

**Chairman's Report of Strategic Policy Committee 5-Community, Cultural and Fire Services
held on Wednesday 12th February, 2020 at 3pm in The Chamber, County Hall.**

1. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December, 2019

Proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, Seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

2. Event Grant Scheme 2020

Mary Mulholland and Ronan Ryan gave the background to this scheme and explained that in 2019 over 130 applications were received. The Event Grant Scheme was approved.

Proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, Seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy.

3. Creative Ireland Grant Scheme 2020

Last year €15,000 was allocated to a grant scheme under Creative Ireland. The total fund for Creative Ireland this year is €96,700. €25,000 to be allocated to the Grant Scheme this year with grants up to a value of €5,000. The Creative Ireland Grant Scheme was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Pat Dunphy and seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

4. CCFCS Grant Scheme 2020

Mary Mulholland went through the CCFCS Grant Scheme. It was agreed to amend to include Intercultural projects. The scheme was reviewed in 2018. If any of the committee had any amendments or suggestions to email them to Mary Mulholland or Cora Nolan by the end of February.

Cruinniu na nÓg will be held on 13th of June, 2020 the budget is €15,000 and the aim is to engage with the youth in projects of cultural development and provide free access to young children and families in a day of creativity. The schedule of events was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Martin Brett, Seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy.

5. Audit on Archaeological Landscapes

A presentation was given by the Heritage Officer Dearbhala Ledwidge. Dearbhala explained what an archaeological landscape is, and gave an example of Freestone Hill, having layers of history and the difference in what we see and what an archaeologist sees when they look at an archaeological landscape. The Audit was approved by all members of SPC 5.

