**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**held on the 23rd May, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.**

**in the Community Services Conference Room**

**Attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Officials** |
| Cllr. D. Donovan | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | A. Casserly Sports Officer |
| Cllr. J Graham | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| Cllr S. Holland | A. Byrne Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. V. Casserly | T. McDermott SDC Sports Partnership |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN |  |

**Apologies:**, Cllr. K. Egan

**Minutes of February 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in February 2017 which have been circulated were proposed by Cllr. Donovan, seconded by Grainne Ní Mhuirí and agreed.

**Dates of Meeting**

It was proposed by the Chair and agreed by all members that the meetings of this SPC would take place after the Organisations, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) meetings in future where the dates suited. The next meeting will follow the September OP&F meeting.

**Flavours of South Dublin County - Food Festival**

A presentation was given detailing the ongoing work on the food festival which will be held in Rathfarnham Castle Park on Sunday 25th June, 2017.

Following discussion it was agreed that members would forward on contact details for groups in the county, including food businesses and the Clonskeagh Mosque. The Rathfarnham and District Festival (RADfest) will be run in the week leading up to the Festival and it was agreed that this will benefit both festivals.

**Community Initiative Fund (CIF) and Community Grants**

Applications for funding under CIF and Community Grant Scheme closed on 31st March and assessment is almost complete.

**Community Initiative Fund**

53 applications were received and of these 42 were deemed eligible due to some being incomplete or being received following the closing date. These are now assessed and it is proposed that a report on the successful applicants under CIF will be given to the next CPG meeting.

**Community Grants**

155 applications were received and these are currently been assessed. It is intended a headed item detailing the successful groups will be presented to the June Council meeting for approval.

A further round of Community Grant Funding will be advertised in September.

**Sports Partnership Strategic Plan.**

A presentation was given which explained the plan is based on 3 main principles:

* To Lead
* To Inspire
* To Enhance

The target group are Older Adults, Children, Teenage Girls, People with a disability, minority groups, etc. The intention is to engage those not currently involved with clubs and those not engaged in sport or recreation.

The members agreed that this should be made known to local groups and clubs and following on from all planning and any additional consultation, the members agreed to launch this during Health and Wellbeing Week.

**South Dublin Schools Cross Country Programme 2017**

A report was presented on the successful programme which has just finished. It was acknowledged it is now the largest event of its kind in the country for the age group of 3rd to 6th class in primary school.

The inclusion of the Paralympic Section in the programme was welcomed.

It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated as it was acknowledge that while the schools and some local groups are aware of the programme, it is not widely known outside of this circles. The PPN was acknowledged as a good opportunity to highlight this successful programme.

There is a programme run by the Sports Partnership, the daily mile,that is available to younger children. This will be pushed in September.

The staff who recently joined the Council joined existing staff to support this event and consideration is being given to an events corp made up of Council staff. This will give staff the opportunity to see the work that is ongoing throughout the county.

**SDCC Education Bursaries with IT Tallaght**

A presentation was given detailing the success of recipients of the previous bursaries. The possibility of this being extended to other schools was discussed but acknowledged that this is not possible due to current resources and the schools involved in the scheme give the most return for the funding available. Details of the award ceremony in October will be circulated.

 **Any other business**

**Community Endeavour Awards**

An update will be presented to the September meeting. Members gave feedback following the last awards scheme and these will be considered in the planning.

**Sportivate**

The sportivate programme will begin again in September and members were provided with the brochure and asked to notify any young people who might benefit from this.

**Resignation**

Layton Kelly has resigned from this SPC and a replacement will be put forward by the PPN and this will be presented to the Council for ratification. The Chair, Cllr Donovan thanks Layton for his commitment and work on the SPC.

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The meeting concluded at 7 pm.