

**Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire Ráth An Dúin  
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**

**Meeting of Community Development, Culture & Ageing Strategic Policy Committee Boardroom, Dundrum Offices, Dundrum, Dublin 16**  
**21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at 5pm**

**Chairperson's Report**

**Present**

Councillor Peter O' Brien, Chairperson  
Councillor Deirdre Donnelly  
Councillor Mary Fayne  
Councillor Sorcha Nic Cormaic  
Ms. Ann Cannon  
Mr. Tom Conlon

Councillor Dave O' Keeffe  
Councillor John Kennedy  
Councillor Grace Tallon  
Councillor Patricia Stewart  
Ms. Geraldine Graydon  
Ms. Selma Harrington

**Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the following:

Councillor Mary Hanafin  
Councillor Emma Blain  
Ms. Michele Relihan

Councillor Lynsey McGovern  
Councillor Karen Furlong

**Officials Present**

Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development  
Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer  
Mairead Owens, County Librarian  
Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer  
Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer  
Carolyn Brown, Assistant Arts officer

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

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed and adopted, having been proposed by Cllr. Tallon and seconded by Tom Conlon.

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

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

There were no items for written reply.

**4. Director's Business**

**a. Creative & Cultural Plan – update and discussion on progress**

Mairead Owens, County Librarian, gave a presentation related to progress on the 2017 Creative Ireland Initiative and development of the DLR Culture and Creativity Plan. Ms. Owens provided a written outline of feedback to the Creative Ireland Public Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. There was strong representation from the artistic community at the public meeting. Ms Owens responded to questions during the discussion which followed. Dearbhla Lawson and Mairead Owens drew SPC members'

attention to the questions that were circulated ahead of the meeting which sought views to help inform the development of the Plan. A discussion ensued regarding culture in dlr, and importance of clarifying significant variety of activity that is underway. The importance of local communication about events was highlighted and the role dlr libraries play in promoting events through the branch network and on social media. A progress update on the draft Creative and Culture Plan 2017-2022 will be provided at the next meeting of the SPC.

**b. Presentation on the Mountains to Sea Book Festival 2017**

Carolyn Brown, Assistant Arts Officer, gave a comprehensive presentation on the Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2017. 69 events took place in venues throughout Dun Laoghaire and Dundrum. Over 650 tickets were sold for events on International Woman's day, a highlight of the very successful festival. The programme can be viewed on [www.mountainstosea.ie](http://www.mountainstosea.ie). Feedback from an exit survey will influence aims to further develop, diversify and attract new audiences and developing further partnerships with local businesses. Ms. Brown responded to a wide range of comments and questions.

**c. Presentation on the Age Friendly Strategy**

Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer, gave a presentation on progress being made with the Age Friendly Strategy which was a year old, and good progress was being made. Helen confirmed that next steps involved the launch of the Petal Project and updated Directory of Services for Older People in dlr. Dearbhla Lawson and Helen Griffin responded to questions and comments. Ms. Griffin referred to a review and refresh of age-friendly actions being undertaken and that an update would be provided to a future meeting.

**d. Update on the Music Education Partnership BID**

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, gave an update on the Music Generation BID for funding. He clarified that this is a competitive process and there are 16 applicants, 5 of which are expected to be awarded funding. All partners played a significant role in supporting the development of the bid. Over 300 children of all ages were consulted and the funding application sets out a comprehensive programme to respond to their needs. It is expected to be a three year programme to include instrumental as well as vocal tuition. The Council expect to be notified in July if the bid to develop a MEP has been successful. Mr Redmond and Ms Lawson responded to questions and comments during the discussion which followed.

**5. Topics for Future Work Programme**

Ms. Lawson outlined the current Work Programme being developed.

**6. Business referred from Council**

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

**7. Business referred from Corporate Policy Group**

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

**8. Any other business**

An issue in relation to Marlay Park Residents Association and tickets was raised and was ruled out of order and the details of the relevant contact person were provided.

**9. Next meeting**

Next SPC Meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Venue to be decided.