

**LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**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. Bernard Caldwell Cllr. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Sorcha O'Neill	PJ Fagan

**Also in Attendance:** Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Services) John Shannon (Administrative Officer, Community & Culture), Alice Corbett (Senior Community Worker & Age Friendly Co-ordinator), Eileen Doyle (Senior Staff Office, Community & Culture), Mick Power (Chairperson, Newbridge Asylum Seekers Support Group), Marian Higgins (County Librarian), Lucina Russell (County Arts Officer), Kim Kügler (Arts Services).

**Meeting Secretary: Ciara Gallagher.**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. Teresa Murray, Cllr. Ivan Keatley and Cllr. Martin Miley + Vivien Kelly-Keane

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**2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell, seconded by PJ Fagan. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**3. Newbridge Asylum Seekers Support Group**

Mick Power detailed the improvements in conditions for asylum seekers over the last year and thanked Kildare County Council for its support. He highlighted the challenges still faced by asylum seekers and those who have been granted asylum such as securing employment, accommodation and further education.

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#### **4. Age Friendly Strategic Review**

Alice Corbett presented (attached) an update of the work carried out through the Age Friendly programme. She detailed the statistical profile of the county and discussed the objectives, themes and direction for the programme going forward.

#### **5. Arts Update**

Lucina Russell showed the committee a short video which showcases the work of the Pastimes Community and Voices of Spring choirs who are nominated for a Pride of Place Award this year.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Vw5\\_Ps2gdE&feature=youtu.be#](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Vw5_Ps2gdE&feature=youtu.be#)

The follow on programme from this, under the Music & Health initiative, will involve working with patients in Naas General Hospital.

#### **6. 'Out Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities'**

Marian Higgins updated the committee on the National Libraries Policy and its link with the Policy created by Kildare Library services. She presented (attached) the vision for Kildare Libraries and the work and programmes currently taking place throughout the county including Culture Night which takes place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September and additional events leading up to the night.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

Upon the request of Committee Member Vivien Kelly-Keane, and agreed by committee members a request will be made to Corporate Services to change the date of the September meeting going forward.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th December, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded.