

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 2nd November, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom,
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllr. M. Howard,
Cllrs G. Flynn, & P. McMahon, via Ms Teams Conference Call
Cllrs.P. Hayes, J. Garrihy and J. Crowe, via Ms Teams Video Call

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
Noleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance and Support Services
Ann Reynolds, A/Senior Executive Officer.

Cllr. M. Howard presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 5th October, 2020.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 5th October, 2020 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. McMahon.

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

The draft agenda was circulated to members and the headed items and notices of motion were discussed and reviewed. The members discussed the proposal at item 7 to establish an Ennis 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company. The Chief Executive clarified that this is a mechanism to deliver on the strategic objectives for Ennis 2040 and could be a template for future strategic sites. It was agreed that it is important to adhere to standing orders and local motions should be referred back to Municipal District level.

3. Budget 2021.

The Chief Executive confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the Government regarding the loss of ESB rates income to the Council. GMA meetings are to commence next week. The Council is awaiting confirmation from the Government on the Rates Waiver and Covid Expenditure. Noleen Fitzgerald advised that all areas of expenditure and income are being examined in detail for 2021 budget and all options have to be explored in terms of savings/ generation of income/ service provision/ costs. The members requested that the level of 2020 GMA be maintained into 2021.

4. Guidelines for supplementary Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of remote meetings of the Council.

The members discussed the guidelines and were in agreement with the recommendations proposed to regulate the proceedings of remote meetings.

5. Any other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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