

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cllrs. J. Cooney, G. Flynn, J. Crowe, P. McMahon , I. Lynch and P. Daly.

**MS Teams:** Cllr. P Hayes

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive  
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney, presided.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. J. Crowe.

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

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

**3. Request for Civic Reception**

Request from Cllrs. Joe Cooney, Pat Daly, Gabriel Keating and Gerry Flynn for a Civic Reception for Clare Junior Camogie Team and Clare Minor Hurling team was circulated and discussed. The members agreed to recommend the granting of a Civic Reception to full Council.

**4. Any other business**

- An update was sought on the vacant SEO post in North Clare. Pat Dowling advised that the recent Director of Services interviews had concluded; that the appointment process is progressing, and that Departmental sanction has been sought for a further Director post to cover the Tourism portfolio. The SEO post filling will follow. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to consider the creation of a further SPC for Tourism to mirror the Directorate structure, when creating the next SPC Scheme. It was also noted that there were previous considerations for a separate Climate Change SPC.
- It was agreed to consider changing the time of the Social SPC to 3.30pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> December due to the morning session scheduled on the draft Cliffs of Moher strategy.
- It was confirmed that the Halloween in Bunratty event was a success and feedback to date has been positive.

- The members noted Pobal's HP Deprivation Index, published on 2<sup>nd</sup> November which requires further discussion and consideration.
- It was agreed that the Roads Department should seek additional funding from the Department to upgrade roads that have deteriorated due to recent flooding.

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

*6<sup>th</sup> November 2023*