COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS  
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



**Report of Social and Community Strategic Policy Committee**

**Held on the 16th February 2016**

**Attendance:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Members | Officials |
| Cllr. D. Looney | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. C. O’Connor | P. Murphy Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. J Graham | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | P. Swayne Sports Officer |
| L. Kelly PPN | A.Silke Sports Officer |
|  | T. McDermott SDC Sports Partnership |
|  | A.Byrne Administrative Officer |
|  | A. Coogan Sports Disability Officer |

In attendance: Grace Hill and Anthea Corrie, Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force

**Apologies:** Cllr. V. Casserly, Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr S. Holland

**Introductions**

The Chair, Cllr. Looney introduced all members and visitors.

**Minutes of May 2015 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2015 which have been circulated were approved.

**Healthy County – Alcohol Presentation TDTF**

Grace Hill and Anthea Corrie gave a comprehensive presentation on the inclusion of alcohol in the remit of the Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force. The Task Force received funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund to employ an Alcohol Support Worker who will work with local communities and groups dealing with alcohol abuse. Anthea Corrie was introduced to the members. A discussion followed regarding links with Health and Wellbeing Week, the link between alcohol prevention and physical activity. Tallaght ‘Healthy City’ and South Dublin as a ‘Healthy County’ will work in partnership with this new initiative and benefit from it. It was also recognised that this work is difficult and many involved are ‘hard to reach’. The commitment of any new Government to support a minister with responsibility for this area is encouraged.

**Sports X Country Schools Programme**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Paula Swayne and Alison Silke gave a detailed presentation on this schools programme and its success to date. The members present were impressed with both the numbers involved, the quality and value for money of the programme. This is now the largest cross country event for this age group in the country.  **Sports Disability Programmes**  Alison Silke and Paula Swayne gave details of the many disability programmes run by the Sports Officers in conjunction with the Sports Development Officers. A number of short videos were shown which showed the involvement of disabled and able bodied children interacting and playing together through sport. The programmes were commended by the members present. The Chair requested that these videos be made available via the Council website and social media sites. The PPN members offered the new PPN website as an avenue to display this type of information. The lack of statistics available regarding the number of children in the county with a disability was highlighted as the information is not easily accessible, collected in different ways and often data protected.  **National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP)**  The national Physical Activity Plan has recently been published. This was available to members. Disappointment was expressed that Local Authorities are only included as lead in a limited number of actions. However the LA is included as partners in a number of actions. It was agreed that members would look at this plan before the next meeting and it will be tabled for discussion again.  **Million Pound Challenge**  It was explained that this is an initiative following Operation Transformation. It was agreed that the SPC members would bring ideas back to the next SPC to tie in with the Healthy County Initiative which would in turn support the Million Pound Challenge. The recommendations and subsequent workplan from the HANA Report will also support this when implemented using all the agencies and resources available in the County.  **Shared Multi-use Facilities**  B. Coman gave an update on the Council’s application to the recently advertised Fund to support Local Authorities provide Swimming Pools. An application has been made on behalf of South Dublin County Council toward the provision of a swimming pool in Lucan.  An update was also provided regarding negotiations between the Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board and the developers in Adamstown regarding the provision of a sports hall in the Community School and the possibility of providing community space in this facility. Any decisions made in this regard may influence the need/provision for other community space in the area.  **Any other business**  The PPN members raised the following:   * Appeals Process for Community Grants * Assessment of Grants, funding and awards * Workshop on funding available * Workplan for 2016   A discussion followed where the internal review process was explained. The request of the PPN members to be involved in the assessment was discussed at length and the concerns of the members noted.  The Community Grant Scheme and the 2016 Community Initiative Fund are to be advertised in the second half of March.  The funding workshop/s is/are scheduled for March and PPN members will be notified.  The development of a workplan for 2016 was discussed. The 2015 workplan was developed as a request from the CPG. The situation for 2016 will be clarified.  It was agreed representatives of the Community Team will meet with the PPN representatives to explain in greater detail the working of the system and to explore how the PPN’s input can be more accurately reflected in the reviews. |  |

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.