

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

12 SEPTEMBER 2016

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE & AGEING STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMITTEE**

TUARASCÁIL AN CHATHAOIRLIGH – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

The meeting was held in Dalkey Castle, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin on Wednesday 9th June, 2016 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Present

Councillor Carrie Smyth (Chairperson)
Councillor Deirdre Donnelly
Councillor Karen Furlong
Councillor Karl Gill
Councillor Mary Hanafin
Councillor John Kennedy
Councillor Lynsey McGovern
Councillor Grace Tallon
Councillor Patricia Stewart
Tom Conlon
Geraldine Graydon
Michéle Relihan

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Larry O'Connor

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dearbhla Lawson (Director of Services, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department), Kenneth Redmond Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Deirdre Baber Senior Community Officer, Claire Barr, Clerical Officer

Minutes

Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting, 9th March 2015, proposed by Cllr. Stewart and seconded by Cllr. Hanafin.

Matters arising

None.

Information items submitted by member for written reply

Question from Cllr. Patricia Stewart

With reference to our status as an Age Friendly County, I would like to seek information on a motion passed a number of months ago at council regarding conducting a review of public seating countywide. What is the status of this review? What practical changes will issue from it?

Reply

Under Theme 1, Open Space and Buildings, of the DLR Age Friendly Strategy, DLRCC commits to preparing community based, and led "Walkability Audits." These audits will utilise the built environment assessment tool developed by Age Friendly Ireland, which includes the assessment of rest areas and facilities within a predefined local community area. The audit will have regard to adequacy, suitability and condition of seating and other relevant facilities, such as condition of footpaths and overhanging hedges.

Next steps will involve reviewing with a number of community groups the potential to pilot the audits in some key areas later this year. The findings from these audits will then assist in developing a programme of priority areas for attention subject to the availability of resources.

Pat Coffee, Social Inclusion Officer, Community

Business submitted by Director of Services

a. Presentation on the Draft Arts Development Policy

Kenneth Redmond, Senior Enterprise Development Officer gave a presentation on the progress of the Draft Arts Development Plan. The Draft Arts Development Plan will be brought before the SPC at the next meeting in September.

b. Update on Grant Guidelines Review and Draft Framework for Re-Use of Council Buildings

Dearbhla Lawson explained as the Grant Guidelines had been recommended a report on the consultation results would be brought before the Council in July.

The Framework for reuse of council buildings has now been discussed at all 3 SPC's and recommended to Council.

c. Draft Community Facilities Guidelines

It was recommended for acceptance by Cllr Patricia Stewart seconded by Cllr Hanafin but note Cllr Gill will not be recommending to Council.

d. SPC Future Work Programme

Dearbhla Lawson agreed at next SPC :

1. To provide update on the achievements of Grants
2. Draft Arts Development Plan would be brought before the SPC
3. Lexicon vision cultural statement

It was also agreed that a 6 monthly update would take place every 6 months in relation to Age Friendly Actions.

Business referred by Council

It was **noted** that there was no business.

Business referred from Corporate Policy Group

It was **noted** that there was no business.

Any other business

Geraldine Graydon queried how as a member of the Volunteer sector she could bring more to SPC would like a mechanism provided to make a relevant contribution. Tom Conlon & Michéle Relihan agreed. Dearbhla Lawson stated she would welcome discussions to bring this forward and would be in contact.

Next meeting

Next SPC meeting 21st September 2016

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at approximately 6.30pm.