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



**Report of Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting at 3p.m. on Tuesday 17 May 2022 via Microsoft Teams**

**In Attendance**: Cllr T. Gilligan (Chair), Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr C. O’Connor, Cllr S. O'Hara, Cllr P Holohan. L Byrne (PPN), D Hennessy (PPN)

**Apologies:** Cllr C. Bailey,

**Officials Present:** C. Ward (Director of Services), J. Moroney Ward (Senior Executive Officer), J. Hayden, (Administrative Officer), M. Nugent (Administrative Officer), P. Swayne (Administrative Officer) P. McAlerney (Senior Community Officer), M Murtagh, (Administrative Officer) F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), M. Travers (Assistant Staff Officer), B. Fowler (Assistant Staff Officer), M. Farrell (Clerical Officer).

The Chair, Cllr T. Gilligan opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed Cllr Charlie O’Connor to the committee.

**H1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting held on the 15th of February 2022 were Noted and Agreed.

**H2. Community Facilities Survey**

J. Moroney Ward delivered a report on Community Facilities in the county to help establish where the gaps are in program delivery and to help establish full picture of the size and age of the various facilities.

There were contributions from Cllr P Holohan in relation to establishing whether usage in the facilities is primarily private groups or is it mostly council led initiatives and L Byrne (PPN) informed the committee of the difficulties local groups face in securing insurance for activities.

The report was noted.

**H3. Community & Sports Grants**

J Hayden delivered a report on the Community & Sports Grants process.

The report contained an overview of the Grants process and the timetable for 2022. The online application process was explained (use of Salesforce), and he noted the Grants committee meet weekly to review current applications regarding the allocation of funding.

The report was noted.

**H4. Capital Projects**

P McAlerney delivered a report on the Capital Projects currently being undertaken.

There were contributions from Cllr D Donovan, Cllr T Gilligan and Cllr V Casserly concerning Lucan swimming pool and the delay in the commencement of works. C. Ward replied that there have been on-site meetings with the contractor but there are supply line issues. He is

currently waiting for a timeline from them and agreed to keep the members informed of any updates.

The report was noted.

**H5. Age Friendly Programme**

A pre-recorded presentation by P. Swayne was made available to the Committee in advance outlining the Age Friendly Programme.

Items of note included the re-launching of the Older Persons Council, the possibility of having age-friendly parking in community centres and a discussion about an age friendly ambassador in the Libraries.

The report was noted.

**H6.** **Sport Programmes**

A pre-recorded presentation by T. McDermott was made available to the Committee in advance outlining the Sport Programmes.

C. Ward gave an outline of the priorities and key initiatives of the Sports Programmes. Funding would be made available from Sports Ireland for the Active Cities program and he also informed the Committee that there would be a Pilot on-line booking system in two community centres.

There were contributions from L. Byrne (PPN) and Cllr C O’Connor regarding the selection of the venues for the Pilot on-line booking system. C. Ward replied that the centres involved are in Adamstown and Kilnamanagh and meetings have taken place with representatives from both centres. He is hopeful that the system can be rolled out to other centres in the future.

The report was noted.

**H7. Information/Updates:**

C. Ward gave a brief outline of the items listed below and they were noted:

1. LECP Process
2. Local Sports Plan
3. Booking System
4. Tennis Facilities
5. Community Development Review & Recruitment Update
6. Confirmation of Sports Partnership Reps

**H8. Any Other Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding the model for future meetings. Cllr T Gilligan said that he would be happy to continue remotely and that the 3pm start seems to be suitable for the majority. C Ward suggested that a review takes place before the next scheduled meeting in September and this was agreed.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 16.16 pm.