Report on Tourism, Rural & Community Development, An Gaeilge & Cultural Services SPC meeting by PPN representatives.

Dear PPN Colleague

The first meeting of the SPC current term took place back in February 2025, and was principally an introductory meeting, where the various contributors went through current policy and strategy.

The second SPC meeting of the current term took place on Wednesday 28th May 2025.

There were two substantive items for discussion

- **A presentation of the Museum Draft Strategic Plan 2025-2030**
- **Introduction of the draft Festival and Events Policy (Funding applications)**

Museum Draft Strategic Plan

This presentation was an overview of the initial plan, identifying the aims and mission statement. As a consequence of the move to the Peace Campus, the museum has to confirm it meets the standards to be recognised under the pertinent legislation.

It was sought that the strategic plan would include the provisions of the county's Scéim na Gaeilge, as provisioned under An Acht Teanga (the Languages Act). This was accepted.

Draft Festival and Events policy

An extensive draft was presented which aims to govern the criteria and governance for applications for Festival and Events grants. This was the first presentation of the policy. The PPN members closely questioned all elements of the draft, with a view to making sure it was clear to applicants, there was ease of application for voluntary bodies and any applications would be expedited. Following the discussion, the draft will be revised and brought back to the SPC for further discussion.

There was a motion from Monaghan MD regarding a Disability Steering Committee, but this was held over until the following meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 2025.