

MONTHLY MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

12 October 2020

Chairperson's Report from the Community, Culture & Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee held on the 9th September 2020

Councillors Present

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

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Dr Josephine Browne, Ms Olivia Dunne, Ms Lyn Meade Hagin, Mr Pierrott Ngadai

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Therese Langan, Director of Community and Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community and Cultural Development, Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Senior Staff Officer, Community and Cultural Development; Deirdre Black, DLR Heritage Officer, Paul O'Dwyer, Assistant Staff Officer, Community and Cultural Development; Rachel Sherratt, Clerical Officer, Community and 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.

Welcome

Cllr. Baker welcomed all participants to the meeting and, also welcomed the two new members of the SPC: Lyn Meade Hagin, member of the PPN and Cllr Martha Fanning who has replaced Cllr Deirdre Kingston.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 17th June 2020 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr. Peter O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hanafin.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

Information items submitted by members for written reply

No business.

Director's Business

a) Community Section – COVID Update, Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development

Therese Langan provided an update on the Department's activity in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, further to the update provided to the SPC at June's meeting. Ms Langan noted the importance of the Community Call as well as various health and wellbeing initiatives provided by the department to the community. Dr Louise Kinlen from Southside Partnership will carry out an evaluation of the Community Call initiative examining how it operated and how it may be used into the future following its success.

Updates were provided on the foodbank, the inter-agency co-operation, the engagement of volunteers, work with the Community Centres and digital literacy work.

The Members expressed thanks to staff of the Community, Libraries and Arts sections as well as to all of the volunteers who had provided assistance and services during the pandemic.

b) Arts & Culture Overview, Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian.

Catherine Gallagher gave a presentation and overview of the arts and culture programme being implemented in DLR. This included an overview of the Arts Office, the Music Generation Dlr Partnership Programme, as well as the Creative Ireland programme and the Decade of Commemorations scheme, also, the Arts and Culture support for the community during the Covid situation.

A nomination to membership of the Public Art Steering Group was also sought from a non-elected representative of the Community, Culture & Wellbeing SPC.

c) New DLR County Heritage Plan Consultation 2021-2025 (Deirdre Black)

Deirdre Black, DLR's County Heritage Officer, presented on elements of formulating the new DLR County Heritage Plan 2021-2025.

Deirdre Black responded to the Members queries and Cllr. Baker invited members to contact Ms. Black directly at dblack@dlrcoco.ie with any further suggestions.

Business Referred from the Council (if any)

None.

Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

Items for SPC Future Works Programme

(8a) 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:

Cllr Baker encouraged the non-Council members of the SPC to consider putting their names forward to join the Public Art Steering Group and thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

The Chair, Cllr. Baker thanked all members for their participation in the meeting.

Wednesday 14th October 2020, 5pm proposed as the date of next meeting.

Owner: Community Department