



## Miontuairiscí Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Pobal & Cultúr

### Minutes of the Community and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Special Meeting

Dé Céadaoin 8ú Feabhra 2023 11:00

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 11 a.m.

Venue; Boardroom, Centrepoint, Liosban

#### Members in attendance:

Cllr. Dermot Connolly (Chair)	Galway County Council
Cllr. Andrew Reddington	Galway County Council
Cllr. Liam Carroll	Galway County Council
Cllr. Padraic Mac an Iomaire	Galway County Council
Helena McElmeel	Business Representative
Máirtín Davy	PPN Representative
Cllr. Peter Keaveney	Galway County Council
Cllr. Ivan Canning	Galway County Council
Megan Flynn Dixon	PPN Representative

#### Staff in attendance:

Michael Owens	Director of Services
Sharon O'Grady	Arts Officer
Laura Sharkey	Administrative Officer
Claire Connolly	Clerical Officer

#### Invited guest in attendance:

Shane Coogan	Water Safety Development Officer
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#### Apologies:

Bernie Kelly	County Librarian
Mary McGann	Administrative Officer
Alan Farrell	Director of Services

Cllr. Connolly welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Community and Culture SPC 2023 and thanked everyone for their attendance in person and noted the apologies received.



### **1. Minutes of Community and Culture meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

Cllr. Connolly asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting of the Community & Culture SPC. No queries arose. On the proposal of Cllr. Reddington seconded by Cllr. Keaveney, the minutes were agreed and adopted.

### **2. Report on submissions Galway County Council Draft Beach Bye-Laws**

Mr. Owens, Director of Services introduced the submissions on the Draft Beach Byelaws 2022 and introduced Shane Coogan from Water Safety Development Officer. Mr. Owens then introduced Ms. Laura Sharkey who went through a very comprehensive outline of the submission from the Public and outlined the main themes as per supporting documentation.

Main considerations as outlined by DOS Michael Owens are as follows:

- 1) Wording in relation to Zoning of beaches and its impact on the Blue Flag Beach designation
- 2) Dogs and Equines
- 3) Safety and Water sports – how to ensure public understand that it was not the Council's intention to ban water sports

Cathaoirleach suggested to SPC members to invite members of the public who have made submissions into the SPC meeting to make a short presentation.

This was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Megan Flynn Dixon.

### **3. A.O.B**

There were no items under A.O.B.

### **4. Date of next meeting**

The meeting ended with a proposed date of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 to invite public in to make representations

Cllr. Connolly thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was concluded.