

Minutes of the Housing, Community, Culture and Library Strategic Policy Committee
03rd December 2020

Attendees; Cllr Adam Wyse (Chairperson), Cllr Donal Barry, Cllr Breda Brennan, Cllr Damien Geoghegan, Mr Conor McGuinness, Cllr John Pratt, Cllr Seamus Ryan, Cllr Jason Murphy, Ms Noeleen Osborne, Ms Catherine Horan, Ms Jane Cantwell, Mr Richie McDonald, Ms Una Dunphy, Mr Mike Farrell, Mr Vince Rellis, Mr Ivan Grimes, Mr Paul Johnston, Mr Don Tuohy (Dungarvan), Mr Kieran Keogh, Mr Leo Kennedy.

Apologies: Rosemary Kennedy

1. The minutes of the meeting held 16th October 2020 were approved. Update of sub groups.
2. Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy- Leo Kennedy recommended that the Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be formally brought to the Council Plenary meeting in January 2021. Cllr Seamus Ryan asked what follow up action is needed. He also suggested that there should be a connection made with the Gardaí and will the updated Tenant Hand Book be given to all council tenants? Cllr Adam Wyse put forward Una Dunphy to be added to the Anti-Social sub group and suggested that the group may meet before the Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy goes to the Council for adoption.
3. Supporting Waterford Communities Grants - Collette O'Brien has put forward a suggestion that each group applying for a grant should supply a statement of their finances from either a bank credit union or post office showing their balance to be under €5000.00. This would ensure that the groups who are in the most need will get the grants. It was also suggested that Resident's Associations and Tidy Towns groups should be prioritised before sports groups as they have no other ways of fundraising. It will be brought up at the council Plenary meeting in January 2021, this will give the groups a six week turnaround to apply for the grants.
4. Update on library sub group - Cllr Seamus Ryan informed the group that the library subgroup met on 5th November where Noeleen Osborne and Loretta Kinsella gave an overview of the library services already in place and also identified the community needs in area such as Sacred Heart, Kilcohan, and Ballytruckle area. Also discussed was the need to more on social media/ marketing and advertising. Noeleen went through the statistics which was very helpful and Jane Cantwell made reference to development of outreach services. Overall it was a positive meeting that will be built upon and they will come back to the SPC with recommendations.
5. Vacant homes update – this subgroup didn't meet since the last SPC meeting and Paul Johnston will send an invite out after this meeting.
6. Walk of Fame – there was a lot of discussion on this issue, whether it should or should not happen, who should select the recipients, should it be sport, political, arts related? Cllr Jason Murphy suggested that by getting the two mayors to pick one person each that might divide the

county. Cllr Seamus Ryan didn't agree that this should be political and should recognise sports / culture or the arts and will need a lot more discussion before anything is decided. Cllr Breda Brennan suggested the people of Waterford should vote for who they want to be on the walk of Fame. Cllr Conor McGuinness suggested that we already have a suite of awards and the group should come back with terms and conditions to be discussed.

7. AOB

Ivan Grimes spoke about it being a difficult year for everyone. He suggested that if a member of the SPC misses three of the meetings they need to resign from the group.

Adam Wyse suggested that the next Housing, Community, Culture and Library Strategic Policy Committee meeting is provisionally booked for 15th January 2021 at 1pm on Zoom.