

Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Monday, 31st August at 2.00 p.m. in Boardroom 316, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Present: Cllr. M. Begley, Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. G. Flynn, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, R. Nagle and C. Colleran Molloy.

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
Ann Reynolds, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

Cllr. M. Begley presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd July

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 2nd July, 2018 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. R. Nagle

Matters Arising.

2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for September Council Meeting.

The draft agenda was circulated to members and the headed items and notices of motion were reviewed.

Pat updated the members on the following items:

No. 11 -Urban & Rural Regeneration Funds – members will be briefed on an outline of project proposals in both categories:

Urban Regeneration Funds: 2bn fund over 10Years 100m allocated for 2019 – Projects Category A shovel ready. Category B require further development – In Clare’s case the Urban Fund covers Ennis & Shannon.

Rural Regeneration Funds: Currently working on project proposals in the areas of Roads, Wastewater Treatment, and Community Initiatives. Extensive criteria to meet– Ready to Go, innovative, working in partnership with other groups and a requirement for matching funds. Good opportunity to access significant funds to advance projects.

No. 12 Failte Ireland has grant aided 250k for a new strategy for cliffs. Establishing a new governance structure and board to include business and financial expertise and members requested to nominate 2 elected members. Inaugural meeting in September/October.

3. PPN Nomination to LCDC

Anne Marie Flanagan was approved as the replacement for Dermot Hayes on the LCDC

4. Presidential Nominations

Report on requests for nominations was circulated. Agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 3.00pm on Friday 7th September to facilitate speakers who wish to seek a nomination for the Presidential Election.

5. Requests for Civic Receptions

Request from Clare Colleran Molloy supported by all members of Ennis MD for a Civic Reception for Jim Warmy.

Request from Michael Begley for a Civic Reception for Naoimi Carroll, part of the Irish Hockey Team who won a silver medal in the world cup finals.

Agreed to hold a joint mayoral reception for both Jim Warmy, and Naoimi Carroll.

6. Any other business.

Pat Dowling updated on the Following items:

- Shannon Embankments – about to publish report. There has been a number of meeting with ministers and departments. Now going to detailed design and treating all of Shannon as one project, all connected hydrogically, project estimated cost €25m
- It is intended to bring the Speed limit review will be before members in October.
- A meeting was held recently with the Clare Leader development company and it was confirmed that the Council will be tendering to run Leader in the County when the tender is due for renewal in two years.

Michael Begley advised of a request for funding from the Irish Red Cross. It was confirmed there is no budget for such funding in 2018.

Revised Budget meetings schedule circulated – Revised date for Budget meetings with CPG and Directorates is 12th October.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ann Reynolds
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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