

Cllr. Kevin Byrne

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SPC
Minutes of Meeting
Held at 10:00 am on Thursday 7th December 2017.
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	Vivien Kelly-Keane

Also in Attendance: Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Service, Community & Culture), Simon Wallace (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Marian Higgins (County Librarian), Lucina Russell (County Arts Officer), Alison Scanlon (Administrative Officer, Community & Culture), Ciara Gallagher (Meeting Secretary).

Apologies: Cllr. Carmel Kelly, Cllr. Teresa Murray, Cllr. Mark Stafford, Cllr. Martin Miley, 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 14th September 2017 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell, seconded by Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

No Matters arising.

4. Correspondence

In relation to *"28/0917 That the council report on the numbers of lifebuoys that are maintained – This item to be referred to the SPC and community section to consider educational programme through the schools to include the maintenance of defibrillator."*

Syl Merrins Co-Ordinator, Kildare Sports Partnership wrote to the committee detailing the information requested on lifebuoys and explained that Defibrilators are not under the remit of Kildare Sports Partnership. Cllr. O'Neil advised the committee that she would get a contact number to complete a reply on this matter to full Council.

5. Kildare Play Strategy 2018 - 2028 – Simon Wallace

(Strategy attached) Simon Wallace discussed the Draft Strategy detailing key focuses; Vision, Mission, Values and Themes. Simon showed the Committee a map of the Kildare detailing Playgrounds which are existing, in progress and proposed, this map also detailed the Skateparks which are in existence and in progress in the county. The strategy will go to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2018.

6. Kildare Culture & Creativity Strategy 2018 - 2022 – Marian Higgins

(Presentation & Strategy attached) Marian Higgins detailed the Kildare Culture & Creativity Strategy. The vision of the strategy is that every person will have the opportunity to fully realise his or her creative pillars. This will be pursued through the Five-Pillars of the Creative Ireland Programme. The Culture Team for Kildare is lead by Director of Services, Community & Culture, Economic Development and County Promotion. Marian Higgins is the Co-Ordinator and the following complete the team; Heritage Officer – Bridget Loughlin, Arts Officer – Lucina Russell, Kildare Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator – Syl Merrins, Denis McDermot, Peter Black, Sandra Turner and Mario Corrigan. The strategy will go to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2018.

7. Arts Strategy 2018 - 2022 – Lucina Russell

(Presentation & Strategy attached) Lucina Russell presented the Arts Strategy which detailed some of the projects and events that have been supported by the Arts Service. The strategy is shaped by guiding values and strategic actions and priorities. Lucina also highlighted the fantastic work of Eric Donovan, Kildare's Culture Ambassador. The strategy will go to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2018.

8. Any Other Business

The Chairperson welcomed Vivien Kelly-Keane the new Community/Voluntary Representative to Committee.

A letter of Thanks was signed by the Chairperson and will be posted to outgoing interim Community/Voluntary Representative Mr. John Hayden.

A List of proposed scheduled meetings for 2018 for the Committee was given to each member in attendance and emailed to those not in attendance.

Each member of the Committee will be emailed to enquire about any items members would like included in the 2018 Work Plan.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th February, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded.