

MONTHLY MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

11 April 2022

Chairperson's Report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 5.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Dr Josephine Browne, Sheila Grace, Brian Kavanagh, Andrew Clinch

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community and Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, dlr County Librarian; Deirdre Black, dlr Heritage Officer; Ciara King, Assistant Arts Officer, dlr Arts Office; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Siobhán Nic Gaoithin, Age Friendly Programme Manager, Community & Cultural Development; Jayne Parsons, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Tina Falkiner, Community & Cultural Development; Paul O'Dwyer, Community & Cultural Development

ABSENT

Olivia Dunne; Pierrot Ngadi

1. Welcome & Roll Call

Cllr Michael Fleming welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself as the new chair of the Community Culture & Wellbeing SPC. Cllr Fleming thanked the previous Chair, Cllr Marie Baker, for her time as Chair on the SPC and all her work as Chair.

The Committee welcomed Cllr Fleming as the new Chairperson of the Community Development, Culture and Wellbeing SPC and they also expressed thanks to the previous Chairperson, Cllr. Baker.

The roll call was carried out. All participants were advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of minutes and the recording would be deleted, thereafter. No participant objected and recording of the meeting began.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 15th December 2021 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Kazi Ahmed and seconded by Cllr Peter O'Brien.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Information items submitted by members for written reply

No business

5. Director's Business

(a) Beyond Our Walls - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Library Development Plan 2021-2025

Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian, provided a presentation on the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Library Development Plan 2021-25. This included outlining the Plan's vision, mission, themes, objectives, implementation and next steps.

The Chair thanked Ms Gallagher for the presentation and opened the floor to questions. A general discussion took place, with the Committee acknowledged the work by dlr Libraries in developing the Plan. The Plan was agreed, proposed by Councillor Cllr. Peter O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. Justin Moylan. It will be referred to the April County Council meeting.

(b) dlr Age Friendly Strategy Draft Update

Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Age Friendly & Social Inclusion Officer (Community & Cultural Development Dept), provided an update and presentation regarding the dlr Age Friendly Strategy in development.

It was noted that the Strategy was not yet at sign-off stage, but a comprehensive draft has been produced which includes key objectives. A background of why the Strategy is being produced as well as the current delivery timeline.

The next steps in order to produce the Strategy are as follows:

1. Complete the final draft
2. Bring the final draft to this SPC & Age Friendly Alliance in June 2022
3. Following the above, the final draft would go to the County Council for noting.

The ongoing and planned work of the dlr Age Friendly Work Programme was also highlighted:

- Assisting the Older People's Council
- Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme
- Stirring Memories Exhibition
- Bealtaine Festival
- Age Friendly Directory
- General ongoing support

Therese Langan highlighted the digital literacy project that is being managed in dlr Libraries. One of the actions is the provision of Acorn tablets, age friendly devices, that may be borrowed from the library service.

There was a brief discussion on the matter.

(c) Draft dlr Civic Memorials Policy Presentation

Deirdre Black, dlr Heritage Officer, gave a presentation on the development of the dlr Civic Memorials Policy.

Cllr Fleming thanked Ms Black for the presentation and opened the floor to questions.

During the discussion that followed, Ms. Black responded to members' questions and suggestions in relation to the draft policy and with regard to the dlr Civic Memorials Committee.

Following the presentation, it was agreed that the policy will be referred to a meeting of the County Council for noting.

(d) dlr Arts Office engaging and supporting our communities through Arts and Culture

Ciara King, Assistant Arts Officer (dlr Arts Office), provided a presentation and update to the Committee regarding the Framing the Senses Programme – "Dementia Inclusive Creative Programme". Funding of €49,900 had been committed from Creative Ireland to deliver the programme which has the following aims: -

- support positive ageing
- mitigate the negative impact of social isolation and social distancing
- develop and establish new forms of creative engagement for older people in the community and for residential healthcare facilities

Key points covered in the presentation included background, context, partners and programme approach.

Cllr Fleming thanked Ms King for the presentation and opened the floor for questions. Ms King undertook to engage with dlr Councillors to assist in promoting the programme while also noting that it would be promoted via social media and the dlr Libraries e-bulletin.

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 to follow up with Therese Langan regarding the Pitch Allocation Scheme

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following a discussion, the Committee agreed that the next meeting would be a hybrid meeting with members having the option to attend in person in County Hall or remotely via MS Teams.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.