



**LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SPC**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Held at 10:00 am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**  
**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) Mayor Martin Miley Cllr. Ivan Keatley Cllr. Teresa Murray Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill	

**Also in Attendance:** Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Service, Community & Culture), Gerry Halton (Senior Executive Officer, Community & Culture), Lucina Russell (County Arts Officer), Bridget Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Alan Kerry (Manager, Local Link), Eileen Doyle, (Senior Staff Officer, Community & Culture), Alison Scanlon (Administrative Officer, Community & Culture), Ciara Gallagher (Meeting Secretary).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Carmel Kelly, Frieda O'Connell, PJ Fagan

**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 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Ivan Keatley, seconded by the Mayor, Cllr. Martin Miley and there were no matters arising from the minutes.

**3. Matters Arising**

No Matters arising.

**4. Correspondence**

None.

**5. Nomination to the Bord of Management of Riverbank Arts Centre**

Sonya Kavanagh, Director of Service, Community & Culture nominated Cllr. Teresa Murray for a place of the Riverbank Arts Centre Bord of Management. This nomination was proposed by Cllr. Ivan Keatley and seconded by the Mayor, Cllr. Martin Miley. Cllr. Teresa Murray accepted the nomination and is now a member of the Bord of Management of Riverbank Arts Centre.

**6. Update on Heritage Week – Bridget Loughlin**

Heritage Week took place in Kildare from 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The week was a great success with events being supported and advertised by KFM and the Leinster Leader. 123 events took place around the county with over 100 groups taking part. There was a very large turn out to events with over 26,000 people attending across the county.

**7. Rural Transport Strategy – Alan Kerry**

(Presentation attached) Alan Kerry presentation detailed the background and work of Local Link in County Kildare. Local Link provides services such as 'Demand Responsive', 'Scheduled Fixed Transport', 'Scheduled Flexible Transport' and 'One Off Services'. The Rural Transport Strategy's next steps are to progress the establishment of the Local Link Network for the South of the County.

**8. Musical & Health Program – Carolann Courtney**

(Presentation attached) Carolann Courtney gave a presentation of the work of Voices of Spring (Celbridge) & Past Times Community (Naas) Choirs in supporting people living with Dementia, their families, friends and communities. Carolann details the benefits of these choirs and the profile of their performances.

### **9. Kildare Mojo – Niamh Keaveney**

(Presentation attached) Niamh Keaveney gave an overview of the work being carried out by Kildare Mojo. They current have two training programmes 'Mini Mojo' and 'Mojo Programme'. 168 men have engaged with the programme since 2015. In 2017 3 Mojo Programmes, 4 Mini Mojo Programmes and 2 Mojo Male spaces took place which engaged 122 men. Kildare Mojo would require additional funding so that applicants to the programme can be facilitated. Their aim for 2018 is to hold 5 Mojo Programmes, 8 Mini Mojo Programmes, 3 Mojo Male Spaces and 6 Thematic Workshops which would engage with 218 men.

### **10. Integration Strategy Update – Eileen Doyle**

(Presentation attached) Eileen Doyle presented on the work of the County Kildare Integration Strategy Steering Group. Detailed in the presentation was the background of the strategy and group, membership and the Themes and Focus of The Integration Strategy 2014 – 2019. Eileen also spoke about the success of both Africa Day held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 and An Garda Síochána Conference: Respect Through Understanding held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

### **11. Any Other Business**

The Chairperson welcomed Alison Scanlon the new Administrative Officers in the Community & Culture Department.

The Chairperson welcomed all to the exhibition of Art on display outside the Council Chamber which will be displayed from the 25<sup>th</sup> September. The works on display are from the Share-Ring Skills Group in Celbridge.

PJ Fagan emailed a poster for Social Inclusion Week to remind all members that it is taking place from 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – this poster was included in members meeting pack (poster attached).

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded.