

Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives

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1. Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	
2. Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
3. Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Friday 21st May 2021 - 2pm (Microsoft Teams Due to Covid 19)
4. I láthair / Attendance	<p>Niall Mc Nelis - Chairman</p> <p>Eddie Hoare - Councillor John Connolly - Councillor Donal Lyons - Councillor Noel Larkin - Councillor Cloddagh Higgins - Councillor Declan Mc Donnell - Councillor</p> <p>Fiona Neary - GCCN Rep Dominick Whelan - GCCN Rep Geri Slevin - Union Representative David Hickey - Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Brian Barrett - Director of Services Gary Mc Mahon - Head of Community Department Connor Kelly - Head of Economic Department James Harold - Arts Officer Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism Officer Theresa Donohue - Administrator Caitriona Morgan - Community Officer/ LCDC Breda Fox - Local Enterprise Office CEO</p>
5. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes Adopted of February 2021 <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourist Office Salthill - Tendering & Health and Safety Audit underway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review is underway and Galway Arts Centre will have an outdoor exhibition <p>Will there be an expression of interest in the tourist office and the SPC would be notified? Affirmative</p> <p>Enterprise Office Report and Presentation - Breda Fox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two galway schools have won student enterprise awards at national level. 	

- 5 new roles pending funding with (1 approved)
- LEO does information, supports, EI Supports, Entrepreneurship Programmes.
- Various Programmes and events
- There are large amounts of supports due to Covid19 impact
- (Continuity, mentoring, consultations)
- financial grants - and moratorium on repayments
- 350,000 in supports budget and 90%-10% grant supports
- financial support is not available to : retail, hotels, hospitality, professional services.
- example of new products, dough bros for new food products and a chef created a new chocolate business.

Questions

Fiona - does you office tract social enterprise

- No, advisory and mentoring supports are provided

Donal

- Congrats to LEO and the Greaney Brothers for their success.

Declan

- Staffing?
- How much is the budget set aside for business support?
- Hospitality do they get support to apply for state support elsewhere?

Eddie

- Congratulations on supporting in creating covid 19 supports over the last year
- What potential for grants are there to support enterprises in place for 2021

Reply - Breda

- In relation to Dough Bros they have sought support for a food production to move to the BIA innovate programme. It was possible to support a unit to create 15 jobs in a new production unit.
- The original 2008 plan for staff, numerous years there were only 3 staff and now approved for 8 and possibly for another 2 people.
- Budget for 360k for grants is not the €1.2 million budget for labour and other supports. 200k for staff.
- monies are allocated from Enterprise Ireland
- help was provided for support or help to businesses.
- Cash flow is a huge issue and to encourage footfall to support businesses

Cloddagh

- In relation to online trading vouchers, were you able to fulfill demand?

Reply - Breda

- Process is a compulsory webinar and to work with a web developer.
- it was 90-10% grand to support business
- it took till february to assess applications and currently underway

Niall - Is there anything we can do to support the local shop? over the next period?

Reply - Breda

- It's currently being looked at and an appetite to

David - Will there be a craft fair this year?

Reply - Breda

- It's in the diary and will depend on the situation at the time.

David - There is a lot of empty spaces in retail in town, could it be something to look at.

Social Enterprise Feasibility Report - Connor Kelly

- Draft for provision for spaces in social enterprise for the circular economy
- KPMG Future Analytics have convened a draft report on various stakeholders
- City Council want to identify spaces for social enterprise requirements
- 2016 report did not include social enterprise and circular economy and a 2019 report was requested to look at this sector
- current LECP has objective for Galway City to be a center for excellence for social enterprise
- Social Enterprise networking opportunities required
- Support conversion of the capacity of social economy and address needs identified such as spaces & training
- establish a directory of social enterprise and mapping social programmes that are developing
- The draft report has been received, a social enterprise and circular economy stakeholder team has been set up

Questions

Dominick

- It was requested that the current draft of this report not be shared outside the SPC? Could you explain why? as community representatives have an obligation to share this information? and also;
- Is there an intention to have a new space by the new year or 2022?
- And could it be added that a policy like the micro-green programme at LEO for social enterprise to develop a policy to support procurement and training for social enterprise within the city and county?

Reply - Conor

- Meeting scheduled for the stakeholder group will happen in the next two weeks. It was requested to ensure that SPC reviewed it before any stakeholder group.
- Discussions have been identified for training and procurement. The aim is to create support. Regarding space, the council gets requests often for space and SCCUL are interested in supporting organisations. It might be a blended approach as commercial units are outside the realm of sustainability.

Reply - Brian

- A key finding is that this report was funded by ERDF from Enterprise Ireland and that a capital programme may come from Enterprise Ireland to develop a facility in this area. The aim is to develop existing facilities and that the council is awaiting that open call programme.

