

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SPC

Minutes of Meeting

Held at 10:00 am on Thursday 8th February 2018.

At Áras Chill Dara, Naas

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members	Local Community Interests
Cllr. Kevin Byrne (Chairperson) Cllr. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill Cllr. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Teresa Murray Cllr. Mark Stafford Cllr. Ivan Keatley	Vivien Kelly-Keane PJ Fagan

Also in Attendance: Gerry Halton (Senior Executive Officer, Community & Culture), Simon Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Bridget Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Sandra Turner (Senior Executive Librarian), Lucina Russell (County Arts Officer), Anna Quigley (Citywide Drugs), Alison Scanlon (Administrative Officer, Community & Culture), Ciara Gallagher (Meeting Secretary).

Apologies: Sonya Kavanagh, Marian Higgins, Frieda O'Connell.

1. Welcome

Cllr. K. Byrne opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.



2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 7th December 2017 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Byrne. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

2018 Work Programme

4. Correspondence

Item CL29/1117 from the November 2017 Celbridge/Leixlip MD Meeting, Cllr. Íde Cussen posed a question in relation to funding for the Self Help Scheme to include anti-snap locks for persons over 55 years of age living in private houses. This question was given to the Members of this Committee to discuss. Alison Scanlon advised that she would talk to Cllr. Cussen directly about this matter as it would fall under her remit in relation to community grant funding.

5. Library Development Plan – Sandra Turner

Sandra presented the Library Development Plan (attached) detailing ongoing capital projects, targeted county programmes and the extension of digital services in 2018. Sandra also spoke about the National Public Library Policy which is due to be launched in March 2018 and the impact it will have on our local library service.

6. Arts Update & Creative Ireland – Lucina Russell

Lucina first updated the committee on the Culture and Creativity Plan which was put before the CPG and will be presented to Full Council in February 2018. There will be a Kildare Creative Ireland Bursary and details of this will be advertised with closing date of 20th March. Lucina also discussed the Kildare Arts Strategy 2018 – 2022 which is due to be presented to Full Council this month. Lucina also spoke about work on a 'Framework Agreement' between KCC and the Arts Council, the 'Invitation to Collaboration Scheme', 'Healthy Ireland Dance and Health Initiative', LPT monies awarded in four MDs (Celbridge/Leixlip, Maynooth, Kildare/Newbridge and Athy) which support the Arts Service Programmes and Arts in Education which is a National Day and will take place in association with Froebel Department in Maynooth University on April 21st.

7. Citywide Drugs – Anna Quigley

Anna presented the new National Drugs Strategy (attached). The presentation detailed the five strategic goals set out under the strategy and the role of Drug and Alcohol Task Force. Anna also examined the actions under the strategy which are relevant to Local Authorities and the challenges facing Citywide Drugs.

8. Heritage Update - Bridget Loughlin

Bridget discussed what her role in Kildare County Council involves and went through her work plan for 2018. These works include, Heritage Week, Biodiversity Week, Conservation Plans for Medieval Walled Towns, Kildare Cathedral Workshop, Story of the Liffey, Heritage Grants and a Memorial Plaque Audit, to name but a few.

9. Twinning Policy – Ann Marie Conneely

Ann Marie went through the Twinning Policy (attached) with the Members, this policy was approved by the Elected Members in January's Full Council Meeting. The policy details the legislation, budget, protocol, committee, membership and student exchange for Twinning in Kildare County Council.

10. Play Policy – Simon Wallace

Simon re-presented the Play Policy presented originally in the December meeting to give Members who were not in attendance an opportunity to ask questions regarding the policy. All Members were happy with the Policy and Simon will bring it to the next CPG.

11. Any Other Business

Update given to committee regarding the status of Motion 28/097 discussed at the previous meeting. The Motion asked the committee to consider the possibility of Kildare County Council providing educational programmes in schools for the use and maintenance of defibrillators. Syl Merrins, Kildare Sports Partnership advised that this is not possible as training and maintenance is provided by the supplier of the defibrillators. Cllr O'Neill advised that local Community First Responder Groups can also provide these services. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th May, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. The meeting concluded.