



LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SPC

Minutes of Meeting

Held at 10:00 am on Thursday 10th May 2018.

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. Carmel Kelly Cllr. Teresa Murray	Vivien Kelly-Keane PJ Fagan

Also in Attendance: Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Services) Bridget Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Eimear McGinn (Senior Executive Librarian), Lucina Russell (County Arts Officer), Alison Scanlon (Administrative Officer, Community & Culture), Darren Shanahan (South Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force).

Meeting Secretary: Ciara Gallagher / Cassandra Brogan.

1. Apologies

Frieda O'Connell

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th February 2018 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Bernard Caldwell, seconded by Vivienne Kelly-Keane.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Recommendation for House Alarm Scheme

Alison Scanlon proposed the format for the grant application for the House Alarm Scheme which pertains to the Athy Municipal District. All members agreed the application form was in order and to proceed.

6. South Western Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force

Darren Shanahan presented the Festival Care Guidebook (attached); the aim of this is to provide guidelines on the management of alcohol and its related harms at festivals and events. The members agreed this was a very informative and useful guidebook and recommended that it be distributed to local groups organising festivals and events involving alcohol.

7. Update on Work Programme

Bridget Loughlin, Heritage Officer for Kildare County Council updated the committee on the progress of her work programme (attached). Projects include; 'Stories of the Liffey', 'Walled Towns Network', 'Turas Columbanus' and 'Biodiversity Week'.

8. Arts Update & Creative Ireland

Lucina Russell gave the committee an update on both the Arts Service and Creative Ireland (attached).

The Arts Service is finalising the 'Short Grass Stories – Kildare County Council Arts Strategy 2018 – 2022' and hope to have a 'soft' launch shortly. It will be supporting the 'Arts In Education National Day' in NUI Maynooth on 21st April. Lucina also informed the members of the 'Senses Symposium' and gave an overview of the Arts Grants and Bursary Awards awarded in 2018.

Kildare's Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 has been approved by the National Creative Ireland Offices and will be printed soon. Lucina detailed the Creative Ireland Bursary Awards for 2018, with €40,500 being awarded overall. Cruinniú Na nÓg will be celebrated on June 23rd and Kildare's Culture Team is preparing a programme to celebrate the day.

9. Library Development Place

Eimear McGinn made a presentation on 'Work Matters at Kildare County Library Service' (attached). This service aims to support those seeking employment, recently unemployed and those under-employed.

10. Any Other Business

Vivien Kelly Keane requested a copy of the Committee's Standing Orders; this will be sent by email by the meeting secretary. Both PJ Fagan and Vivien Kelly Keane requested that a draft copy of the minutes of each meeting to be sent to them as soon as possible after each meeting so that items may be discussed at community level. This was agreed by the committee on the understanding that these minutes are draft only and are not adopted until the following meeting. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th September, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. The meeting concluded.