

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.00 am on Wednesday 6th October 2021 in Council Chamber

In attendance:

Members: Cathaoirleach - Cllr. Jim Tenanty standing in for Cllr Pio Smith
Cllr. Joanna Byrne
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Cllr. Emma Coffey
Cllr. Maria Doyle

Apologies: Cllr. Pio Smith

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Bryan Coughlan, A/Director of Services
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

1. Minutes of 8th September 2021

Proposed by Cllr Liam Reilly
Seconded by Cllr Emma Coffey

2. Matters arising

None

3. Development Plan Process

Following their adoption of the Louth County Development Plan on Thursday 30th October Members were given an update on next steps by Frank Pentony Director of Services and advised that items had to go to the OPR within 5 days of Thursdays meeting.

4. Council Meeting Formats

Members were reminded that the Council Meeting was continuing in St. Gerards Hall for October and would therefore be limited to HSE timeframes. The ability to retain a preference to attend remotely was discussed and the high cost of providing this option was raised. The Chief Executive advised that while we were initially able to recoup the cost of providing remote attendance that it appears that recent meetings would not be recoupable.

A query was raised about retaining online facility for SPC meetings.

5. Council Meeting Agenda

Members were given a briefing on all items in the Council Agenda by Bryan Coughlan who was acting for Joe McGuinness Director of Services.

It was agreed to put the minutes of the Planning meetings on the Agenda if complete in time.

Members requested that the CE Report be heard in sequence of the report as they expressed dissatisfaction with dealing with the report in one block as September meeting.

It was agreed to remove the reference to 'for noting' in relation to the Louth Report on the Mother & Baby Home Investigation as Members considered that Councillors would want to

Speak on this item. The limited time frame for the meeting was noted however and the desire to deal with the Notices of Motions which had been forwarded from previous meetings.

6. Suggested Meeting to clear all matters

It was agreed to try and deal with all items within the main Council Meeting Agenda in October within the allotted time frame if possible and consider alternative options on the day should a separate meeting be required.

7. Request - M. O'Brien LMETB & Michael Keogh Drogheda Implementation Body to meet with LCC

Members were advised that as the implementation body was only recently formed and the new board had not met yet it was perhaps better to forward this to later agendas, and likely that the very earliest it could be on the agenda was December due to the volume of upcoming items. Members were advised that there was nothing to prevent them receiving a briefing from the group outside of a statutory meeting.

8. Members Communication Plan

Members were informed that the Executive had signed up for a MapAlerter app which they hoped to roll out asap. Cllr Tenanty advised of Ardee Municipal funding being previously agreed for a separate app, and that he wanted to know if the MapAlerter app could be used rather than signing up for two apps prior to any roll out.

9. SPC Work Programmes

Cllr. Doyle advised of significant issues reaching a quorum for the Planning and Infrastructure SPC, this was not on the part of Elected Members or Staff.

10. New Nomination to the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Service advised Members of the de-selection of existing Committee member by HSE and nomination of new HSE Committee Member to the LCDC and the CPG Members approved bringing this to the full Council.

11. Any other business

Cllr Doyle queried the advertising of a competition for design of Cathaoirleach Chains and expressed upset that Councillors had not been notified in advance of this matter. The Chief Executive advised she would look into this.

Cllr Tenanty queried whether there would be a discussion with Members around the contents of the National Development Plan and noted that Ardee Bypass is in the plan along with the Ardee to Castleblayney route. Members were advised that the Executive needed time to review the contents of the Plan. It was noted that the Interactive plan online was user friendly and informative.

List of conferences were approved by Members and Allocations were noted.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____