

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 2nd March, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom,
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. C. Colleran Molloy, B. Chambers, G. Flynn, P. McMahon, J. Crowe, and P. Hayes.

Apologies: Cllr. J. Flynn.

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

Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd February, 2020.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 3rd February, 2020 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers.

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

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

Deputations scheduled for March meeting – Briefing by Professor John Sweeney of Maynooth University on Climate Change from an Irish Geography perspective.

Two further Deputations being scheduled:

Eirgrid Group Company Strategy – Regional Roll out
NUI Maynooth – Telecommunications Technologies

3. Any other business.

Pat Dowling advised the members that a briefing was held with new Oireachtas members in the morning – outlining the main areas in each Directorate and priority objectives.

Pat Dowling advised the members that a system had been introduced for the attendance at relevant awards ceremonies, whereby the Chief Executive, Mayor, Chairs of the Municipal Districts, four Directors of Service (or their nominees) would attend such events to represent the Council.

The members requested that this system would continue and agreed that it is important that both management and elected members represent the county at such events. The members congratulated the Chief Executive and staff on receiving Council of the Year award 2020.

A query was raised in relation to the recruitment of General Operatives. The Chief Executive confirmed that interviews were held and panels formed for positions which were previously temporary, and some new positions.

A query was raised on the proposed works on the Canteen. The Chief Executive confirmed that the proposed works are required in order to comply with Health & Safety, accessibility and replace end of life equipment.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ann Reynolds
A/Senior Executive Officer
Corporate Services

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