

**MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**9 OCTOBER 2017**

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

**held in the Assembly Hall, Town Hall, Dun Laoghaire  
on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 5.00 pm**

**Chairpersons Report**

**Present**

Cllr. Blain, Emma  
Cllr. Donnelly, Deirdre  
Cllr. Fayne, Mary  
Cllr. Hanafin, Mary  
Ms. Ann Cannon,  
Mr. Tom Conlon  
Ms. Geraldine Graydon

Cllr. Kennedy, John  
Cllr. Nic Cormac, Sorcha  
Cllr. O'Brien, Peter  
Cllr. Stewart, Patricia  
Ms. Selma Harrington  
Ms. Michele Relihan

**Apologies**

No Apologies were received.

**Absent**

Cllr. Karen Furlong  
Cllr. Lynsey McGovern

Ms. Grace Tallon  
Cllr. Dave O'Keefe

**Officials Present**

Dearbhla Lawson (Director of Community and Cultural Development) and Helen Griffin (Administrative Officer)  
Mairead Owens, (County Librarian)  
Kenneth Redmond, (Arts Officer)  
Maire Davey, (Assistant Arts Officer)  
Laura Howe, (dlr PPN)  
Joe Connor, (dlr Social Inclusion Officer)  
Louise Costelloe, (Grainstore Manager)

**Councillor Peter O'Brien presided as Chairperson**

**CDCA/19/17**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 were agreed and adopted, having been proposed by Cllr. Patricia Stewart and seconded by Cllr. Emma Blain.

**CDCA/20/17**

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**CDCA/21/17**

**Information items submitted by members for written reply**

There were no items for written reply.

**CDCA/22/17**  
**Director's Business**

**(a) Presentation on Public Participation Network**

Laura Howe, Public Participation Network (PPN) Manager, gave a presentation on the PPN's aims and objectives, and progress to date. She explained that the PPN is represented on key committees of the Council such as SPC and LCDC.

The membership of dlr PPN has grown to 345 groups. An e-zine magazine is produced quarterly. The Co-ordinator's work also involves informing groups in relation to consultations and seeking input as well as training programmes for groups, helping groups to understand the workings of local government and about consultations that could affect them as citizens.

- The plenary meeting will be taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- The PPN conference will be taking place in Sligo on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Laura Howe responded to questions from the floor and following a discussion the Chairman thanked Laura for her presentation.

**(b) Presentation on the Festival of Inclusion - Connecting Communities, an Overview.**

Joe Connor, Social Inclusion Officer gave a presentation on dlr Festival of Inclusion which will be taking place from 6<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017. A significant number of events will be taking place across the county this year with the support of our partners and volunteers. Events include The Big Sing, the dlr Community 5K, dlr Mountains to Sea downhill Challenge, Fashion Show on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and a Communities Exhibition taking place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The Chairman wished the team well with the launch.

**(c) Presentation on Public Age**

Máire Davey, Assistant Arts Officer gave a presentation on Public Age which is an Arts and Health Programme working in partnership with the HSE with support from DLR and the Arts Council. The aim is to explore issues and challenges for people as they age in relation to public spaces and how public realm and architecture plays a key role in supporting the health and wellbeing of older people in public areas.

Three meeting house events took place in UCD, Sallynoggin and Ballyogan which was attended by a mix of people with a mix of ages and interests including developers, planners, architects, local organisers and ward Councillors. The fourth event will take place on Thursday 28th September 2017 in Dundrum from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Details can be found on [www.publicage.ie](http://www.publicage.ie)

A discussion took place regarding, and officers clarified that there will be feedback to a future SPC on the achievements and outputs from this project once it has been finalised.

**(d) Presentation on the Grainstore**

Louise Costelloe, Manager of the Grainstore gave a comprehensive presentation on the operations of the Grainstore located at Cabineteely House. Their framework is based around the Arts Development Plan 2016-2022. Young people from 2-25 years avail of the facilities in the Grainstore however as many of the young people involved have been there over a number of years, there is an urgent need to develop the pipeline and establish an entry level programme

of 13-16 year. Future plans for the Grainstore will include having a creative hub for youth arts, expanding programmes and including participation to a wider audience.

SPC Members welcomed and commended Louise on the work of the Grainstore and thanked her for her presentation.

#### **(e) Update on Creative & Cultural Plan**

Mairead Owens, County Librarian, gave a verbal update on the Creative & Cultural Plan. Progress continues to be made, and a draft template was received at the end of June 2017. Some work still has to be done on the draft which will be brought to the next SPC. This is a five year plan 2017-2022 with funding committed for 2017.

A Creative and Cultural Team was established in DLRCC and met on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to input to the development of the plan. Emerging themes for the plan are:

- Creative Placemaking,
- Empowering Creative Communities,
- Creativity and Innovation,
- Quality of Life & Well Being,
- Networks & Connections
- Awareness Raising

It is planned to undertake a survey/ consultation on themes/ objectives to help inform the development of a draft plan which will be considered at a future SPC meeting.

#### **CDCA/23/17**

##### **Topics for Future Works Programme**

Dearbhla Lawson outlined the future work programme for 2018.

#### **CDCA/24/17**

##### **Business Referred from the Council (if any)**

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

#### **CDCA/25/17**

##### **Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)**

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

#### **CDCA/26/17**

##### **Any other Business**

Kenneth Redmond informed the SPC of the positive news that the County Council had made a successful bid for funding to develop an ambitious Music Generation programme in Dún Laoghaire. Music Generation is the National Education Programme for children aged 0-18 and will focus on Choral and Instrumental tuition. Music Generation DLR involves working in partnership with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education Training Board, Tusla, Southside Partnership, IADT, Crosscare, UCD & Blackrock Education Centre. Kenneth and the team was congratulated by the SPC on the good news.

#### **CDCA/27/17**

##### **Date of Next Meeting**

Next SPC Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Venue: Dundrum Council Offices

