

Draft Minutes of Galway City Council Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC Meeting held in Council Chamber City Hall & MS Teams on 12th May 2023 at 2.00pm

Presiding: Cllr. Niall McNelis.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. Donal Lyons, Cllr. Eddie Hoare, Cllr Noel Larkin, Cllr Clodagh Higgins
Cllr John Connolly, Cllr Declan McDonnell,

Sectoral

Representatives: Dominick Whelan, Dave Hickey.

<u>In Attendance:</u>	Brian Barrett, Director of Services,	Galway City Council
	Gary McMahon, Senior Executive Officer,	Galway City Council
	Dermot Mahon, Senior Executive Officer,	Galway City Council
	Caitriona Morgan, Administrative Officer,	Galway City Council
	Ruairi Lehmann, Tourism Officer,	Galway City Council
	Emma Lawless, Administrative Officer	Galway City Council
	Ruth Mulhern, Arts Officer ,	Galway City Council
	Theresa Donohue, Senior Staff Officer,	Galway City Council
	Ruth Mulhern, Arts Officer	Galway City Council
	Thomas Melly, Staff Officer ,	Galway City Council
	Breda Glynn, Clerical Officer	Galway City Council

Apologies: Ms. Geri Slevin, Cllr. Michael Crowe, Ms. Megs Morley

Absent

Cllr Donal Lyons opened the meeting as the chair as Cllr McNeilis was delayed.

1. Confirmation of minutes of the Economic Community and Culture Development SPC meeting held on Friday 12th May 2023.

Minutes corrected as Cllr J Connolly marked as both present and absent due to late arrival to meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. Eddie Hoare

Seconded: Cllr. Donal Lyons

Agreed by all members.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr Donal Lyons queried status update on the Tourist Office. The meeting was advised by Mr Ruairi Lehmann that there is an upcoming meeting with planners and a full update will be issued to members. Ms Caitriona Morgan advised the members that a written report was issued to members following the last SPC meeting with overview of the current status on Enterprise Units owned by Galway City Council. Cllr Declan McDonnell also requested update from WRC meeting with Ms Morgan advising that she will follow up with Corporate Services and CE office on same.

Cllr Neil McNeilis joined the meeting at 14:09.

2. Galway City Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

Draft Framework Plan 2024-2029 & Draft Implementation Plan 2024-2029

Mr Gary McMahon presented to the meeting the Draft Framework Plan 2024-2029. He outlined the five high level goals and 17 Sustainable Community and Economic Objectives. He updated the members on the current and next steps of the process and their role in same. Queries and discussion followed among the members and these were addressed by Mr McMahon. Mr McMahon then asked the Chair that the Framework Plan 2024-2029 be adopted by the SPC. It was then;

Proposed by: Cllr Donal Lyons

Seconded by: Cllr Declan McDonnell

And agreed by all.

The next item for discussion was the Draft implementation Plan 2024-2029. Mr Gary McMahon outlined of the sustainable development objectives and the various collaboration structures.

Discussion and debate followed with queries and concerns addressed by Mr Gary McMahon, Ms Caitriona Morgan and Ms Lieze Fanning. Following this Mr McMahon asked that if members have any issues they wish to raise to do so by 4th October and these can be considered.

3. “New Directions – Strategic Plan for the Arts” and Arts Office Update

Ms Ruth Mulhern welcomed the opportunity to present “New Direction” Galway City Council strategic Arts plan to the committee. In this she gave update on the following areas.

- Culture Night
- Arts Grants
- Cultural Partnerships
- WRAP
- Music Generation
- Artists Supports
- Public Art
- Shared Island Projects
- Arts Development

Cllr Neil McNeilis thanked and commended the work being done by the Arts Office in Galway City Council. This was echoed by other members of the committee.

Discussion on various projects and initiatives were raised and addressed by Ms Mulhern.

3. Update on Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme for Galway City - Presentation by Marie Nolan, Regional Programme Manager, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme

Ms Theresa Donoghue introduced Ms Marie Nolan, Regional Programme Manager with Healthy Age Friendly Homes to the meeting who presented to the group her update on the context and aims of the programme. She outlined the various phases of the programme and the success of the HAFH programme.

4. A.O.B. None

The meeting concluded at 3.50pm.