

**Chairman's Report of SPC 5 Meeting – Community, Culture & Fire Services,
Meeting held on Wednesday 13th April, 2022 at 3.00p.m. via Microsoft Teams.**

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. M. Brett, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan.

(a) Matters Arising

None

2. CCFCS Grant Scheme

CCFCS Grant Scheme were discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan. Advertisement of the scheme is deferred.

3. Creative Ireland Programme 2022

Dearbhala Ledwidge gave a presentation and updated the committee on the Creative Ireland Programme 2022. Creative Ireland announced another 5-year programme 2023-2027 and new 5-year County Strategy to be developed.

4. Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022

Dearbhala gave a presentation and updated the committee on the Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022 giving details of projects under the county programme such as radio series, podcasts and school booklets and also a diverse programme of projects taking place under the grant scheme.

5. Heritage and Biodiversity Programme

Dearbhala gave a presentation on the Heritage and Biodiversity Programme and the National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP). Kilkenny County Council have a role in biodiversity through policy, heritage and biodiversity plans, advice and support, strategic programmes and projects. The NBAP will be a 5-year strategic plan dealing with conservation and sustainable use of Ireland's biodiversity.

6. AOB

Ukrainian Refugee Crisis – SPC5's role in the crisis is presently to provide community support through community integration and supports from the library services.

Castlecomer Discovery Park – Kathy Purcell informed the committee of the new free app digitising the coal mining museum available for download.

Men Sheds – Cllr. Dunphy enquired about who to contact to set up a Men Shed. Advised to contact KLP. The community section processes grants to existing Men Shed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.