



Local Community & Cultural SPC Minutes

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Minutes of Meeting

Held at 10:00 am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

At Áras Chill Dara, Naas

**Members in Attendance:**

<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Non-Statutory</b>
<b>Local Government Elected Members</b>	<b>Local Community Interests</b>
Cllr. Kevin Byrne (Chairperson) Cllr. Martin Miley Jnr. Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill Cllr. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Mark Stafford	PJ Fagan (Social Inclusion) Freida O'Connell (Business/Commercial)

**Also in Attendance:** Peter Minnock (Director of Services, Planning, Community & Cultural Services); Marian Higgins (County Librarian); Lucina Russell (Arts Officer); Alice Corbett (Senior Community Worker); Pauric Buggy (Age Friendly Programme); Siobhan O'Rourke (Community Development Team); Simon Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent); JP Holligan (Community & Cultural Services); Eileen Doyle (Community & Cultural Services); Ciara Gallagher (Meeting Secretary).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Ivan Keatley and Cllr. Teresa Murray.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. Miley Jnr., seconded by F. O'Connell and there were no matters arising.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There was a discussion around the new Standing Orders for SPCs and it was agreed to keep them under review.

### **4. Correspondence**

None.

### **5. Kildare Age Friendly Programme Presentation**

Pauric Buggy updated the committee on the progress made by Kildare Age Friendly Programme (presentation attached). The Alliance has been restructured and they will now meet two/four times per year to review progress. They are currently in their implementation phase. There will be a service providers' forum in each Municipal District working at a local level and from this, actions will be put in place and their progress will be monitored using a traffic light system. Mr. Buggy also spoke about the Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative (HAPAI) which is a survey of 500 older people in Kildare. The data gathered will provide opportunities to make national and international comparisons.

### **6. Briefing on Library Development Plan & Update on Decade of Commemoration**

Marian Higgins showed a video (link: <https://vimeo.com/181795214> password: 1916) which highlighted some of the two hundred and fifty five events and ninety six school events which showcased culture being used in its broadest sense through art, dance, acting and music.

Ms. Higgins continued by presenting the ideas realised in the Kildare Library Service Development Plan (presentation attached). Items discussed covered space, IT, access, the educational and discovery zone, the cultural campus and the importance of the collaborative ethos and team approach.

## **7. Review of Arts Plan**

Lucina Russell presented a review of the arts development plan for Kildare Local Authorities 2012 – 2016 (presentation attached). The Culture 2025 Discussion Document was highlighted as the national framework for collaboration. On a local basis this means looking at a bespoke arrangement for councils. National publicity has shone a light on some of the work which has been done. Going forward the focus will be on the consolidation and expansion of partnership programmes, research and the exploration of potential new technologies.

## **8. Report on Play Policy**

Simon Wallace explained that the aim of the Play Policy is to improve play and to develop a range of objectives to implement. Dr. Carol Barron won the tender to consult and help create a strategy for play. This will involve creating a questionnaire/survey, the timeframe for which will be approximately four months. A major part of this strategy is to target teenagers and to look at existing policies with a focus on best practice. Research will involve working with various partners such as the Children's Services Committee, Dr. Delma Byrne (Lecturer NUI Maynooth), a representative from An Garda Síochána, Tusla and the Childcare Committee. Mr. Wallace is hoping to have a draft strategy ready for January.

## **9. Update on Kildare Public Participation Network (KPPN)**

JP Holligan presented an update on the Kildare Public Participation Network (update attached). Mr. Holligan advised the group on the work done to date which included; preparatory work, registration process, updates provided to Council and LCDC, the ongoing communication with groups and information about the formation of the secretariat. At this time Phase 3 is being actioned through the selection of representatives for the LCDC and SPCs. Phase 4 will begin after this and this phase will include on-going support for PPN representatives, training, development of roles and work plan, active participation and the formation of support groups for representatives.

**10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss and it was agreed that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded.