

The outcomes of the Community, Leisure and Culture Linkage Group meeting on 13th January 2021:

1. Outcomes from last linkage group meeting and SPC were summarised.
2. On topic of Burial grounds – suggestion made for Limerick Civic Trust to present to SPC / full Council on the work they do re: upkeep of 16 burial grounds across Limerick, the cost involved and their effort to be as environmentally friendly as possible.
3. Advice given from member to Limerick Civic Trust to look out for specific Council funding that would aid in their work on burial grounds – Community Enhancement Fund.
4. Members noted it would be useful for groups to be made aware of upcoming funding streams – PPN highlighted where this info could be found on Council website: <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/grants-and-funding>
5. Terms of Reference for linkage groups was read by members – no queries or issues arose.
6. Discussion had around making documentation more accessible for all members – NCBI welcomed to give any guidance to linkage group / PPN on how to facilitate this.
7. Some members of Linkage group not yet on chatter – these groups to link in with PPN re: setting up account and becoming familiar with platform.
8. 2021 Priorities – *it should be noted that members were invited to think about and add other issues to this list at a later time through chatter or subsequent linkage group meetings*
9. Linkage group keen to be keep up to date on all happenings at Cleeves site and for the opportunity to give input on project. Consultation process taking place in coming months.
10. Uncertainty around governance and legal authority over the river – clarity on this needed – such as contact information for relevant authority and information on how groups can use / gain access to the river.
11. A recovery plan for the Arts sector at a local level – need for communities to rally and help artists and sector get back on their feet post COVID-19.
 - a. Suggestion of working group made for this work along with exploration of new ways communities and artists can network and work together.
12. Building and reinforcing connections with EU – on these of Atlantic Edge European Embrace – it was pointed out that EU streams of funding could aid in this work.
13. Explore events and opportunities or the possibility of a forum that would bring city and community organisations together – to allow for resource and information sharing, cost cutting, cross promotion, collaboration, shared funding. Limerick Civic Trust offered to host a coffee morning when it is safe to do so. Suggestion made to put this forward to secretariat around a large social event – this could also encourage more organisation to join PPN.
14. Linkage group would like member of Limerick 2030 to present and overview on the project, plans and progress after questions around if there would be an Arts space in the Opera Centre was raised.

15. Clarity needed on how many item agendas linkage groups can put forward for each SPC – one per meeting or one per rep?
16. Reps will share SPC agenda with linkage group as soon as they receive it.
17. Reps to meet next week to discuss and strategize for upcoming SPC meeting – it was agreed by linkage group that SPCs had autonomy to put forward whichever priority area of work they feel most comfortable with and would best fit the meeting. They will keep linkage group informed on all of this work / decisions.
18. Members invited to think about approach for these meetings going forward and put thoughts on chatter – do we meet prior to SPC and discuss adding items to agenda or do we wait until agenda comes out read and meet then to discuss it.
19. No date decided for next linkage group meeting. Next SPC meeting on Feb 1st 2021. Reps meeting 20 Jan 2021.

Added via email:

Query on ownership of Debenhams building: is the Council planning to purchase?