

Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives

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1. Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Strategic Policy Committee for Economic, Community and Cultural Development.
2. Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
3. Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Hybrid - In-person at Galway City Council and Online (MS Teams)
4. I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present -----</p> <p>Council: Neil Mc Nelis - Chair & CLLR Donal Lyons - CLLR Noel Larkin - CLLR John Connolly - CLLR Clodagh Higgins - CLLR Eddie Hoare - CLLR Declan Mc Donnell - CLLR</p> <p>Sectors: Fiona Neary - GCCN Dominick Whelan - GCCN David Hickey - Galway Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Executive: Patricia Philbin - Director of Services Brian Barrett - Executive Officer Gary Mc Mahon - Arts Officer Caitriona Morgan - Community Officer Conor Kelly - Economic Officer Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism Officer</p> <p>Helena Deane - WDC Regional Enterprise Programme Manager Johnny O'Reilly - CEO of Macnas</p> <p>In Attendance: All Above</p> <p>Apoligies: Geri Slevin - Trade Union Representative</p>
5. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of the minute's 2. Matters Arising 3. Update from Community Department 4. Western Regional Enterprise Plan Presentation 5. Local Economic Community Plan Update

6. Update on Tourism Projects
7. Macnas Presentation
8. AOB

Adoption of the minutes

Adopted - Donal Lyons

Seconded - Dominick Whelan

Matters Arising

- Salthill Tourist Office Tendering
- LECP Plan Implementation Plan

Community Development Update - Caitriona Morgan

(Presentation of Report)

Question - Donal Lyons

Question - Eddie Hoare - What is the status of the refugees in Corrib Village

Question - Neil Mc Nelis- Is the Covid Community Call still open?

- Is there awareness of the Healthy Ireland Programme?
- Congratulations to all the participants of the Mayor Awards

Response - Caitriona Morgan

- Work is ongoing with Tusla in relation to the rehoming of refugees. With Pop up centres for infirmation available. There is a pilot of eight weeks in which this is the fourth week. To promote programmes and supports that are available.
- Covid Community Call is still in place despite lower demand.
- Corrib Village is a recent addition and is coordinated by iPas, which the local authority is not involved. NUIG is the lead coordinator and the local authority is assisting to provide supports and logistics to NUIG.
- NUIG has been invited to join the forum in supporting refugees.
- Communities and Guidelines are available in relation to supports from the funds. It is based on operations.

Response - Gary Mc Mahon

- Inrelation to the grant for St. Patricks Band Hall and the band. There is work to rease out how the Bank Hall would count as a community center for funding and to work around how to best place the center for funding i being considered.

Response - Patricia Philbin

- iPas is the coordinator in relation to rehoming refugees from Ukaraine. Services such as food vouchers are provided at the Westwood and Corrib Village sites.

Update on Regional Enterprise Plan - Helena Deane

(Provision of powerpoint presentation)

Question - Niall Mc Nelis - who sits on the structure?

Response - on the working group is Patricia Philbin and on the steering group is the CEO Brendan Mc Grath.

Question - Eddie Hoare

- What funding channels are being secured through Europe?
- Are there any sources of funding to look at Blue Energy?

Response from Helena Deane - There are European innovation systems and emergent industry calls. There are multiple calls of funding.

Response - Brian Barrett

- There is a Port Development in relation to Hydrogen and Fund opportunities.

Question - Donal Lyons

- Is there any tie in relation to the Galway City Credit Union Programmes. Spaces that could be used for cross sectoral at local levels.

Response - Helena Deane

- The initiative is driven by Enterprise Ireland
- There are challenges in sourcing spaces, for arts, and policy developments.

Response - Brian Barrett

- The port has a substantial part to play in economic development. Innovation for off shore. There are models in relation to the development of the port.
- There is also a drive from an initiative of Creative Ireland to drive from Ardaun at Galway Film Centre. To create game development and commercial game development.
- There's also the Corrib Blueway, Feasibility funding for supports. ERDF funding for objectives in the social enterprise area.
- Drives from the new ATU and Innovation Spaces and Life sciences.

Question - Dominick Whelan

- Where does Social Enterprise fit in relation to this plan and in coordination with the European Union Funds?
- How do you see Food development FDI being created, is this like the Glenisk plan for developments in FDI?

Response - Helena Deane

- The WDC is currently developing a separate social enterprise plan. It's not in this plan but I am aware that the European Union is developing calls in this sector.
- Enterprise Ireland Programmes are in place to support FDI developments.

Question - Neil Mc Nelis

- Who is the driver for MASP, Blue and Wind? Are there any MEP's involvement or engagement?

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Update on Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) - Brian Barrett

(Presentation of Report and package).

- The development of this is crucial to the authority's action plans
- What can Galway capitalise on in relation to national plans like the NDP and others.
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Question - David Hickey

- What tools and resources are available to the City Council?

Question - Dominick Whelan

- There is a five-page letter in relation to the issues of the paper from the perspective of social inclusion and prevent exclusion. This will be forwarded to the Executive to consider the problems with the report and aim to prevent any failure to include in the process.

- In addition, though this report is ready there are issues in relation to making this document OCR ready if the pilot project is to have any effect. It would be right to get it done right the first time.

Response - Brian Barrett

- Well it is the aim of the executive not to exclude people in this key process.
- In relation to OCR, we are learning in this process so if we have to do it again, i consider that a win in our case as it's a new process and want to learn the process.

Update on Tourism Projects - Ruairi Lehmann

(Presentation of Tourism Update)

Question

- Is there any update regarding the project in Cappagh park?
- Is the Watersports project going to planning or is in design stage?
- Outdoor living is extended until November. Is the national legislation or the local authority need to address issues.
- Working with the Gardai and residents, in each area. Extra resources needed in other areas. Will there be different applications to develop this further.

Response - Ruairi Lehmann

- Businesses can be addressed with providing access to each business where possible.
- Applications are based on 254 planning, every applicant or business is available to apply.

Question

- Regarding changing spaces in the sports hub, is it necessary or possible to ensure accessibility to water is.

Response - Ruairi Lehmann

- Expressions of ideas are welcome for the projects.

Response -

- Regarding Leisureland and Park and Public consultation is part of the process and to work with Urban Labs. The aim is to engage youth, university and how the consultation process will progress. Thoughts and responses into this long term project and how the we can progress part or the progress of decisions.

Response(s) -

- Regarding the woodquay park its aim is to work with consultants and especially residents are the lead partners to ensure a successful project.
- Regarding Salthill Outdoor living, work is underway with the transport department in working with locals and businesses to progress the matter further.
- Regarding Brand Development, at the moment the consultation and workshops are at the beginning of the process and to implement the plan. The aim is to have the plan in place by October.
- Regarding the Museum and the development has been delayed and is under process.
- Regarding tourism offering is in place.
- Regarding Salthill Park development, with future developments. Engagement through process with the urban lab, and aim to engage in this long-term plan. Therefore its fundamental in developing cultural developments or as a project. The aim to generate the most out of it.

Response -

Regarding the Aqua development in Cappagh Park 15M had been set for it's development and is it viable?

- The business case is being redeveloped to reflect the rising costs of building. This is to ensure the development can be supported by the department.
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Macnas Presentation by Johnnie O'Reilly

(Presentation on Macnas)

- What Macnas is looking for, the ask?
- 2022 will be a special event for October 2022.
- In 2023 it is planned to return to the traditional parade.

Macnas requires a new space of about 10,000 Sq. FT.

It costs 376,000 to develop the Macnas programme.
46,000 in additional costs.

AOB

none

Close of Meeting

- **Adjourned**

6. Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

Continued support for ukrainian refugees in the city.

LECP plan and Pilot will be delivered just need to work with the key partners to deliver success. Executive will work with the Social inclusion workgroup to ensure effective supports.

Expected Full Tourism Developments Review in the Autumn of 2022.

Support for the Hydrogen and Blue Energy research facility

Consideration for Outdoor Living in 2023.

Consideration for further supports for Macnas.

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

Monitoring of the development of the LECP and collaboration on the issues highlighted by social inclusion work group.

Monitor Tourism projects that are in alignment with norms of public consultation.

Note on developments of the Galway City Port.

Consider supports for Macnas.

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

**Friday 23rd of September 2022 at 2pm
(TBC: Due to possible conflict with NWRA dates)**

**9. Moltaí breise /
Any Other Comments:**

Plan for Galway City Arts Grants for 2023 are due to roll out in Late Autumn 2022, and may catch art organisations off guard due to change in dates, To be reviewed in September 2022.

Social Enterprise Strategy and local authority targeting funds for the development of a social enterprise space.

Ongoing developments across the city over 2022 need to be prepared to ensure collaboration and successful models in relation to the Galway City Development Plan and LECP.

LECP requires further development to ensure accountability of plans and projects that are achievable of the local authority.