

MONTHLY MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

12 April 2021

Chairperson's Report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 5.00pm

Councillors Present

Baker, Marie (Chair)	Grainger, Anna
Ahmed, Kazi	Hanafin, Mary
Donnelly, Deirdre	McLoughlin, Sean
Dunne, Daniel	Moylan, Justin
Fanning, Martha	O'Brien, Peter
Oisín O'Connor	

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Dr Josephine Browne, Olivia Dunne, Sheila Grace, Lyn Hagin Meade

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, DLR County Librarian; Aibhlin McCrann Facilitator, Communiqué International; Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer; Ruairí Ó Dúlaing, Senior Parks Superintendent; Marc Campell, Assistant Parks Superintendent; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Michelle Carroll, Senior Community Officer; Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer; Mary White, Community Worker, Community & Cultural Development; Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Rachel Sherratt, Clerical Officer, Community & Cultural Development.

Announcement

Cllr. Marie Baker (Chair) advised all participants that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of minutes and the recording would be deleted, thereafter. She invited anyone with objections to this to inform her. No participant objected and recording of the meeting began.

Confirmation of Minutes from SPC Meeting

Draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 20th of January 2021 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Anna Grainger and seconded by Cllr Peter O'Brien.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

Information items submitted by members for written reply: No business.

Director's Business

(a) DLR Library Development Plan, 2021-2026

Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian, gave a brief introduction on the process underway for the drafting of a new DLR Library Development Plan 2021 – 2025. The new development plan will include the vision and objectives for the library service over the next 5 years and will be in line with the DLR Corporate Plan, the County Development Plan and the National Public Library Strategy. It was noted that background information regarding the plan was circulated in advance of the meeting and Ms Gallagher informed the members that a public survey was available online and in hardcopy, closing on the 1st April 2021.

Ms Gallagher advised that a group workshop would take place at the SPC meeting, facilitated by Aibhlinn McCrann and she thanked all the members for their participation.

At the facilitated workshop, the achievements of the Library Service to date; vision for 2024; priority areas for development over the next 5 years and any changes to the current library services, were discussed and feedback was received from all members accordingly.

Catherine Gallagher thanked all the SPC members for their contributions to the workshop and the development of the strategy and ended the session.

(b) DLR Parks Play Policy

Ruairí Ó Dúlaing, Senior Parks Superintendent, gave a brief introduction on the DLR Parks Play Policy and it was highlighted that the last Play Policy was developed in 2003.

Marc Campbell, Assistant Park Superintendent, provided a presentation on the new DLR Parks Play Policy including the importance of play; types of play; legislative overview; future planning; vision; management; implementation and consultation.

Mr Campbell noted that the aim of the new DLR Parks Play Policy is to deliver a living document that outlines a set of policies which guide the delivery of realistic, achievable goals and play opportunities throughout the county.

The next stage is to commence a consultation process to get initial feedback from the public and selected children, youth groups and organisations.

Cllr. Baker opened the floor for questions, suggestions and feedback and Marc Campbell and Ruairí Ó Dúlaing were thanked for their work on the play policy.

(c) Drafting of DLR Heritage Strategy

Deirdre Black, DLR's County Heritage Officer presented on the emerging direction of travel of the DLR County Heritage Plan 2021 – 2025. Eight main themes are emerging from the wide consultation carried out to date and the online public consultation will continue until the 16th April 2021.

Ms Black noted that much of the previous Heritage Plan ambition around nature heritage is now covered in the dlr Climate Change Action Plan 2019 and the dlr Biodiversity Action Plan 2021.

Cllr. Baker invited members to contact Ms. Black directly with any feedback from this presentation at dblack@dlrcoco.ie.

(d) Age Friendly Programme Update

Cllr Baker noted that the first report on the DLR Age Friendly Strategy Questionnaire had been circulated to all members of the SPC and that a consultant would shortly be appointed to develop the new DLR Age Friendly Strategy and would be discussed at the June meeting of the committee.

Business Referred from the Council (if any) - None.

Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any) - None.

Items for SPC Future Works Programme

Strategic policy issue relevant to the business of the SPC for consideration by the committee for inclusion in the Future Work Programme - none

Any Other Business:

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, informed the members that Mart Gallery and Studios have been awarded the licence to take up residency for 1 year in the Grainstore in Cabinteely.

Date of Next Meeting:

Cllr. Baker thanked all members for their participation in the meeting and a date for the next meeting in June would be circulated to all members.