COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**Held on the 31st May, 2016**

**In the Community Services Conference Room**

**Attendance:**

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| Members | Officials |
| Cllr. D. Looney | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | P. Murphy Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. J Graham | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| Cllr. K. Egan | A. Byrne Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. V. Casserly | A. Silke Sports Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | T. McDermott SDC Sports Partnership |
| L. Kelly PPN |  |

**Apologies:**, Cllr S. Holland

**Introductions**

The Chair, Cllr. Looney introduced Cllr. Emma Murphy to the committee. Cllr. Murphy replaces Cllr. C. O’Connor.

**Minutes of May 2015 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 16th, 2015 which have been circulated were proposed by Cllr. Looney, seconded by Grainne Ní Mhuirí and agreed.

**Workplan update**

**Local Economic Community Plan**

A query was raised about the community actions within the Local Economic and Community Plan. It was explained that the Community Actions within the Plan have partners depending on their focus and are monitored by the Local Community Development Committee. Updates are provided to other committees where appropriate.

**Playspace Programme**

The Playspace Programme is available on the CMAS system for members. The programme is being implemented at present and community consultation is ongoing.

**Community Centre Network**

Work is ongoing with the reconfigured Community Centre Network. Their main focus at present is governance training for management and management committees.

**Community Grants and CIF**

Applications for funding under CIF and Community Grant Scheme closed in April and assessment is almost complete.

A report on the successful applicants under CIF will be given to the next CPG meeting and the Community Grants will be presented to the June Council meeting for approval. Cllr. Looney and Mr. Coman will notify the CPG of this.

A further round of Community Grant Funding will be advertised in September as agreed by this SPC.

**Festivals/Bealtaine/Summer Projects**

The Summer Project Grant applications will also go to June Council meeting.

Bealtaine Festival which just ended was very successful with groups and organisations from all over the county participating. A brochure giving details of the events was circulated.

Planning is ongoing around the county on summer festivals and the Council’s Community Development Team is supporting these and funding is available subject to conditions.

A discussion followed about the possibility of a ‘flagship’ festival being held in the County next year and members were asked to consider this and bring back suggestions to the next meeting.

**Sports Hall of Fame**

Requests regularly come to the Council regarding nominating persons for ‘Freedom of the County’. This is given to people who have given **outstanding** service in their field and Councillors like to recognise this. It is not given lightly and a limited number of awards have been made over the life of this County Council

Following discussion it was agreed to not recommend developing a new Sports Hall of Fame as it would impact on an already successful Sports Awards run by the Echo with support from the South Dublin County Sports Partnership and other groups.

**Community Endeavour Award 2016**

A report was presented on a review of the awards held in December 2015. It was agreed that they were very successful.

The following was suggested by the SPC members:

Clearer direction on the applications forms regarding nominating process

Information Booklets available on the tables

Access for all to the stage

Look again at the individual awards

Certificates

Irish/English on Awards

**PPN/Group Insurance**

A discussion took place regarding a group insurance scheme for PPN members. It was agreed that this was a PPN action and involvement from the Council may not help in securing reduced premiums.

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The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.