

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Friday 29th April, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Boardroom/MS Teams  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan, Cllrs. G. Flynn, C. Murphy, J. Crowe and P. McMahon.

**MS Teams:** Cllrs. A. Norton and P. Hayes.

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.  
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance and Support Services.  
Trina Rynne, Financial Accountant, Finance  
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan presided.

- **Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 were approved with amendment approved having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. J. Crowe.

- **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.

- **Budget 2023.**

Noeleen Fitzgerald outlined the timeline and process followed for Budget 2022 and provided a brief update on income for quarter 1 2022. It was agreed to proceed with Local Property Tax item at the July Council meeting

- **Any other business.**

- Cllr. Gerry Flynn noted a contravention of standing order No. 5 by holding an in committee briefing at a venue outside the Council Chamber in the absence of a formal resolution. Pat Dowling apologised for the oversight.
- Ann Reynolds provided an update on deputations scheduled for upcoming meetings as follows:
  - June Council Meeting – Chair and CEO of Shannon Group
  - July Council Meeting – National Broadband Ireland
- Ann Reynolds advised of the following scheduled events:
  - An event to promote Gender Equality & Diversity in Local Government in Glor on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

- Mayoral Awards for nominations received over the last 2 years on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022
- Pat Dowling provided an update on the ongoing Ukrainian Crisis:
  - The Taoiseach met a delegation from Community Response Forums and has made a decision that local authorities are best equipped to lead and coordinate the response at a local level. A letter has been received from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request each local authority a Director of Service to oversee the Ukrainian response at a local level. Further clarification on the role and function is awaited.
- Cllr. C. Murphy recommended that a workshop is required to explain the consequences of the OPR submission on the County Development Plan. Pat Dowling confirmed that a briefing with the Planning Regulator is being scheduled.

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

*29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.*