

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Community Development, Culture &
Ageing Strategic Policy Committee**

Draft Chairpersons Report

LexIcon Library, Dún Laoghaire
6th December 2017 at 5.00pm

Present

Cllr. John Kennedy,
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly,
Cllr. Peter O'Brien,
Cllr. Dave O'Keefe
Cllr. Mary Hanafin,
Cllr. Patricia Stewart
Cllr. Grace Tallon
Ms. Ann Cannon,
Mr. Tom Conlon
Ms. Geraldine Graydon

Apologies

Cllr. Emma Blain
Cllr. Mary Fayne
Cllr. Karen Furlong
Cllr. Sorchá Nic Cormac
Ms. Michele Relihan

Absent

Cllr. Lyndsey McGovern
Ms. Selma Harrington

Officials Present

Dearbhla Lawson (Director of Community and Cultural Development)
Mairead Owens, (County Librarian)
Ciara Jones, (Senior Executive Librarian)
Helen Griffin, (Administrative Officer)
Kenneth Redmond, (Arts Officer)
Ciara King, (Assistant Arts Officer)

Councillor Peter O' Brien presided as Chairperson.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 were agreed and adopted, having been proposed by Cllr. Patricia Stewart and seconded by Cllr. Dave O'Keefe.

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) Developing the new dlr Public Art Policy

Ciara King gave a presentation on the context, aims and process for developing a new dlr Public Art Policy. A draft policy will be developed for consideration for the next SPC meeting with support from a Working group to include SPC representatives and from the Public Art Steering Group. Nominations were sought and Cllr Peter O'Brien and Ann Cannon were agreed as nominees.

(b) Draft dlr Culture & Creativity Strategy 2018-2022

Mairead Owens gave an overview of the draft Strategy which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the SPC were informed that 74 submissions were received further to a public consultation.

Feedback and comments were sought on the Draft Policy. A discussion raised a number of points for inclusion, reference to disability, the national context and fit with other county plans. Reference to the international/ twinning cultural and community links was also noted. Points identified were noted for inclusion and the draft was recommended by Cllr. Donnelly and seconded by Cllr. Stewart.

(c) Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020 progress update

Helen Griffin gave a presentation on the Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020. The overview included progress on a number of different initiatives including the Petal Project, the Directory of Activities and Services, which received widespread praise at the recent National Convention of Older People's Council. Following a discussion where Helen Griffin and Dearbhla Lawson responded to members questions, it was noted that work to publicise age friendly initiatives would be progressed in the coming year, and may include re-publication of the Directory of Services for distribution.

(d) Update on developing Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) process

Dearbhla Lawson drew Member's attention to the public consultation by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly's and their invitation for submissions by 26th January at this first stage of developing a new RSES. Dearbhla Lawson stated that the Council's response to the RSES was being led by the Planning SPC, and that they would meet to consider a response shortly. There was an opportunity however to identify issues of relevance to this SPC related to community development, heritage and ageing for feeding in for consideration or indeed for individuals to respond to the consultation. A discussion raised points for sharing with Planning SPC in relation to importance of regeneration to support changing needs over time, importance of quality of life issues and providing for an increasingly older population in an Age Friendly environment with clusters of services and continuum of housing choice to enable people to downsize and stay living locally and socially connected.

5. Topics for Future Work Programme

Dearbhla Lawson outlined the future work programme which was noted.

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

9. Next meeting

Next SPC Meeting 21st March at Dundrum Council offices.