

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Friday, 30th April, 2021 at 2:00 pm in the Council Chamber / Ms Teams
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. P. Burke, J. Crowe, P. McMahon.

Present via MS Teams: Cllrs. P. Hayes, and J. Garrihy, via MS Teams Video Call

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance and Support Services.
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer.
Trina Rynne, Financial Accountant.
Caroline O'Connor, Management Accountant.

Apologies: Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Howard and Cllr. G. Flynn

Cllr. P. Burke presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 6th April, 2021.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 6th April, 2021 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. J. Crowe and seconded by Cllr. P. McMahon.

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

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

3. 2020 Draft Annual Financial Statement-

Noeleen Fitzgerald gave a presentation on the draft 2020 Annual Financial Statement outlining the impact of COVID -19 on income and expenditure. Noeleen provided an overview of the income from goods and services, areas of over expenditure and the government funding received to present a balanced statement for 2020.

4. Audit Committee Annual Report 2020

Cllr. Pat Hayes, as a member of the Audit Committee advised he was happy to recommend the 2020 Annual Report and confirmed that there is a good working relationship within the committee under the chairmanship of Austin Slattery.

5. Presentations to Council

Ann Reynolds advised of two requests for presentations to Council:

1. Waterways Ireland- request from Éanna Rowe, Western Regional Manager
Waterways Ireland to brief the elected members on the Shannon Tourism Masterplan

for the Shannon Region – agreed to include presentation on May meeting agenda and hold the presentation via MS Teams at 3.00 p.m.

2. Eirgrid – Request from Eoghan O Sullivan, Community Liaison Officer to brief the members on “Shaping Our Electricity Future” as part of a 14-week consultation process. It was agreed to schedule this presentation for 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th May via MS Teams.

6. **Any other business.**

The Chief Executive advised that a national sub group are meeting this week to review the local authority services framework following the government announcement on the easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

The Chief Executive also advised that plans are being put in place for the monitoring and management of beaches and cultural amenities over the summer months.

Cllr. Pat Burke reminded the group that this evening’s Nationwide programme will feature Lough Derg.

Cllr. Pat Burke closed the meeting by observing a minute’s silence in remembrance of Bríd Howard, RIP, sister of Cathaoirleach Mary Howard, and Michael Flynn, RIP, brother of Cllr. Gerry Flynn.

*Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services.*

30th April, 2021.