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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday, June 11, 2018**

**HEADED ITEM NO.14**

**HEADED ITEM: C. Performance and Change Management Directorate**

**€300K HAVE YOUR SAY**

**REPLY:**

Following the selection of the Clondalkin Electoral Area as the focus of the 2018 €300k Have Your Say initiative by lucky draw by the Participatory Budgeting Steering Group, the launch event was held in The Round Tower – Clondalkin on March 8, 2018. Over fifty people attended the launch event with feedback from the public during and following the event being very positive.

Following the launch event, the updated €300k Have Your Say website was published and submissions were opened. Paid Facebook advertising began targeting residents in the Clondalkin Electoral Area with messaging around workshops and submissions. The Council delivered over 18,000 leaflets to households and local businesses in the area advertising the initiative and workshops whilst also posting information to local schools and churches and emailing community groups. Advertising was placed in the local media whilst posters and flyers were made available to the public through the Clondalkin library, the Council's mobile libraries and Civic Office. The PPN and the Council's Disability Liaison and Access Officer were also engaged in promoting this stage of the initiative through their networks. Over 150 community groups, schools, places of worship, sports clubs and groups representing minorities, were also directly contacted around the process by the Council's Communications Unit.

Four idea generation workshops were then held with the public throughout March in Rathcoole, Newcastle, Clondalkin and North Clondalkin. For this, the Council brought in the services of an external facilitator, Rita Burtenshaw, who led the workshops with assistance for the Council's Community team. The workshops were attended by approximately 120 people.

The deadline for submissions for €300k Have Your Say - Clondalkin passed on April 9th with the Council receiving 230 entries, an increase of 70 on the 2017 version of Have Your Say. A series of meetings were then carried out, first between Senior Management and then with the Steering Group, in which they considered all of the submissions by members of the public. These were assessed and then presented as a recommended shortlist for approval at the full Council meeting on Monday, May 14th. The shortlist, in alphabetical order, was:

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| **Title**  |
| A Community Orchard, Clondalkin Electoral Area |
| Acoustic Piano for the Rathcoole Community Centre |
| Benches Project - Mosaic Art Project |
| Bottle banks and recycling facilities for Cherrywood |
| Christmas Lights |
| Dog park at Collinstown Park |
| Exercise Equipment for Collinstown Park  |
| Gym Equipment and Activities for Rathcoole Community Centre |
| Irish Signs for Clondalkin |
| Knockmitten Park Exercise Machines |
| New Christmas Lights for Clondalkin Village |
| New pavement at 1916 Commemorative Garden / Gairdin Comortha |
| New Play Ground, Forest Hill Estate |
| On Street Bicycle Pump, Clondalkin Village |
| Outdoor Table Tennis Table |
| Pedestrian Link between the Round Tower and Corkagh Park |
| Planting Flowers across the Bawnogue Area |
| Playground for St. Mark's Estate |
| Renovate Portacabin for the Clondalkin Men Shed |
| Restoration of Old Nangor Road Water Pump |
| Safety and Inclusivity Study of Clondalkin's Public Spaces |
| Solar Powered Bench |
| Welcome to Clondalkin Hedge Signage |
| WiFi Activated Self-Guided Walk Historical Trail of Clondalkin |

Following approval of the shortlist at the May Council Meeting, voting opened through the €300k Have Your Say website with printed ballots available to the public in five locations on Monday, May 21st. Communications around this stage were based around promoting the opportunity to vote and incorporated local press (Clondalkin Echo, Clondalkin News and Rathcoole & Saggart News), The Buzz community newsletter, promotion in county buildings, advertising on bus shelters and social media, including paid advertising specifically targeting the Clondalkin Electoral Area. A further meeting of the Participatory Budgeting Steering Group was set for Wednesday, May 30th, to review the results of the vote. This was followed by the results night on Wednesday, June 6th in the Round Tower, Clondalkin.

The Council are following up this year's initiative with an online feedback survey for participants and non-participants. The findings of this survey will be discussed at an Evaluation meeting by the Steering Group in September where the 2018 initiative will be reviewed and recommendations made for future runs of the initiative.

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