Galway City Council Digital Strategy - Brian Barrett

- This draft document is to be brought to council in alignment to support a framework to provide digital actions and into the next three years. It was engaged with the university and medtronic, GCCN
- There is a digital summary conducted to identify strengths and weaknesses
- To identify key actions in the delivery of this programme
- An example of projects in the EU Wifi initiative, digital free wifi service in the city centre
- The development of a digital kiosks for information points at old telephone booths
- Development of digital access in the parks
- interagency dashboard for information on the city
- a focus in innovation ,lifestyle, support community engagement in digital technology, infrastructure development
- ensure the reinforcement of a safe strategy

Questions

David

- We only received this yesterday, will there be facilitation to give feedback?

Reply - Brian

- Feeding back into Brian Barrett, the aim is to create a high level strategy and funding is coming into place in the short time. I'd like to see the framework in action.

Geri

- In regards to the national broadband plan, I have to consider Elon Musk starlink and is testing in Ireland?
- It might be an interesting system to use. Could starlink be added in the framework

Dominick

- A query, there are 19 pages and that there isn't any focus in addressing accessibility as a public policy project for the city?

Niall

- Under section 254 there provision of masts can go starting to ABP and bypass city planning.

Reply - Brian

- It wouldn't be ready to consider starlink at this time. But starlink would be more focused on remote areas.
- Regarding Accessibility, the overall idea is for all to work together to enhance society, wellbeing, culture, learning and prosperity for all.
- The council is acutely aware that online services are accessible for those who have challenges and fund projects that improve accessibility, socio economic groups and equipment.
- The council can add a line or two to address the issue.

Donal

- Addressing masts, that companies should be sharing facilities to reduce impacts. One company has sold its masts to another company to increase profits and don't consider local issues.

Galway 2040 Brochure - Conor

- It has been issued to SPC and councillors to see.
- It is a brochure to outline as a resource for the planned city development to 2040.
- It is to support government agencies and to support applications for projects. and to ensure the theme of galway to 2040 plans.
- It's been working with the Chamber, IDA and to promote a resource for a website and brochure for stakeholders.
- It's to support current stakeholders to promote the city for investment.
- Pillars were to focus on education, culture, innovation and life in galway city.
- The website complement that brochure and links to specific projects within the city
- The project has been finalised and gone to print and the website is nearing final and the irish version will be available shortly.

Questions

David

- One thing for future additions of the brochure, there is no website on the brochure

Geri

- Maybe a QR code would be conducive for supporting a brochure and the design is an issue as it does not support a statement towards the city and it's long term

Donal

- Projects, the development of Carnmore Lands, surely Galway County Council will have the main say on the project.
- Also; the Kingston master plan is not mentioned. in relation amenity plans

Niall

- I was adopting this matter for AOB on Carnmore Airport
- Are images available for content that can be used for promotion of Galway

Reply - Conor

- Relating to images, some images have been purchased by the council. If an image is useful it can be investigated for its use.
- To the brochure, it will be updated and to the update of the website would be more immediately.

Reply - Brian

- As projects come along they will be included
- the current projects are a snapshot at the time of publishing and be changed over time to promote the city
- In the next phase of the city development plan, it would be ideal to add the impact of architectural design in the next phase of the city. It would be appropriate to make the comment. The point is noted that the architectural plans impact on the social and economic development of the city

Declan

- In relation to the airport, but the airport is 50 - 50 and that city has a role in that plan.
- Southpark development and terryland forest park. These projects are important to the city and should also included

Tourism Update - Ruairi

- Failte Ireland outdoor dining is available for outdoor dining 193 applications have been received
- Failte Ireland for outdoor dining areas for LA's, the plans for the westend, with street closures and part time street closures in the evenings
- Tobins engineering and transport office plans are awaiting for the final plans
- Urban capital plan and a concept plan is placed for the woodquay park. The park would include a new performance area into the landscape and an amphitheatre area.
- Reimagining spaces, to get funds for stages tents, power facilities for parks and reduce dependence on generators
- 143,000 fund for wellbeing fund for the arts in performances from June to September. The aim would be to appoint a curator over the time frame for local acts, crews.
- Festivals taking place such as GIAF and Film Fleadh, this application should be sent to the department for a 9,000 maxim for collective performances. All events should comply for local audiences and health and safety guidance, compliance with government restrictions. All applications will be by the curator, arts office and tourism office.

Questions

Geri

- Regarding Woodquay public park, which end is going to open up.
- Is the sculpture already made

Reply - Ruairi

- is a development concept plan for exact planting different locations for plans.
- The sculpture is already made.

