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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

 Minutes of Social and Community Strategic Policy Committee

Held on the 15th September, 2015

In the Community Services Conference Room

**Attendance:**

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| Members | Officials |
| Cllr. D. Looney | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. C. O’Connor | P. Murphy Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. S. Holland | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| Cllr. K. Egan | A. Silke Sports Office |
| L. Kelly PPN | T. McDermot SDC Sports Partnership |
|  | A.Byrne Administrative Officer |

**Apologies:**

Cllr. J Graham, Cllr. V. Casserly, G. Ní Mhuirí

**Minutes of May 2015 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May, 2015 which have been circulated were approved.

**Sportivate**

Alison Silke gave an update on the new Sportivate Programme which will be run in Brookfield. 19 participants have begun training. The 19 participants will learn many aspects and requirements of the sports industry and will also develop the necessary practical skills to enable to secure employment in the industry or enhance their prospects of going onto further education. This is a partnership between the DSP, DDL Education and Training Board and South Dublin County Council.

**Community Initiative Fund**

Paul McAlerney gave an update to the SPC and reported that a total of 118 Application were received with a cumulative total request for funding of just over €1.3 Million. Funding amounts requested ranged from the minimum amount of €1,000 up to the maximum amount of €50,000. Additional information is being sought from some applicants before a final evaluation can take place.

It was agreed to aim to give a report on the successful applicants to the October CPG and October Council meeting. Once shortlisting is complete an ‘anonymous’ list outlining the type of projects being considered will be circulated to SPC members. Unsuccessful applicants will be directed towards other funding streams where available.

It was agreed that the new community grant scheme will not be advertised until the successful CIF applicants are notified. It was agreed to consider a photoshoot after the successful applicants are notified.

The committee agreed that the CIF scheme is a success and are optimistic that it will be included in the Council budget for 2016.

**Endeavour Awards**

Application forms are currently been prepared and the Awards will be advertised shortly. The Awards will be made at a function in the Red Cow Hotel on 11 December. Members will be kept up to date via email.

Members present also agreed to raise the importance of these awards in recognising community and voluntary activity in the County during the budget process.

**Health and Wellbeing Week**

A report on Health and Wellbeing Week was circulated. Members acknowledged the work of the Community Services Department in making the week such a success.

**Social Inclusion Week**

A report on the upcoming Social Inclusion Week which will take place from Monday 16th November to Sunday 22nd November 2015 inclusive was circulated. Members will be notified once the programme of events is complete.

**Public Participation Network**

A report on the Public Participation Network was circulated.

**Village Festivals and Summer Events**

A report was presented on summer projects, festivals, tidy town initiative and family days. Members congratulated the team on the work to date in encouraging and supporting local communities organise these events.

Halloween was discussed and while the members acknowledge the work done by local communities to organise events, they questioned the possibility of a large Halloween event for 2016. This was discussed and it was agreed to investigate it again taking into account available resources.

**Any other business**

There was no other business

The meeting concluded at 7 p.m.

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