

**Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City
Community Network (GCCN) Reps**



Galway City Community Network
Lionra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

Cruinniú /Name of Meeting	Please complete and email to info@galwaycitycommunitynetwork.ie
Ionadaí /PCG (if available – not a) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
Dáta & Suite Date & Location of Meeting:	Friday 4th September - 2pm Zoom Meeting
I láthair/ Attendance	<p>Councillors Neil Mc Nelis - Chair Donal Lyons Declan Mc Donnell Eddie Hoare MJ Crowe Cloddagh Higgins John Connolly</p> <p>Sector Dominick Whelan Geri Slevin David Hickey Maeve Mulrennan</p> <p>Apologies Noel Larkin</p> <p>Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism Officer Brian Barrett - Services Director Connor Kelly - Head of Department & Atlantic Economic Corridor Gary McMahon - Head of Department for Community James Harold - Arts Officer Theresa O'Donoghue - Administrator Caitriona Morgan - LCDC Officer</p>

Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

Community Forum - Caitriona Morgan

Fortnightly meeting continues as well as telephone helpline 9am to 5pm in operating hours. phone and email continues to support the elderly and vulnerable have access to supports and access to services such as medical,

1720 requests to date

Community response map, interactive map has been circulated and GIS section at Galway City Council with 2600 views since March.

Grant application by DCRD for funds for direct support for covid19 response. The total fund has now been spent, €65,600 to 39 projects across the city and full list available at Galway City.ie

LCDC - allocation of €109,000 community enhancement fund for centres and buildings for, closing 13th september at 4pm.

A new resource GCCN, GCP, Volunteer Galway of a return to work document and launched to support community work and return to work sections.

New programme has been launched by communications and support in relation to Covid19 by national government communications plan via council.

Bike Week closing date at 4pm (today) 4th september 2020 for later this month.

Applications are open for
HSE national lottery grants 18th September 2020

July Stimulus - Brian Barrett

Closing date for applications 30th september for Restart Grant
Galway City Council has been expedient for restart grants
Financial Supports via LEO Galway and Microfinance Ireland

PUP extension to April 2020

Closure

200 million skills for support systems for work and access to third level, apprenticeship
300 places on

Stay And Spend Support €625+ on accommodation oct to april 20/21 tax back

Tourism support being rolled out by Failte Ireland.

Help to buy scheme support extra support

Increased allowance on Bike to Work Scheme

National Investment

75 million nationally for budget to support

40 million Heritage Arts, Department of Culture, ghaeltacht Projects.

50 million Peatland rehabilitation

100 million in energy efficiency

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16 million in reinvestment for sustainable homes
10 million for town and village renewal scheme

Increased expenditure on greenways and support services.

R&D Schemes

Encourage increased R&D work, TOV support,

Question? Restart grant application - Eddie Hoare

- 50% uptake and has this increased
- Forum for LA for deadline to restart grant
 - Concessions to apply

1200 - round 1 applications

1272 - round 2 applications

Stay and Spend Initiative, limited to qualified supports

Question? Rates waiver by government - Donal Lyons

- Can we encourage department officials to make a change of direction

CEO at CCMA level in relation to payments, will only be for the loss of rates income.

Challenges are forecasted at the moment due to the lack of support to cover the loss of income via parking and entertainment services

Question? A comprehensive list of projects that need funding and projects not ready to go.

- Lead in time dependent
- Transport projects by eddie hoare may highlight regarding issues
- The GCC has invested in developing technical staff to be in place within the council

There is support for self employed and this information will be shared with the SPC members.

Question? Are there any supports for businesses to rate holidays and support for grants to top-up and prevent liquidations happening.

- GCC has the intention to Corporate and Council in relation to the ongoing budget deficit CCMA, there is currently only 6 months support available to the council.

Tourism Task Force - Ruairi Lehmann

A Galway Tourism Taskforce has been created to sustain support for the sector

Members include;

Brian Barrett;

Miriam;

Eimear Connell

John Ryan

Stefan - G hotel

Ann Duggan

Pete Kelly

Ann

John

Simon

Wayne - Connacht

Maura - House Hotel

Ruairi Lehmann
Andrew Drydales - Galmont

Objective:

Immediate recovery support and long term development

Dine in Galway

Shop in Galway Q4 to 2021

Aim to encourage footfall

238,00 End of August 2020

902,000 - tourist figures 2019 July 2019

151,000 - tourist figures 2020 July 2020

Visitors experience for Autumn for 2020 required

Businesses

40% occupancy -

75% Occupancy -

GIAF & Culture 2020 to drive visitors

417,000 eur requested - 27 applications, currently being assessed

70,000 allocated to Tourism Task Force, to tender a brand programme for galway city and failte ireland will match fund galway city council funds.

Some funds available

50,000 to support business groups and support various projects that are proposed

150,000 fund for Christmas 2020, to fund the lights programme, 90,00 for lights and support for christmas destination for the remaining fund.

Question? Michael Crowe - Has this information been circulated.

- Where is the money being sourced from
- How as the task force constituted.

To be used from the emergency sinking fund as presented to the council

Membership is based on IHF, and interests from failte Ireland and stakeholders.

Has there been a discussion regarding the market and plans and also is there an expectation of how to promote Galway.

- Partner is with Galway Chamber of Commerce and Taskforce.
- Platform is This Is Galway as the platform is not available to the Council
- All IHF members can add a list to the site.
- A pr team and support traffic to base.
- The current christmas market will need to be re designed.
- Digital programme is about increasing footfall

Question? Will any of the mobility projects be escalated to create plans from tourism and pedestrians

- Proposals of middle street have not passed due to barriers.
- Foster street bollards are being reviewed and decision next week.
- Parklets, 9 locations 90,000 fundm tender to implement parklets

Questions? Bookings are down with from 120% demand or 50/60% in the last 10 days

The relationship of Brand Galway is important

- it's important that we ensure a collective approach to tourism. - take back your local*
- The brand over the next 12 months is to focus on the relationship to space, sea space.
- Addition that i hope to encourage for community groups and experiences to be created as a route for locals and visitors to encourage access to programmes for visitors

Galway Arts Strategy - James Harrold

Please touch based now or via email and meetings

2003 act to encourage must create plans for the function area.

Mary mc caullaugh - leading consultation process

Plan to resume public consultations planned to be on zoom and focus groups from next week.

Review

1- (missing information)

2- Galway City Arts fund standstill

3- Effective way to nurture and support accomplished art makers encase in the covid19 emergency

4- Arts sector resilient and capacity to develop and create support

5- Fragile infrastructure of the arts, clear path to create a career in the arts

Focus on the role of creativity and innovation policy

Arts sector, continued professional development, housing arts, population, patterns and community in galway city, organisation, distinctive, contribution, public engagement, access and the arts, provision of children, young people, class, participation, facilities, information and communication,

Proposals shape new thinking and sustained engagement, participation, to be an enable of strategic change, and provide cross sectoral culture and sustain the arts and at the center of the arts and at a strategic arts movement.

The necessary to create an arts of the language of galway city and the need galway city is the creation of arts via the language national and internationally.

Access, Participation, & Language

Question? As part of the LECP it is required to ensure that the plans meet the LECP milestones.

7 organisations approach in relation to funds to access Galway City Arts, is there a plan on executing the applications. As some established groups are considering shutting systems until 2021.

- Due to covid 19 plans for funds have not been decided

LECP 2021 + - Brian Barrett

9 flagship projects

7 Seeds

A review of the initiatives and programmes are currently being engaged

This has been provided and supported; to allow for partners to create.

- It is an opportunity to support and review the action of how to instigate the development of how it develops and what to do next.

AOB

Galway 2020, more work on promoting activity John Connolly & David hickey

Retail access and business vacancy, to suggest an idea to do an SPC initiative to independent shops and retail.

- Open for next SPC

Geri Slevin

Concur on Galway 2020 not be on agenda in relation to 22nd july of Galway City Council

Dept' Cultural, Heritage, ghaeltacht Office

- Awaiting new programmes for announcements and decisions.

Socruithe déanta/ Key Decisions Made:

Galway Tourism plans for Christmas 2020, suggestions are welcome on initiatives to support footfall to city.

The new arts strategy will be discussed at a sub committee SPC on Friday 11th September at 1230pm for further discussion on the initial draft of the strategy

Gníomhaíochtaí

Action(s) required from GCCN:

Maintain current engagement of Arts Strategy and ensure constant follow up on Grants for 2020.

Review community needs in relation to Covid19 responses and funding issues

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile

Date of next meeting:

Dates for meetings

extra meeting (tbc) October 2020

Friday 11th December 2020

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

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