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

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

**held on the 22nd February 2018, 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 |
| Cllr Vicki Casserly | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | B. Leonard Administrative Officer |
| L Olagoke PPN | Maria Finn Social Inclusion Officer |

**Apologies:**, Cllr S. Holland; Cllr Jonathon Graham; Cllr Kenneth Egan; Cathy Purdy

**Minutes of September 2017 Meeting**

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

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**Schools X Country Programme**

Alison Casserly gave an update on very successful Schools X Country Programme. 72 of the 101 schools in the county schools have enrolled to participate in the 2018 Cross Country Programme, although 50 children may compete on the day there could potentially be 100 children in the school training. The events also gives children with disability the opportunity to compete on the day along with their classmates. The programme is delivered in 4 local venues:

* Griffeen Valley Park
* Clondalkin
* Jobstown Park
* Tymon Park)

 Finals day is scheduled for 17th May in Corkagh Park.

**Health & Wellbeing week 2018**

B. Coman gave an update on Health and Wellbeing Week 2018 which will run from Monday September 10th to Sunday September 16th. Work is currently underway for programme of events for 2018 which will include some of the events from previous years but will also include some innovative events, the Healthy County group are also involved in compiling these events and the theme will be Mental Health and Wellbeing. A list of the events will be brought to the SPC and B. Coman welcomed the PPN to have an input.

**Special Olympics**

B. Coman informed the group that Special Olympics Ireland had gone to tender for management of the opening ceremony and the event will take place in Tallaght Stadium on 14th June 2018.

**Bealtaine Festival**

M. Finn Social Inclusion Officer advised that Bealtaine Festival will take place from 1 May to 31 May.  The Bealtaine Festival celebrates creativity as we age and in this regard a booklet will be available detailing the wide variety of events and activities that are planned for the festival.  A copy will be circulated to all members when complete. It is anticipated that this booklet will be available from 1st April.

**Flavours of South Dublin 2018**

M Finn reported that following on from successful inaugural Flavours of South Dublin in 2017, this will take place again on Sunday 24 June 2018, in Rathfarnham Castle. Tenders have been invited for this event and are due to be assessed on the 5th March. There will be more food vendors and entertainment this year.

**Intercultural Cook Off**

M. Finn advised Intercultural Cook Off will be part of the Social Inclusion Week 2018 Programme.

A discussion ensued regarding insurance and allergens aspects of the event. The matter will be subject of a further report to the SPC.

**Community Grants**

P. McAlerney gave a presentation on first round of Community Grants 2018, advising that there will be workshops around the County to highlight aspects of these grants and to answer any questions from community groups, an amount of €70,000 has been set aside for Sports Grants depending on the level of demand for such grants. Grants will be assessed based on 6 areas of assessment as set out in the presentation.

Opening date for receipt of applications will be 19th March 2018 and closing date will be 13th April at 4pm. Late applications will be put forward to the second round of applications.

**Integration Strategy**

M Finn updated the committee, the strategy is being developed in conjunction with SDCP. Meetings are being held with senior staff from various departments in the Council prior to the consulting with migrant groups and other agencies including the PPN.

**Community Infrastructural Fund.**

P. McAlerney, Senior Community Officer gave a detailed presentation on the new Community Infrastructural Fund which is a fund of €250,000 which offers Community Groups (including Sports Clubs) the opportunity to apply for funding, to assist with the costs of either constructing new Community Facilities or for the modernisation and/or expansion of existing premises. The fund will consider funding requests from a minimum of €5,000 up to a maximum of €30,000. Applicants must have 50% of the funding themselves; it can be used to fill a funding gap. Projects must be “shovel ready” and money allocated this year must be spent this year.

Workshops to be arranged for all Community groups highlighting details of this scheme.

**Medex**

B. Coman updated the committee on the Medex programme which will start on the 1/4/18 in Tallaght Leisure Centre, Sean Kenneally in Tallaght Hospital will look after the referrals. The intention is to also to run the programme from Clondlakin Leisure Centre in 6 to 7 months time.

**Tidy Towns**

P. McAlerney highlighted progress made year on year through continuous working with the 8 established groups and other groups who may be interested in setting up new Tidy Towns Groups in Tallaght, Rathfarnham, Rathcoole and Saggart

Funding Support of 100K: divided into at least 2 or 3 rounds of funding: (1) Initial Seed Grant, (2) Annual Programme Grant and (3) Practical Projects Grant

**A.O.B.**

Congratulation any Staff and Councillors who took part in recent Gael force event which took place on 17th February.

A report is to issue to the next SPC meeting in relation to the Council Motion on representation of elected members on Committees of events and festivals.

The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.

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