

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Friday, 2nd June, 2017 at 3.00 p.m. in Room 316,
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllr. B. Chambers, Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. G. Flynn, J. Cooney, P. Hayes and R. Nagle.

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.
Niall Barrett, Director of Finance and Support Services.

Apologies: Cllr. A. Norton.

Cllr. B. Chambers presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd May, 2017.

The minutes of the meeting of the C.P.G. held on 2nd May, 2017 were circulated and agreed having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney.

2. June Council Meeting.

The members noted the headed items and discussed the notice of motions received for the June agenda.

The members agreed that following the decision made by Limerick City & County Council on the proposed Limerick Northern Distributor Road, that the Chief Executive should provide an update on this project at the June meeting of Council.

3. Request for meeting of Clare, Galway and Limerick local authorities.

Members agreed that the logistics of hosting the type of assembly proposed was such that it would require over 150 people to attend. They proposed an alternative option that each grouping would nominate a maximum of 2 people plus the Cathaoirleach to attend with the Chief Executive. It was considered that the Oireachtas members would not be included for the initial meeting. It was proposed that the meeting be held in committee and that the Chief Executive and the Meetings Administrator would progress with the other local authorities.

4. I.P.B. retained earnings distribution.

The Chief Executive updated the members on the proposed retained earnings distribution from Irish Public Bodies for a three year period.

The executive will prepare a programme of works to target particular areas of the county and will bring this to the elected Council in July for approval. The objectives of fairness and future risk avoidance in identified high risk areas will be taken into account.

5. Proposal for Civic Reception for John Burke.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney that this proposal be put before the full Council for approval.

6. Any other business.

- The need to ensure continuing of staff, particularly senior staff in key service areas was raised by the members. When changes are made, an update of the senior staff in each area should be circulated to the members.
- The Chief Executive informed the members that the Board of Shannon Group has advertised a directorship in area of audit and finance. Further directorships will be advertised in the autumn.
- The Chief Executive advised the members of a biography being done for Dr. Brendan O'Regan to which a contribution may be given by the Council.
- The members congratulated the Clare & District Soccer League on retaining the Oscar Traynor trophy.
- The Chief Executive advised that it was his intention to launch the Rural Development Strategy for County Clare over the summer months. He thanked the members for their input and support.
A key component of the strategy will be the establishment of a Community Support Worker in each municipal district, to work at local level with the community groups in applying for funding, planning ahead and ensuring good governance. The members supported this approach.
- The Chief Executive informed the members of work being done by him in engaging with Shannon Group, IDA, Enterprise Ireland, University of Limerick, Limerick Institute of Technology and other state bodies on strategic economic development initiatives with a view to working as a cohesive grouping for the benefit of the county. In this regard, he outlined that he would like to commence on a Masterplan for the town of Ennis and Shannon.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Carmel Greene,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

8th June, 2017.