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

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

**held on the 12th September, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.**

**in the Community Services Conference Room**

**Attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Officials** |
| Cllr. D. O’Donovan | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | A. Casserly Sports Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
|  | B. Leonard A/Administrative Officer |
|  | Maria Finn Senior Staff Officer |

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

**Minutes of May 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in May 2017 which have been circulated were proposed by Cllr. O’ Donovan, seconded by Cllr. Emma Murphy and agreed.

There was discussion around the Flavours of South Dublin Festival, it was reported as being a success

**Endeavour Awards**

P. McAlerney gave a presentationon the Endeavour Awards that are going to be held on the 25th November 2017 in the Red Cow Hotel. P. McAlerney explained that the awards categories were going to stay the same with the exception of the Gradam na Gaeilge, this category is going to be expanded to include Culture, Language, History and Heritage. P. McAlerney highlighted the importance of the Corporate Endeavour award as it was good for PR for local business.

P. McAlerney also explained the nomination process and that there would be self application/nomination only for all award categories, with the exception of the Corporate Endeavour Award and Volunteer of the Year which are open for Community Groups to nominate businesses and individual volunteers.

The awards will be advertised from 25th September, closing date for applications is 13th October.

**Health & Wellbeing Week**

B. Coman reported to the Committee that Health and Wellbeing week will be launched on the 18th September in Tallaght Stadium. Dr Eva Ormsby will speak at the launch and an invitation has also being extended to Henry Sheffllin to attend the launch.

The Health and Wellbeing week brochure was distributed to the committee, the brochure lists the many events that are due to take place over the course of the week.

**Community Grants**

P. McAlerney gave a presentationon the community grants. The first round of grants were advertised in March 2017 and 53 application were recommended and approved by Council. The second round of grants was advertised on the 28th August with a closing date of 22nd September, it is hoped to have the recommendations for full Council in November.

P. McAlerney explained to the committee that there was already a formal assessment and appeal system in place but this is being reviewed at the moment to make groups aware of it. Where groups are refused the Community staff discuss the refusals with the individual groups where queries are raised. P. McAlerney explained the 7 assessment principles applied to each application and the difficulty in applying these principles to a stringent marking scheme

**Healthy County Steering Group**

B. Coman informed the committee that this was an inter-agency group that is involved in research to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in the County and is linked with Healthy Ireland. The group has been involved in a number of initiatives such as

* Smoking cessation for women – there already 4 programmes with another one due in Clondalkin. There is an 80% success rate. Under a train the trainer practice, local people are trained to deliver the programmes
* Alcohol Misuse Support with the Delivery of the National Community Action on Alcohol Programme in partnership with Tallaght and Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Forces
* Physical Activity Implementation of the National Physical Activity Plan at local level

A Communication Plan for the Healthy County group to interact with the wider community has recently been developed and will be delivered in the coming months.

**Social Inclusion Week**

M. Finn updated the committee on the progress for Social Inclusion Week, which will take place from 20th to 27th November. Over 100 events have been organised for the week. The brochure listing the events is due to be printed in mid-October and will be circulated to the committee.

**AOB**

B. Coman informed the Committee about a proposal to introduce the Medex programme that is currently being run in DCU by Noel McCaffrey. It is a community-based chronic illness rehabilitation programme delivered to pre and post operation patients. The programme is on a referral basis only and is clinically proven. SDCC will be the pilot Local Authority to deliver the programme. It will either delivered in Tallaght or Clondalkin Leisure Centre. Noel McCaffey will deliver a presentation to the SPC meeting in November.

Also noted:

SDCC were nominated for 6 awards for the All Ireland Chamber Awards

SDCC have 5 nominations for Pride Of Place Awards

The Sports Partnership Strategy launch will take place on the 20th September at 7pm.

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The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.