

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Community Development, Culture and Ageing Strategic Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Wednesday 20th June 2018

Chairperson's Report

Councillors Present

Cllr. Blain, Emma
Cllr. Donnelly, Deirdre
Cllr. Fayne, Mary
Cllr. Kennedy, John
Cllr. McCarthy, Lettie

Cllr. Stewart, Patricia
Cllr. Tallon, Grace

Councillor Lettie McCarthy presided as Chairperson.

Sectoral Representatives Present

Mr. Tom Conlon, Mr. Tom Dalton, Ms. Geraldine Graydon

Apologies were received from Councillor Mary Hanafin, Ms. Ann Cannon, Ms. Selma Harrington, and Ms. Michèle Relihan

Officials Present

Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer; Mairead Owens, County Librarian; Ciara Jones, Senior Executive Librarian, Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer, Joe Connor, Senior Staff Officer; Sue McMahon, Senior Staff Officer; Sandra Kelly, Area Community Officer, Karen Miller, Assistant Staff Officer;

Confirmation of Minutes

Councillor Lettie McCarthy, Chairperson of the SPC, welcomed Mr. Tom Dalton, new Sectoral Representative, nominated by Chambers Ireland to represent the Business/Commercial Sector on the Strategic Policy Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 were agreed and adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Emma Blain and seconded by Cllr Deirdre Donnelly.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Information items submitted by Members for written reply

Councillor D. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive what the plans are for the old Dún Laoghaire Library building and to consider it as a centre for the various voluntary disability community groups across the County. There is no such facility at present so a model similar to that of Carmichael House (Dublin City Council) would be welcome in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown?"

Reply:

The Carnegie Dún Laoghaire is a Protected Structure with a Special local objective SLO 107 which applies to this which states "That Dún Laoghaire Carnegie Library be retained for public and community use".

The potential for reuse of the Carnegie Dún Laoghaire is being considered in line with the Council's framework for the re-use of Vacant Council buildings (which was recommended by the Community Development, Culture and Ageing SPC). However repairs and improvement works are needed to enable its consideration for reuse.

To date, meetings and workshops have been held with the Area Councillors and at the Area Committee regarding this. This has helped to inform the design of guidelines for seeking expressions of interest for the potential re-use of the building. This will be done in line with the Council's framework for the re-use of Council buildings.

However, works are needed first to the building and Architects have been appointed to undertake the design work. Any works to the building will be subject to funding being available to proceed, in line with the terms and conditions of the Council's approved Capital Programme. It is expected that an update will be provided to the Area Committee in due course on the proposals and progress to date with considering potential for re-use of Carnegie Dún Laoghaire.

It was **AGREED** to take (b) Age Friendly Update in Director's Business next at this stage.

Director's Business

(b) Age Friendly Update

Joseph Connor, Senior Staff Officer gave an update on the DLR Age Friendly Programme. There was a wide ranging discussion where Dearbhla Lawson and Joseph Connor responded to the members questions.

(a) Cultural & Libraries Programme Update (Presentation)

Mairéad Owens, County Librarian, with Ciara Jones, Senior Executive Librarian, gave a presentation on the Cultural Programme and responded to Members questions.

(c) Connecting for Life/Mental Health Suicide Prevention

Ms. Pauline O'Reilly, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE gave a presentation on Mental Health/Suicide Prevention in the context of implementing Ireland's national strategy "Connecting for Life" in this area.

During the discussion that followed, Pauline O'Reilly addressed questions from the members.

(d) DLR Children's and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)

Ms. Lorna Kerin, Co-ordinator, DLR Children's and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC), Tusla Child & Family Agency, gave a presentation on CYPSC and progress with developing a plan for DLR's CYPSC. During the discussion that followed, Ms. Lorna Kerin addressed questions from the Members.

Ms. Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, gave a brief introduction on how the Council is supporting CYPSC with doing needs assessment and services mapping to inform priorities for the development of a 3 year CYPSC plan.

It was **AGREED** to provide a further update for discussion at a future SPC Meeting.

Items for consideration under Future Works Programme

Councillor D. Donnelly

"To ask this Committee, following the last meetings report on a Healthy County and in the interest of promoting health and fitness amongst all ages, to support the introduction of walking/running trails in all our parks (and where possible green spaces). This could involve marked distances at intervals (as in Clonmore Park), support of Slí na Sláinte initiatives (as in Leopardstown Avenue) and maps (similar to walking routes provided by Belfield) that could be promoted to community groups, schools and other organisations across the County."

It was **AGREED** to re-enter this item at the next SPC Meeting.

Business Referred from the Council (if any)

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

Any Other Business

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

Date of Next Meeting

The proposed date of the next meeting is Wednesday 19th September 2018.