

Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives

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at your earliest convenience, preferably one week after the meeting
and no later than two weeks.



1. Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	SPC Economic Culture Community Development
2. Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
3. Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	22nd May 2020 Zoom Call due to Covid19
4. I láthair / Attendance	<p>Full Attendance Neil Mc Nelis - SPC Chair Donal Lyons - CLLR Cloddagh Higgins - CLLR Eddie Hoare - CLLR Declan Mc Donnell - CLLR/NWRA John Connolly - CLLR Noel Larkin - CLLR Michael Crowe - CLLR Geri Slevin - Union Rep Maeve Mulrennan - GCCN Rep Dominick Whelan - GCCN Rep David Hickey - Chamber of Commerce Galway</p> <p>Conor Kelly - AEC/ Economic Administrator Thomas Melly - Economic Administrator Brian Barrett - Economic Officer Gary Mc Mahon - Acting Director of Services Angela Bresling - Administrator Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism. Economic Office James Harold - Arts Officer Breda Fox - Local Enterprise Office David Minton - Director NWRA Caitriona Morgan - Community Forum</p>

5. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

A note of respect from the chair on the passing of Dominick's Mother

Minutes Adopted

Museum Policies/ Museum Accreditation

- There are two health and safety issues being addressed in relation to the policies.
- The deadline of June is in place to ensure continuity.
- General Approval of the plans and policies
- A letter is being drafted and to be signed by the chair on behalf of the committee.
- Note: Congratulations on the purchase of Richard Joyce ring by the city museum.

Proposed: David Hickey

Seconded: John Connolly

Community Support Forum

- 180 support units in the city
- Collaboration by the local authority, SICAP, Community Forum, GCP, GCCN
- A budget fund for community support of €65,000 is made available
- 15 Applications have been approved to €30,000
- Funds Available by DCRD and Social Enterprise Ireland
- There is an issue in opening certain community facilities in phase 3, 4, 5.

North West Regional Assembly - NWRA

- David Minton held meeting with Neil, Donal, Declan
- Economic Report on Covid19 risk to business - Regional Economic Analyses
- Looking at REDF Regional Enterprise Development Fund for 2021-2027
- Note that the region is in Transition
- The rate determined is on the exposure of industry and the rate is compared to the national average.
- Currently working to look at creating a stimulus programme for the north west region over the next 6 to 8 months from the national government.

Local Enterprise Office Galway

- Applications for Covid19 enterprise support are high
- Shortage in annual budget due to over application of funds, the enterprise is now requesting a second round of funds to be made available.
- There are 13,000 business continuity vouchers applied for nationally
- 2/3rds of applications are approved, the remaining 1/3rd are advised to another LEO support
- OTV-Online Trading Voucher, 64 applications since March with the normal annual applications at 70
- 10% required for grants
- 2nd application allowed for OTV
- Applications have tripled overall
- 8 applications approved for micro finance
- 50,000 loan available
- restart grant, rates rebate for SMEs
- Social Enterprise have continuity support.
- 2/3 rd of business got support on information for continuity voucher the 1/3 got alternative support
- A national social Enterprise Fund is available

Chamber of Commerce

- Restart Grant
- Covid19 Payments need to be supported but reviewed in relation to part time workers
- Continuity Voucher Launched
- Acknowledge and implement the public realm strategy

- Adopt interim guidelines by local authority to respond to covid 19
- Adopt a programme to implement a economic stimulus

AOB

City Mobility Team

- Online forum due to be launched next week
- meetings twice weekly with weekly update
- Develop a parking plan

Galway City Market

- Problems exist in the implementation of the market
- Traders are unhappy with the process
- More work needs to be done to support the market

Social Enterprise

- Social Analytics is the appointed consultant

LECP

- Neil and Dominick must meet immediately to convene and move forward with the implementation of the LECP for 2020-2021

Arts Strategy

- The strategy was suspended due to Covid19.
- 50% of the research has been completed
- Work is to recommence next week
- Need to find a route forward, moving forward

Arts Funds

- There is no plan on grant applications
- 80% of creative sector work plans have been cancelled
- A review is underway to look at how to implement work.
- Hope to address at first council meeting (8th June 2020)

Sister Cities

- Review Programme to be looked at again for next SPC meeting

SPC Meetings

- Due to the nature of the situation, it was collectively agreed that this SPC should meet more often to facilities policies as well as changes in relation to post COVID19 society
- a forum meeting will be held to discuss further

Close Of Meeting

6. Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

Implement and adopt new measures to stimulate the economy in relation to Post Covid 19 in Galway City

Enterprise Office will look for more funding to support enterprise

Further SPC Meetings to be Scheduled due to the nature of new policies

7. Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

Discussion on Implementation of CMT plan, Post Covid19 plan, continuity plans.

Implement and focus on street changes for the city that affect the community

Consideration for ERDF for 2021-2027 plans

8. Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

TBC (SEPT 2020)

9. Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments: