundalk.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Pio Smith

Members: Cllr. Maria Doyle
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Cllr. Jim Tenanty

Apologies: Cllr. Joanna Byrne
Cllr. Emma Coffey

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Catherine Duff, Director of Services
Thomas McEvoy, A/Director of Services
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

1. Minutes of 9th March 2022

Proposed by Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by Cllr. Maria Doyle

2. Council Meeting Agenda

Members were given a briefing on all items in the Council Agenda including (but not exclusively):

- Reports outstanding from previous month under S141 annual reporting of committee members - it was suggested that members be reminded in advance of the April meeting
- Draft Annual Report was presented for noting with final document to be before Councillors at June meeting, some final items are awaited
- SPC Revised Standing Orders drafted with changes to quorum, and location
- New Nomination to LCDC approved to go to council
- Drogheda Port attendance - Members were advised that online attendance was again requested but Port preferred online, this was discussed, and CPG agreed to push it out to May meeting to allow for in person attendance

3. Request from Braymore Wind Farm to give presentation,

CPG agreed that presentation should be put to full council due to expected interest levels

4. Members Communication Plan

Responses to motions were discussed, the length, and some of this then was directed towards recent responses to motions on rainbow crossings. The Executive advised that it was difficult to expand where the response was no; those pedestrian crossings were road safety items and support could be explored in other ways.

Members advised that motions submitted were often on foot of representations made so lengthier explanation might be needed, disappointment was expressed at the reticence towards rainbow crossings and art work on road side. The Chief Executive directed that there should be no allegation of a lack of support for the LGBTQ+ community as they were always supported by Louth County Council.

The length of items being raised under operations at meetings, the tracker, and sugar calls were discussed. It was suggested that items were not being logged on Sugar. Members were advised of the importance of Sugar and that this was the system that was monitored under the Communication Plan.

5. SPC Work Programmes

It was hoped the draft revised standing orders before council would assist in maintaining a quorum.

6. AOB

Compliments were extended to the 2 Directors for the presentations given to external bodies to promote Louth on the recent St. Patricks Day trip to New York. The shrinking Louth Diaspora in New York was noted and the importance of maintaining Louth's presence abroad to promote FDI and Tourism in a competitive market.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on:

Date:

8 June 2022

Cathaoirleach:

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Meetings Administrator:

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