



Minutes of Meeting of Galway Sports Partnership (GSP) Steering Group

13th November 2019, 10.30am, Garda HQ, Dublin Rd, Galway.

Attendance / í láthair –

Cllr. Declan McDonnell
Cllr. Gabriel Cronnelly
Kieran Coyne, Galway Co. Co.
Cathy Keogh, Galway Co. PPN
Chris Hickey, Galway City Network.
Inspr. Tom Waters, Garda Siochana
Frank Cashman, IBEC.
Paul Gillen, HSE.
Tom Welby, FORUM.
John O'Donnell, Galway City Partnership
Aisling Ní Dochartaigh, Udarás na G/ta.
Jason Craughwell,
Mary Hughes
Michael Curley

Apologies/Leithscéil

Kathy Hynes, NUIG
Josephine Gardiner, Galway Co. PPN
Gary McMahon, Galway City Co.
Seán Ó'Conghaile, GRETB
Kerriane Flaherty, Galway City N/work.
Aidan Reid, Galway City N/work.
Conor Mac Thaidgh. Comhair na nOileán
David Lee, GMIT
James A. Lundon, Galway Co. PPN
Paul Gillen HSE
Frank Cashman, IBEC.

Chairperson, Cllr. Declan McDonnell

Chairperson welcomed Conor Carty, as the new GRD representative on the Steering Group.

Minutes of the previous meeting (25th September 2019) proposed by John O'Donnell, and seconded by Chris Hickey.

1. Matters Arising from Minutes. - None.

2. Financial Report.

Discussions;

- Michael and Jason went through the financial report and explained this.
- Would be preferable to have an income & expenditure report with balances as an appendix.
- On the issue of the Schools Completion programme, should the CSDO be in a position to deliver this in schools in order to tackle obesity
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- We could use the LetsBActive funding of €1200 to run programmes in schools and tackle obesity
- Perhaps start with primary schools.
- Are we in danger of losing monies that remain unspent, by the end of the year?
- Is the 'Outdoor Adventure' funding still available?
- Could we look at 'park and Stride' pilot programme for national schools?
- Programmes should be self-sustaining.
- Should we go into schools and do a programme a second time to ensure sustainability?

Meeting went through the budget from HSE.

- Considerable underspend.
- Will HSE continue to fund us if we do not spend the monies given to us each year?
- We do not have too much discretion as to how we spend S.I. funding
- We do have the opportunity though to tap into much larger funding.
- In Cork, 4 staff members are funded by external agencies.
- Criteria for 'capital' spending is the product must be durable and must last at least 5 years,

Decisions

- Look at possibility of getting 'outsiders' to run programmes for us as GSP does not have the capacity
- We should do capacity building in communities.
- Clubs need constant support

On the proposal of Insp. Tom Waters, seconded by Tom Welby, the financial report for 2018 was adopted.

Club Development Funding 2019.

Discussion

- Meeting had copy of the recommendations of the workgroup on the CD funding for the meeting
- Many of the applicants do not qualify – is the criteria too stringent?

Decisions.

- Examine grants criteria for 2020
- Use some of the underspend to fund club development
- Run programmes for parents while children are at training for various sports
- Apply to Sport Ireland to divert money into this area
- Put a checklist on the front of criteria for applicants to go through before the submit the application – a tick box process

- Recommendations of the work group on Club Development funding for 2019 proposed by Chris Hickey, seconded by Gabriel Cronnelly

2020 Workplan

Meeting discussed the workplan

- Workplan for 2020 proposed by Declan McDonnell, seconded by Conon Carty.

AOB.

Parkruns

- Get information on matters other than parkruns from the Sports Partnerships
- We need to be conscious of the impact of parkruns on athletics clubs.

Decisions

- Seek funding from other sources for parkruns
- Give careful consideration to locations of parkruns.
- Get parkruns to communicate with athletics clubs.

Chairperson thanked Insp. Tom Waters and An Garda Siochana for hosting the meeting.

Meeting ends,

_____ Chairperson.

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