

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 11.00am in the Boardroom  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. J. Crowe.

**Officials Present:** Anne Haugh, Deputy Chief Executive  
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney, presided.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. Daly.

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

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

**3. Any other business**

- Ann Reynolds advised of circular letter from the Department regarding payments of allowances and expenses and confirmed that is now proposed to process the Local Representation Allowance on a bi-monthly basis in arrears. The members agreed with this proposal.
- Cllr. Ian Lynch advised that concerns are being raised with regard to the size of the tourism portfolio and suggested that further discussion is required to ensure that the smaller scale hospitality sector, and local businesses are not displaced and there is a balanced approach to tourism development across the county. It was agreed to raise the matter with Leonard Cleary, Director of Tourism Development. Cllr. Pat Hayes also agreed to raise at the Rural Development SPC.
- Cllr. Pat Hayes raised a concern in relation to a number of leaks in the Áras building. Anne Haugh confirmed that this is being addressed by the Facilities Management Team.

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024*