

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SPC

Minutes of Meeting

Held at 10:00 am on Thursday 9th February 2017.

At Áras Chill Dara, Naas

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members	Local Community Interests
Cllr. Kevin Byrne (Chairperson) Mayor Ivan Keatley Cllr. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill Cllr. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Teresa Murray	Frieda O'Connell

Also in Attendance: Peter Minnock (Director of Service, Planning & Strategic Development), Gerry Halton (Senior Executive Officer, Community & Culture), Ann Marie Conneely (Community & Culture), Bridget Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Marian Higgins (County Librarian), Syl Merrins (Kildare Sports Partnership), JP Holligan (Community & Culture), Eileen Doyle (Community & Culture), Pat Leogue (County Kildare Leadership Partnership), Eliska Schneiderova (County Kildare Leadership Partnership), Ciara Gallagher (Meeting Secretary).

Apologies: Cllr. Martin Miley Jnr., Cllr. Mark Stafford, Dermot O'Donnell, John Hayden.

1. Welcome

Kevin Byrne Cllr

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

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 1st December 2016 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. C. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. B. Caldwell and there were no matters arising.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Approval of Community Grant Scheme

Ann Marie Conneely detailed the seven grants schemes administered by the Community & Culture Department (Community/Festival/LPT/LA Residents' Associations/Drehid/Community Diaspora/Education Bursary) and explained that the Private Residents' Associations Grants and the Community Heritage Grant are administered by the Environment Department and Planning Department respectively. All grants are open for applications at present and the closing date for all schemes is Tuesday 14th March at 5pm.

The Mayor, Cllr. Keatley requested that a proposal to be sent to the CPG regarding the amalgamation of both the Local Authority and Private Residents Association Grant Schemes under one Department as he felt that the process needed to be streamlined to avoid confusion for the public apply for these grants.

6. Integration Strategy Update

Pat Leogue and Elisa Schneiderova updated the committee on the work of the Kildare Integration Strategy. They have recently employed a part time Integrated Project Worker to work with the residents who are leaving Eyre Powell. The key action at the moment is to aid those transitioning from direct provision to independent living. A report on the experience of living in a reception centre is being compiled and this report, when released, will be made available to the committee.

7. Civic Memorial Policy

Marian Higgins and Bridget Loughlin gave an overview of the draft Civic Memorial Policy (attached). The policy was created in recognition of the need for the public to commemorate, honour, celebrate and remember a person, people or events. This policy will set out the process of how the commemoration of events, individuals or groups will be considered. A committee will be established by Kildare County Council. This policy will be brought to full council for adoption in the coming months. The committee were asked to email Bridget with any suggestions for the policy.

8. 2017 Kildare Sports Partnership Plan

Sly Merrins presented the 2017 Kildare Sports Partnership Plan (attached) detailing programmes which will take place throughout each quarter of the year. He also gave an overview of examples of the programmes and projects which took place in 2016 (attached).

9. Any Other Business

Frieda O'Connell brought the committee's attention to Tourist Signage throughout the county. She proposed and the committee agreed that a letter is to be written to Kildare Fáilte, Niall Morrissey, Director of Service, Roads & Transportation and Evelyn Wright, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation questioning the amount, accuracy and effectiveness of tourist signage in the county.

The Mayor, Cllr. Keatley thanked Peter Minnock for his work with the SPC during his time as Director of Services for Community & Culture and wished him the best of luck in his new role. The Chairperson, Cllr. Byrne and the committee echoed these sentiments.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th May, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded.