

REPS REPORT

MEETING FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION & COMMUNITY, STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Held: 9th December 2019

Venue: Aras an Chontae, Portlaoise

Time: 9.30 a.m

Present at the meeting: John Mulholland, Cllr Pdraig Fleming, Ann-Marie Maher, Ruth Sullivan, Bobby Delaney, Tadgh Maddin, Bernie Foran, Carmel McNicholl, Cllr. Ollie Clooney, Cllr. Tom Mulhall, Cllr. James Kelly

Apologies:

Topics discussed:

- Introduction to new and existing members
- Confirmation of Minutes from last meeting
- Up-to-date reports
- Plans for upcoming library services
- Dates for upcoming meetings
- A.O.B.

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1. Members took turns introducing themselves. Cllr James Kelly was thanked for his previous position as Chairperson.
 2. Upon the proposal of Cllr Tom Mulhall and seconded by Cllr James Kelly, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
 3. An overview of Sport and Recreation Strategy was delivered by Ann-Marie Maher, handouts of the programme were issued to everyone.
 4. Bernie Foran updated committee members about the first Open Live Library in Portarlinton, how CCTV was in operation as well as live monitoring of the library. Also discussed was that Portlaoise library is to begin construction 5th January 2020.
 5. New committee member of the Climate Change Adaption Strategy, Tadgh Maddin, spoke on the upcoming strategy to take action against climate change. A booklet on the subject was handed out to everyone.
 6. Proposed dates for next meetings of SPC 2020;
 - 10th February 2020
 - 13th April 2020
 - 15th June 2020
 - 14th September 2020
 - 7th December 2020
 7. Any other business: Bobby Delaney spoke about the trees in the rivers in Mountmellick. What can be done to tackle this issue? He also brought up the issue of walking areas, which Ollie Clooney concurred. More effort should be put into smaller walking areas, such as Rosenalis.

That concluded the business of the meeting