

**Minutes of Meeting of Community, Culture and Library Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 12th March, 2020 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Nenagh.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Micheál Lowry(Chairman), Fiona Bonfield, Ger Darcy, Niall Dennehy, Andy Moloney, Anne Marie Ryan

**Sectoral Interests:** Patrick Hanley, Evelyn Noonan

**In Attendance:** Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian  
Marie McMahon, Museum Curator  
Eddie Meegan, AO, Community and Economic Development  
Roisin O'Grady, Heritage Officer  
Melanie Scott, Arts Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr Garret Ahearn, Cllr Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr Micheál Anglim, Cllr John Crosse, John Butler, Eamon Clancy, Peggy O'Brien, Matt O'Meara

Councillor Micheál Lowry, Chairman, opened the Meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

**Item 1: Role of the SPC:**

Damien Dullaghan gave an overview of the role of the SPC. This included details on how SPCs advise and assist the Council in its work in the formulation, development and review of policy in relation to functions of a strategic nature reserved to the Elected Members of the County Council.

**Item 2: Presentation on Library Service by Damien Dullaghan:**

Damien Dullaghan gave a presentation on the library service. This included an overview of the Tipperary County Council Library Development Plan, *Inspire, Share, Connect* and the national public library development plan, *Our Public Libraries 2022*.

**Item 3: Presentation on the Museum by Marie McMahon:**

Marie McMahon gave a presentation on the Museum service. This included an overview of the work carried out by the Museum. In addition, she outlined the many positive changes which have taken place since the major renovation of the Museum in 2019.

**Item 4: Presentation on Heritage Service by Róisín O'Grady:**

Róisín O'Grady gave a presentation on the work carried out by the Heritage Service. This included a summary of the work carried out by the heritage officer as well as an overview of the County Tipperary Heritage Plan.

**Item 5: Presentation on Community and Economic Development by Eddie Meegan**

Eddie Meegan gave a presentation on the work carried out by the Community and Economic Development Section. He also gave an overview of the structure of the Department and the work carried out by each section within the Community and Economic Development Section.

**Item 6: Dates of future meetings**

Councillor Micheál Lowry, Chairman stated that the SPC meeting dates for the year are normally set in the first meeting of each calendar year. However, he further stated that there was a great deal of uncertainty with the Covid-19 situation and that it would be best not to set the dates until the situation became clearer.

**Item 7: Any Other Business:**

None

**Date/Time of next meeting:**

TBC at a later date

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Councillor Micheál Lowry,  
Chairperson.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020