

Community Development, Culture & Ageing Strategic Policy Committee

Tuarascáil an Chathaoirligh – Chairperson’s Report

The meeting was held in Sandyford Community Centre, Lambscross, Sandyford, Dublin 18 on Wednesday 21st September, 2016 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

PRESENT

Cllr Blain, Emma	Cllr Kennedy, John
Cllr Donnelly, Deirdre	Cllr McGovern, Lynsey
Cllr Fayne, Mary	Cllr Nic Cormaic, Sorcha
Cllr Furlong, Karen	Cllr Smyth, Carrie
Cllr Hanafin, Mary	Mr Tom Conlon
	Ms Geraldine Graydon
	Ms Ann Cannon

Councillor Carrie Smyth presided as Chairperson

Apologies were received from Councillor Stewart, Patricia

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer; Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer; Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer; Pat Coffey, Senior Staff Officer; Claire Barr, Clerical Officer.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Community Development, Culture and Ageing SPC of the 9th of June 2016 were confirmed and adopted – proposed by Cllr. Lynsey McGovern and seconded by Cllr. Karen Furlong.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Information items submitted by members for written reply

There were no items submitted by members.

Director's Business

(a) **Presentation or Report on Grants funding for projects over the past number of years -Community, Arts and Heritage**

Helen Griffin gave a presentation on DLR Community Grants Scheme, Kenneth Redmond gave a presentation on DLR Arts Grants, and Dearbhla Lawson gave a presentation on DLR Heritage Grants Scheme. Copies of all three presentations had been distributed prior to the meeting. A brief discussion took place following all three presentations and Dearbhla Lawson and Kenneth Redmond responded to queries from the SPC Members.

(b) **Update on Age Friendly Strategy**

An update on the Age Friendly Strategy was presented by Pat Coffey.

Members congratulated D. Lawson and her team on the work done to date on Age Friendly initiatives. A wide-ranging discussion took place, during which the Director and Pat Coffey responded to Members questions.

(c) Arts Policy - Final Draft for approval

K. Redmond, Arts Officer, introduced a draft Arts Development Plan 2016-2022, incorporating three policy documents, for consideration, namely draft Arts Development Plan; dlr Municipal Gallery Programming Policy and dlr Art Collection Policy.

The presentation outlined the consultation process; goals; associated objectives; and the implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the arts development plan.

During the discussion that followed, K. Redmond responded to Member's queries, following which it was proposed by Cllr Nic Cormaic, seconded by Cll Hanafin and agreed to approve the draft Arts Development Plan 2016-2022, incorporating all three policies.

Topic For Future Work Programme

Dearbhla Lawson recommended that a Work Programme for 2017 be developed for the Community Development, Culture and Ageing SPC and invited feedback and suggestions from the Members and will bring a draft plan to the next meeting.

Business Referred from the Council (if any)

No business referred by Council

Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

No business referred by Corporate Policy Group

Any other Business

(a) Presentation on Disability Issues

Geraldine Graydon gave a presentation to the members called 'Lets work together to make Dún Laoghaire Rathdown a more inclusive society for people with Autism.'

The presentation covered the following points:

- Data
- A Need to Understand the Nature of Autism
- Thinking Differently About Autism
- Key Challenges Faced By Autistic People In Their Daily Lives
- Being Autism Informed and Autism Friendly
- Summary

The Members thanked Ms. Graydon; due to the number of questions and time constraints at the meeting, it was agreed a follow up session would be held to address any outstanding queries.

Date of Next Meeting

29th November 2016 in the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus