

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SPC
Minutes of Rescheduled 11th May 2017 Meeting
Held at 10:00 am on Monday 29th May 2017.
At Áras Chill Dara, Naas

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members Cllr. Kevin Byrne (Chairperson) Mayor Ivan Keatley Cllr. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Teresa Murray	Local Community Interests PJ Fagan John Hayden

Also in Attendance: Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Service, Community & Culture), Gerry Halton (Senior Executive Officer, Community & Culture), Simon Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Dr. Carol Barron (Dublin City University), Marian Higgins (County Librarian), Lucina Russell (County Arts Officer), Cllr. Íde Cussen, Cllr. Fiona McLoughlin-Healy, Cllr. Réada Cronin, Cllr. Joanne Pender, Ciara Gallagher (Meeting Secretary).

Apologies: Cllr. Mark Stafford, Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill, Frieda O'Connell, Dermot O'Donnell.

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 9th February 2017 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. B. Caldwell, seconded by Cllr. C. Kelly and there were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.



4. Correspondence

Evelyn Wright, Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department responded to the Committee's letter dated 5th April 2017 in relation to 'Tourism Signage Throughout County Kildare'. This response along with letter sent is attached and a copy was given to each member in attendance.

5. Update of Play Policy

Dr. Barron's power point presentation (attached) detailed an overview of the findings from her research into how children play. Dr. Barron discussed the results of her research which focused on play and recreational consultations conducted with children and young people growing up in Kildare.

6. Update of Kildare's 'Music Generation' Application

Lucina Russell detailed the process of the bid for 'Music Generation'. The application will be submitted on Wednesday 31st May 2017. This programme is a national music education programme that creates access to high-quality, subsidised vocal and instrumental tuition for children and young people in their own locality. The outcome of Kildare's application will be shared with the committee when it is known. If the application is unsuccessful Kildare County Council is committed to help support a Music Education Programme and there will be a plan put in place.

7. Creative Ireland – Kildare Cultural Strategy and Kildare Culture and Creativity Action Plan

The launch of the Creative Ireland – Kildare took place before this meeting. Marian Higgins detailed the directive of this five year national plan. The Creative Ireland Programme is a culture-based programme which is designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. This plan will bring together the key sections of Kildare County Council that are involved in the promotion of culture, creativity and heritage. M. Higgins explained that the strategy for this programme will be completed by October 2017 and that some consultations have already taken place.

8. Any Other Business

The chair brought the committee's attention to the Celbridge ISP Update report a copy of this report was given to each member in attendance (attached).

PJ Fagan proposed the roll out of structured events to be held across all Municipal Districts during Social Inclusion Week (September, 2017), he is working together with Pat Leogue and would like to keep the committee up to date of the planning of these events.

The chair thanked Mayor Ivan Keatley for his part in the success of both Africa Day and Respect through Understanding – Conference on Islam events.

The chair informed the committee of his intention to organise an art exhibition of works created by the Share-ring Skills Group he works with. The proposed location for the art display is outside the Council Chambers before the September 25th 2017 Full Council Meeting.

Best wishes and good luck were offered by Cllr. Caldwell and Cllr. Kelly for Leixlip Festival and the Midsummer Arts Festival.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th September, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded.

