

## DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 5.00pm**

#### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Fleming, Michael (Chair)	Grainger, Anna
Ahmed, Kazi	Hanafin Mary,
Baker, Marie	Kivlehan, Tom
Donnelly, Deirdre	Moylan, Justin
Dunne, Daniel	O'Brien, Peter
Fanning, Martha	

#### **SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Olivia Shaw Dunne

#### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Therese Langan, Director of Community, Cultural Services & Parks; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community; Catherine Gallagher, dlr County Librarian; Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, Parks; Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community; Jayne Parsons, Senior Staff Officer, Community; Shahruz Mirmirani, Staff Officer, Community; Tina Falkiner, Assistant Staff Officer, Community;

#### **Apologies**

Brian Kavanagh, Andrew Clinch,

#### **1. Welcome & Roll Call**

Cllr Fleming welcomed everyone to the meeting and the roll call was carried out.

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Marie Baker and seconded by Olivia Dunne.

#### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

#### **4. Information items submitted by members for written reply**

No business.

#### **5. Director's Business**

##### **a) Update on the implementation of the Library Development Plan**

Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian, gave an update on the implementation of the Library Development Plan.

Four Goals were outlined as:

- Connecting with our Communities
- Collaborating with our partners

- Creating reading, learning, creative and cultural opportunities for all
- Consolidating our library spaces and services

A discussion followed during which the members present were asked for their questions and comments.

During the discussion the Outreach and Social Prescribing programmes and their benefits to support those in the community who normally do not take part in many activities were noted.

## **b) Creating with Communities: dlr Arts Development Plan 2024 – 2030**

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer presented the dlr Arts Development Plan 2024 – 2030. It was noted that the vision for this was based on the data available. Focus areas for the plan were noted as:

- Art on our doorsteps
- Connecting Communities
- Empowering Artists
- Making Space for Art
- Building together for the future

A discussion followed during which the members present were asked for their questions and comments.

The importance of supporting the artists and establishing a direct link between art in our County and the Creativity Policy was noted as was the need for better collaboration and workspaces for artists.

Therese Langan noted that the next step is to take this plan to the Council Meeting for consideration.

## **c) dlr PPN Presentation**

Simone Sav, Network Manager, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Public Participation Network gave a presentation on the DLR Public Participation Network.

It was noted that there is a total of 31 PPNs, with over 18,000 member organisations nationally (as of 2022). The aims of the PPNs were then noted. This was followed by further outlining the aims and the structure of the PPNs. Examples of various activities, the sharing of information in the community, as well as an outline of the PPN roadmap were also given.

A discussion followed during which the members present were asked for their questions and comments.

During the discussion that followed, the circulation of ezine newsletters was complimented. It was noted that although not all groups in DLRCC area are represented on the PPN, the PPN is working with the DLR Integration Forum to make the PPN more inclusive.

## **d) Presentation on the provision of support for residents associations**

Sandra Kelly, Senior Community Officer, gave a presentation on the provision of support for residents' associations.

A description of Residents' Associations and what they do was presented within the context of the Goals contained in the Corporate Plan. The presentation then went on to outline the function of residents' associations, how one can be set up, and how they are supported by DLRC. The grant funding available to Residents' Associations was also outlined.

A discussion followed during which the members present were asked for their questions and comments.

**6. Business Referred from the Council (if any)**

None.

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

None.

**8. Item for SPC Future Work Programme**

None.

**9. Any other Business**

The Chairperson, Councillor Michael Fleming, thanked the Members of the SPC for their valued contribution to the business of the SPC during the term of this Council. The Chairperson thanked Therese Langan, Director and senior staff of Community, Cultural Services and Parks Department and also the staff who organise the SPC meetings.

Therese Langan outlined the work programme advanced through the SPC, including the Library Development Plan 2022-26, the Arts Development Plan 2024-30, the Age Friendly Strategy 2022-26, the Tree and Urban Forestry Strategy 2023-30, the Local Sports Plan 2023-28, the Heritage Plan 2021-25 and the Biodiversity Plan 2021-25.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

To be determined.