Donal

- will woodquay go through planning

Reply - Ruairi

- it is subject to planning and an application to failte ireland and depends on the decision

Declan

- has the consultation plan been completed for the residents

- outdoor dining has been greatly welcomed by all the various areas and also the public events

Eddie

- Is there still scope for the success of these projects to ensure residents are involved in the city center (outdoor dining plans)
- to ensure ongoing dialogue with residents and support the bye laws to ensure a more successful long term development of these projects

Dominick

- Can you confirm that access and egress is supported for those with disabilities to ensure access for all in outdoor dining

John

- Can you confirm if there are any particular bollards to be put in place for road closures

Geri

- Woodquay is a project that needs community buy in

Fiona

- What is meant by commercial arts and culture in the use of the application

Niall

- The role of outdoor dining is currently a short term temporary plan for this year. To ensure any change of space in the future will come back to the council. Is there facilitation for music groups eg. street club in the city centre

Reply - Ruairi

- regarding commercial arts, its copy from the department and seeking guidelines on what that means
- Aim to work with collective groups on this project. the deadline is the 25th May from the department
- consultation with residents and the public have been issued in local news outlets and issues have been risen
- objective to create temporary measures for the 7th of June and to implement over the summer
- a cleaning plan is in place and collaboration with traffic management and garda
- have met with access for all, to engage further throughout the process, a follow up will be with the chamber and to ensure the lived experience is managed

Reply - Brian

- There is only 1 officer in tourism, in amount of the workload for the section
- Commercial arts the councils meaning, presumption is artists are paid for for artist fees
- in particular for tourism, as a family destination and steer activities towards to family appropriate measures

LECP Submission - Theresa

- LECP plan will be for renewal from the end of this year
- initial requirement is the development of the plan in alignment with the department
- Steering committee on the 19th March was held and a letter sent in the submission
- Definite set of objectives and shared values for the LECP
- Galway City Council is working on 5 projects with the Galway City Community Network to have a coordinator to support the implementation of the LECP
- A report will be circulated in the next week

Question

Fiona

- Some of the actions require a leaderships from Galway City Council in ensuring that it meets public sector duty

Reply - Caitriona

- There isn't aware of anything being held up in the LECP
- Ongoing support and stakeholders and its extremely welcome for input from social and economic groups to ensure implementation
- Implementation is crucial to ensure delivery

AOB

Funding schemes for SPC- Caitriona

- Funds that are open
- Covid Stability Fund to help organisations that are affected by their traded incomes and lack of fundraising
- DCRD - Community Enhancement Programme for the city for grants to reopen facilities, community groups and is administered by LCDC. Information will be circulated next week
- Circular economy deadline for 28th May
- Community Call helpline is still operating and support requests
- Keeping well campaign is still ongoing
- Africa day on tuesday 25th May and is supported by the council
- Mayors awards will commence next wednesday and recognise volunteers in the city

Declan

- Could you circulate the information

(Mayor in absentia) Mayor Address

Niall

- Shannon Airport is a critical support to the economy and tourism sector and that the removal of an aer lingus hub at shannon is worrying risk to the stability of the economy

Carnmore Airport Lands

Niall

- In relation to Carnmore Airport is it reasonable to support the implementation of a film centre and purpose of the site. Galway County Council SPC counterpart has requested a dual meeting to look at the use of the site.

Reply - Brian

- there is an ongoing tender and cannot be discussed but it can be considered for future discussions

Gary

- There is a need to look at the new irish language plans for the city following last weeks announcement and should be added to the agenda in september to support plans in the use of irish language
- Galway 2020 review are due to brought to the committee in the autumn

- **Meeting Adjourned** -

6. Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

Approval of LEO plans for 2021

Galway City Digital Strategy is a working document but is needed to meet funding calls

Galway 2040 Brochure and plan

Tourism Plans are supportive to reopening the economy

Support for Shannon Airport

Need to address Carnmore Airport Future Plans

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

Tourism Office in Salthill is awaiting a Health and Safety audit and will go for tendering again in the future

Social Enterprise Feasibility Report is due to go to feedback to the stakeholder group in the next few weeks

Galway City Council Digital Strategy does not consider accessibility issues and would welcome a line to upgrade to meet the standard of accessibility

Galway 2040 projects

What is the definition of commercial arts and culture as per application (Tourism Update)

Ongoing planned project for Woodquay park and would require further monitoring (Tourism Update)

LECP implementation review

Irish Language Plans for the city

Galway 2020 Review

Carmore Airport Plan (Future)

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

10th September 2021 - 2pm

9. Moltaí breise / Any Other Comments:

Articles were issued 15 mins before meeting