

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 245,  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cllr. T. McNamara, Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. P. Hayes, J. Cooney,  
G. Flynn and R. Nagle.

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.  
Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.  
Brian McCarthy, A/Director of Service. (attended for Items 3 and 4)

Cllr. T. McNamara presided.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. G. Flynn.

**2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for November Council Meeting.**

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

It was agreed that the giving of funding towards individual conferences/events does not have to be a headed item on the Council agenda, as it is not a reserved function.

With regard to funding for local roads, the members asked that a report on current funding arrangements for same be added as an agenda item.

Regarding the motion proposing a civic reception, it was noted that this should have come to C.P.G. rather than as a motion in order to comply with Standing Order No. 70. The option of a Mayoral reception can be considered.

**3. Fix date for briefing on draft Burren National Park Visitor Management Plan.**

Brian McCarthy, A/Director of Service attended for this item and outlined the fact that the National Parks and Wildlife Service had engaged consultants to prepare a Burren National Park Visitor Management Plan, which is now at draft stage. It was agreed to have a briefing on this draft plan on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The members also asked if a presentation by Fáilte Ireland could be arranged in due course.

#### **4. Ennis Information Age Park.**

Brian McCarthy, A/Director of Service attended for this item, which was requested by the Economic Development S.P.C. A briefing on the Information Age Park has been arranged by Shannon Commercial Properties to the Economic Development S.P.C.

#### **5. Any other business.**

The Chief Executive briefed the members on the following:

- Expressions of interest have been advertised for joint venture proposals for data centre(s) in County Clare.
- The submission on the National Planning Framework will be submitted this week, jointly with Clare, Limerick and Tipperary and will take account of the issues raised by the members at the briefing last week. Copies of the submission will be sent to the members.
- Regarding Our Lady's Hospital, the Chief Executive advised the members that following an assessment, it does not make economic sense for the Council to purchase this.
- The matter of development contributions has been raised by some members with the Chief Executive. In order to ensure that the objectives of rural development are met, the Executive has proposed an incentivised payment scheme for single rural houses and this was welcomed by the members. The Planning Department will notify the applicants affected, which includes those levied with contributions since the new scheme came into operation.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.