



Public Participation Network Feedback Form: Placemaking SPC



PPN Community & Voluntary elected Representative: **Breda Murphy**

PPN Social Inclusion elected Representative: **Louise Lovett**

Date of Meeting: 19/07/21

Meeting Agenda

- 1.** Confirmation of Minutes:
 - (a) Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 22nd April 2021
 - (b) Joint Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee and Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 22nd April 2021
- 2.** Matters arising from Minutes.
- 3.** Declaration of Interests.
- 4.** Longford County Council Library Development Plan 2021-2025.
- 5.** Longford Connected Communities – update – Presentation by Christine Collins.
- 6.** Tourism Strategy update.
- 7.** Arts Office Framework and Summer Outdoor Performance.
- 8.** Date of next meeting - 18th October 2021.

Present:

Councillors – Councillor Gerard Farrell Chairperson, Colm Murray and Paul Ross
PPN - Louise Lovett
Matt Farrell

Apologies:

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In Attendance:

Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services

Ms. Nora O’Farrell, Senior Executive Officer
 Ms. Mary Reynolds, County Librarian
 Ms. Dympna Reilly, Tourism Officer
 Mr. Terry Rooney, Senior Executive Officer
 Mr. Frank Horne, Senior Staff Officer
 Ms. Christine Collins, Broadband Officer
 Mr. Fergus Kennedy, Arts Officer
 Claire McNabola – meeting administrator

Apologies:

Absent:

Presentations: Yes / No (details if Yes) Attached

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes:		Proposal by Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan	
Item 2 Matters arising from Minutes.		No Matters arising	
Item 3 Declaration of Interests.		None	
Item 4 Longford County Council Library Development Plan 2021-2025.	Presentation by Mary Reynolds Copy attached	Mary Reynolds provided an update on the Longford County Council Library Development Plan 2021-2025. Mary replied to queries raised by the members. Topic’s discussed were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Statement of Library Service • Values of the Library Service • The Key Strategic Plans that influenced the Library Development Plan 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the Profile of Longford Libraries including members registered, visits • rentals, budget, events, footprint etc • Social & Economic Impact of Longford Libraries • Social & Cultural Inclusion in the Libraries • Ambitions set out for the future • How these ambitions will be achieved 	
<p>Item 5 Longford Connected Communities – update –</p>	<p>Presentation by Christine Collins. Copy attached</p>	<p>Christine Collins gave a detailed update on the recently launched BCP around Co. Longford and replied to queries raised. BCPs are public locations which have been selected to receive free high-speed broadband Connectivity in this the first year of the National Broadband Plan (NBP). The BCP will provide high speed broadband access to communities that don't have it Christine highlighted the importance of the BCP points in making Longford a more attractive place to live and work. BCP Points now located at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mullinalaghta Community Centre • Moyne Latin School • Abbeyshrule Airfield • Colmcille GAA • Ballymore Shamrocks GAA • CorleaTrackway Visitor Centre • Carrickedmond GAA • Moydow Community Centre <p>and for educational purposes only at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunlahy National School • Fermoy National School <p>Details on how to book a desk, a training facility or a co working space can be found on Longford County Council Website.</p>	
<p>Item 6 Tourism Strategy update.</p>	<p>Dympna Reilly Copy attached</p>	<p>Dympna Reilly updated the Committee on the Tourism Strategy. Topics covered included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the vision and the objective of the strategy • Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developing Tourism Infrastructure ○ Delivery of Visitor centric experiences ○ Development of a Longford Tourism Brand ○ Generating greater awareness of Longford as a tourism destination 	

<p>Item 7 Arts Office Framework and Summer Outdoor Performance.</p>	<p>Fergus Kennedy</p>	<p>Fergus Kennedy provided the Committee with an overview of the Summer Programme of Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longford County Council has received grant funding of 143,000 euro from the Department of Tourism Arts Culture Sports and the Gaeltacht to engage local artists, musicians and crew to deliver live performances for the period from now to 30 September 2021. This summer programme of events is being coordinated by Longford County Council Arts Office with the support of local Events Manager Shane Crossan and his company Republic of Culture. <p>Proposed Framework Agreement Discussions over the preferred content of our proposed Framework Agreement with the Arts Council has been ongoing between Fergus Kennedy and Sinead O'Reilly for some time. A draft framework has now been developed. The Strategic Action Areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of creative arts including the use of digital tools and technology • Place based arts development • Enhancing skills of artists and creatives • Evaluation of participation <p>The Members agreed the draft outline of the Framework.</p>	
<p><u>A.O.B</u></p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Louise Lovett requested that the key changes to the County Development plan be published in a sub document rather than publishing everything together as PPN members were finding it cumbersome to identify key changes. <p>Barbara Heslin confirmed that Material alterations published 12/07/21 plus supporting documentation were in compliance with legislation i.e. Longford County Council cannot be selective in this publication.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Members were encouraged to contact the Meetings Administrator with Agenda items for the next meeting in October. 	
<p>Item 8 Date of next meeting - 18th October 2021.</p>			