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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

17th February 2017, Board Room, Innovation House, Railway Street, Navan

Attendees -

Councillors:

Cllr Sarah Reilly (Chairperson), Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Sinead Burke, Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons, Cllr Maria O' Kane

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Lynch, Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Nick Killian

Attendees -

Sectoral

Robert Bradley, Liam Carey, Vicky Harris, Niamh Ui Loinsigh

Representatives:

Apologies:, Cathy Whelan,

Officials:

Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Aine Bird, Rachel Breenan, Wendy Bagnall, Turlough King, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21st December 2016 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Toole, seconded by Cllr Murphy.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were no matters arising
3.	<p><u>To Receive details of the Review of 2016 Pride of Place Scheme and Proposals for the 2017 Pride of Place Scheme</u></p> <p>R. Brennan provided a review of the 2016 Pride of Place competition and outlined suggested changes for 2017, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The introduction of a number of new categories, including Best New Group, Nature/Wildlife Award, Grow it Yourself Award. ▪ Continued focus at Municipal District level and build on the progress achieved in this area over the past two years. Proposed to trial 2017 with Municipal District Award events only. <p>Staff members involved in the 2016 Competition were commended by members present on a very successful year for Pride of Place.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to retain the County Award event for 2017, while continuing to encourage further involvement within each of the Municipal District areas.</p>
4.	<p><u>To Receive details of the Review of the 2016 Community Grants Scheme and Proposals for the 2017 Community Grants Scheme</u></p> <p>F. Fallon provided a review of the 2016 Community Grant Scheme, with documents regarding same</p>

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	<p>circulated to members present. The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The 2017 Grant Scheme to open shortly, with a closing date for receipt of applications set for 31st March 2017. Scheme will be advertised in local press, social media and via the Public Participation Network.▪ The level of unclaimed approved grants is low, with the full grant budget allocated after the first call for applications in 2016▪ Criteria is set out for each of the grants operated under the Scheme, and applications from groups are facilitated as best as possible under said criteria▪ It was clarified that the 1916 Commemoration Grants were operated through the Library Service, and was a separate to the Community Grant Scheme.
5.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Item deferred to next meeting. Condolences were expressed to Catherina O' Rourke, PPN Support Worker on her recent family bereavement.
6.	<p><u>To Receive a Presentation on the Meath Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020</u></p> <p>A. Bird provided a presentation on the Meath Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020, including a summary of the key achievements under the previous Strategy. Discussion followed, and the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Congratulations were expressed on the recent launch of the Strategy, with the work to date under the Age Friendly agenda commended by members present.▪ It was suggested that the previous Solstice Cultural Companion Initiative should be revived and it was agreed that this would be referred to the Age Friendly Alliance for consideration
7.	<p><u>To Receive a Presentation on the Review of the County Development Plan</u></p> <p>W. Bagnall provided a presentation on the current review of the County Development Plan. The following points were noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Area consultation meetings on the review have been well attended. It was suggested that the 'sign in' sheet should contain details for the address of attendees in order to provide a sense of the geographic spread of those in attendance. A later start time for the consultation events was also suggested in order to facilitate maximum attendance.▪ Noted that it is anticipated that there will be commonality between issues captured through the LECP process and that of the County Development Plan Review.▪ The Strategic Issues Paper issued as part of the Review process was welcomed, and has proved useful in assisting individuals/groups in making submissions.▪ The Housing Strategy element of the County Development Plan was highlighted, and it was noted that liaison with take place with the Housing Department in respect to the



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	formulation of same.
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>B. Lynch noted the following for information purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recently launched Creative Ireland, which will require a County Cultural Plan to be prepared.▪ Ledwidge Commemoration Initiatives – to include a grant scheme and bursary award. Details to follow in due course.▪ Recent illegal occupation of social house in Dunboyne. Noted that such action compromises Meath County Council’s ability to deliver housing services. <p>D. Jones provided an updated on the supported accommodation unit for homelessness, with further meetings pending between Simon Community, HSE and Meath County Council in order to progress.</p>