

**Chairperson's Report from the Community, Culture and Wellbeing SPC held on the  
15 June 2022**

**DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Chairperson's Report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy  
Committee held via Hybrid meeting in Council Chamber on Wednesday 15th June  
2022 at 5.00pm**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

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

**SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Dr Josephine Browne, Sheila Grace, Andrew Clinch, Olivia Shaw Dunne, Pierrot Ngadi

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community and Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, dlr County Librarian; Sandra Kelly, A/ Senior Community Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, dlr Arts Office; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Dean Eaton, Dublin Biosphere Co-ordinator; Jayne Parsons, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Tina Falkiner, Community & Cultural Development; Barbara Henry, Community & Cultural Development

**ABSENT**

Mr Brian Kavanagh; Cllr Anna Grainger; Cllr Mary Hanafin

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

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

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

Draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Ahmed.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Cllr O' Brien expressed concern that the draft Civic Memorials Policy had been referred by this Committee to Council for noting, as in his view such policies referred by the SPC are for Council approval. Councillor Baker and Councillor Ahmed supported this position.

It was agreed that advice would be sought from the Law Agent to confirm the correct procedure.

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

No business

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

##### **A) Biosphere Presentation**

Dean Eaton, Dublin Biosphere Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the Dublin Bay Biosphere and outlined its functions for conservation, learning and development, he also presented a short promotional video clip.

Cllr Fleming thanked Mr Eaton for the presentation and opened the floor to questions. During the discussion that followed, Mr Eaton responded to members questions in relation to wind turbines, sustainability, wastewater treatment, the Biosphere boat tours and youth education.

##### **B) Ukrainian Response Update**

Therese Langan gave an update on the Ukrainian Response. The Community Response Forum, an interagency body consisting of the main stakeholders, is meeting regularly. The Ballyogan Rest Centre is up and running with capacity for 300 people and with a centre manager and wellbeing support staff in place. It is a temporary facility with people staying for 4-5 days before being relocated to other accommodation. Circa 100 people are in two hotels in the county. The Council's Housing Dept has managed to allocate 15 pledged homes, which have accommodated 34 people. A range of activities are being provided in the Ballyogan Parish Hall and the leisure centre.

Cllr Fleming thanked Ms Langan for the presentation and opened the floor to questions. Ms Langan responded to members questions in relation to the national system of accommodation for displaced Ukrainians, the summer programme of activities, the Ukrainian hub in Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre and Ukrainian information on the landing page of the Council website.

##### **C) Age Friendly Strategy Update**

Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, gave a presentation on the draft Age Friendly Strategy. Cllr Fleming thanked Mr Smalley for the presentation and opened the floor to questions.

During the discussion that followed, Mr Smalley responded to members questions and suggestions in relation to providing a portal linked to the Council's website where information in relation to the activities and services available to older people could be easily accessed.

The draft Strategy was agreed, proposed by Cllr Marie Baker and seconded by Cllr Martha Fanning. It will be referred to a County Council meeting in autumn 2022.

It was noted that the Councillors would be provided with a briefing on the document beforehand.

#### **D) Creative Ireland Update**

Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian, DLRCC, gave an update on Creative Ireland. It was noted that there will be a new Creative Ireland Strategy for 2023-2027.

#### **E) Arts Programme Update**

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, gave an update on the Arts Programme, including details on the dlr local live performances, Cruinniú na nÓg, Musician in Residence, Tir na nÓg musical in The Mill, Dundrum, the Creative Youth Engagement Worker in Ballyogan, the Poet in Residence and the Public Arts Co-ordinator.

A general discussion took place, and the Committee acknowledged the work of the Arts Office.

#### **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**

Cllr Fleming asked that consideration be given to providing the members with a bus tour of facilities in the County, originally planned for December 2021, for the next meeting.

#### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Bus Tour to be arranged in place of the next meeting, date in September to be confirmed.

Meeting concluded.

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