

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairperson's report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 5.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Olivia Shaw Dunne, Pierrot Ngadi, Rob Hartnett, Noel Martyn

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, dlr County Librarian; Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, Parks; Anne Murray, Biodiversity Officer, Parks, Barry Dempsey, Sports Development Officer, Parks, Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Eoin Kelly, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Shahruz Mirmirani, Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development, Tina Falkiner, Clerical Officer Community & Cultural Development;

Apologies

Sheila Grace, Brian Kavanagh, Andrew Clinch,

1. Welcome & Roll Call

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Marie Baker and seconded by Cllr Tom Kivlehan.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Information items submitted by members for written reply

No business.

5. Director's Business

(a) Heritage Plan Update on Key Projects 2023 - Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer

Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, gave an update on the key projects for 2023 in the Heritage Plan and outlined its seven areas of focus and progress in relation to those areas. The Chair thanked Ms Black for the presentation and opened the floor to questions.

During the discussion that followed, Ms Black responded to members questions in relation to the Dolmen in Cherrywood, a biodiversity history of the County, the Community Monument Fund and maintenance of St. Nahi's graveyard in Dundrum as well as suggestions to include younger people in local history courses. Ms Black then responded to questions and comments about tourism and histories of the great houses as well as coastal features and the histories of the different townlands and Martello towers.

(b) Biodiversity Update – Anne Murray, Biodiversity Officer

Anne Murray gave a presentation and outlined the 65 actions which include 34 ongoing actions / long term programmes and 10 new actions for 2024. The presentation noted the Killiney Hill habitat and Species Management Plan. This included the description of the various species living there as well as the red squirrel restoration project and the fire strategy. The pilot project with the Irish Goat Society and conservation grazing was outlined as well as the bird tagging project. The Local Soil Local Seed and hedgerow planting programme for schools were also noted. The Chair thanked Ms Murray for the presentation and opened the floor for questions. During the discussion that followed, Ms Murray responded to members queries regarding biodiversity issues.

(c) dlr Local Sport Plan (a Strategy for Sport & Physical Activity Through Participation and Facilities) - Barry Dempsey, Sports Development Officer

Barry Dempsey gave an update on the development of the dlr Local Sports Plan 2023-2028 and introduced the two consultants, Rob Hartnett of Sport for Business and Noel Martyn of Core Media, who provided their updates. It was noted that the following were the main asks:

- Development of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown "Local Sports Plan" 2023-2028
- Conduct a strategic review of the current sports function of the Council, taking account of Space to Play and the County Sports Participation Strategy 2018-2022
- Carry out a consultation process with all relevant stakeholders, both internal and external, as well as a public consultation

It was noted that the 5 Ds approach would be adopted to this process (Define, Delve, Design, Develop and Deliver) along with the expected timeline for this.

The Chair thanked the three presenters and opened the floor to questions and further discussion.

Mr Dempsey along with Mr Hartnett and Mr Martyn responded to members' queries in relation to the DLRCC's Local Sports Plan.

A discussion followed. It was suggested that in the light of 20% of the county's population being from abroad, new sports should be accommodated. It was also suggested that the focus groups and surveys should not be done concurrently. The benefits of having suitable areas for walking and jogging was also noted as was the importance of accommodating people with disabilities. It was suggested that the use of mountainous parts of the county for sports activities should be accommodated by the development of a sports corridor.

(d) Overview of Festival of Inclusion 2023 - Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Age Friendly Programme Manager and Social Inclusion Officer

Siobhán Nic Gaoithín shared a presentation on the dlr Festival of Inclusion 2023. It was noted that over 40 events have taken place in 2023. The Chair thanked Ms. Nic Gaoithín for the presentation and opened the floor to questions and discussion.

Ms. Nic Gaoithín responded to members' queries in relation to dlr Festival of Inclusion 2023.

(e) Community Grants Update - Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer

It was agreed that the Community Grants Update would be circulated to the members.

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

None

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Meeting Concluded at 7.03pm.