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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

18th May 2016, Gallery Space, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan

Attendees -

Councillors:

Cllr Nick Killian (Chairperson), Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Sarah Reilly, Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Caroline Lynch, Cllr Sinead Burke

Apologies:

Attendees -

Sectoral

Representatives:

Niamh Uí Loinsigh, Liam Carey, Robert Bradley

Apologies: Cathy Whelan, Vicky Harris

Officials:

Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Aine Bird, Peter Brady, Ciaran Mangan, Gerardette Bailey, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 20th April 2016 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Reilly, seconded by Cllr Murphy.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted that the amended Anti Social Behaviour Policy will go to the June monthly meeting of Meath County Council for adoption ▪ Meath County Council's Allocation Scheme will be further reviewed at the next meeting of the SPC
3.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on Pride of Place Competition 2016</u></p> <p>P. Brady provided an update on the competition, including Anti Litter Initiative, Schools Pride of Place, County Pride of Place and the IPB All Island Pride of Place (update report was circulated to members present).</p> <p>Chairperson commended the work of staff on the Pride of Place initiatives, and in particular, wished P. Brady well on his pending retirement. This sentiment was affirmed by the members present.</p>
4.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on the 2016 Community Grants Scheme</u></p> <p>F. Fallon provided an update on the 2016 Community Grants Scheme (update report circulated to members present).</p> <p>Noted that the hosting of information sessions on the grant scheme assisted in the increase in the number of applications received in 2016. Monies on approved grants will be issued as soon as receipts are submitted.</p> <p>It was requested that the criteria surrounding the Burial Ground grants be reviewed.</p>



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<p>5.</p>	<p><u>To Review Meath County Council's Play Policy</u></p> <p>F. Fallon noted that the current Play Policy is currently due for renewal, and a consultation process will be arranged to facilitate same. The following points were noted for initial consideration by members present, in respect to the content of the revised policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to update audit of playground locations within the County ▪ Issue of anti social behavior in the vicinity of playgrounds and measures required to combat same. Link to the work of the Joint Policing Committee's subcommittee on anti social behaviour ▪ The need to cater for older young persons and opportunities to promote intergenerational interaction ▪ The need to cater for children with disabilities and access to play facilities ▪ Access to school facilities and measures to overcome current barriers eg 'caretaking' arrangements to be explored <p>The wider issue of insurance and community groups was raised, and it was agreed that a workshop on the issue would be explored via the PPN.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>To Receive an Update on the development of the County Arts Plan</u></p> <p>G. Bailey provided an update on the development of Meath County Council's Arts Plan 2017 – 2022.</p> <p>Results of the on line survey were outlined. Overall, it was noted that people indicated that they enjoy what is currently being provided by the Arts Service, but same needs to be upscaled. This will be dependent on resources, but focus will also be placed on the concept of partnering with community groups in order to deliver elements of the future County Arts Plan</p> <p>The following points were noted by members present, for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The utilisation of Art teachers as a resource within the County ▪ Links between the Arts sector and the Local enterprise Office to be forged regarding the support and training of the Arts SME sector ▪ Meath County Councils arts collection and promoting access to same via catalogue update and road shows, and opportunities through Meath County Council's new headquarters, Buvinda House (display of pieces). <p>Next steps in the process were outlined, including completion of the consultation process, a memorandum of association between Local Authorities and the Arts Council re: collaboration and the first drafting of the plan, for consideration by the SPC.</p> <p>The Chairperson commended the work of the Arts Office. This was sentiment was affirmed by the members present.</p>



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7.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on Meath County Council's 1916 Programme of Commemoration</u></p> <p>C. Mangan provided an update on Meath County Council's 1916 Programme of Commemoration. The areas of activities supported through the programme, were outlined under the following three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Commemorations▪ County Programme (Local Authority led)▪ Community Element (via grants scheme) <p>It was noted that the programme of events continue throughout 2016.</p> <p>Members present commended C. Mangan on an excellent programme of events</p>
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>In relation to Housing, and the Social Housing Strategy, D. Jones noted that a meeting has taken place between the newly appointed Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and Chief Executives. It is anticipated that a number of initiatives regarding housing supply will be announced nationally in the coming months.</p> <p>Recent Communication from the Department has encouraged Local Authorities to proceed with an ambitious acquisition programme in 2016. This is already being pursued by Meath County Council, subsequent to discussions and funding approval in February last. It was noted that it is aimed to maixmise acquisitions in all Municipal Districts, subject to supply.</p> <p><u>Date for next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 29th June 2016, 2.30pm.</u></p>