



MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE AND RECREATION SPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2022

Members:

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Dearbhal Butler
Cllr. Patricia Roe
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Anne Feeney
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr Michael Mac Donncha
Cllr Hazel De Nortuin
Cllr Declan Flanagan
Cllr Claire Byrne
Cllr Darragh Moriarty

Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night
Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport
Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre

Officials present:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive
Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Mairead Owens, City Librarian
Barbara Dawson, Director, HLG
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Iseult Byrne, CEO, Dublin Culture Company
Donncha O'Dulaing, Senior Executive Officer
Aideen O'Connor, Administrative Officer
Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer
Alan Morrin, Senior Staff Officer

Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Others present:

Cllr John Lyons
Cllr Anthony Connaghan
Cllr Donna Cooney
Ger O'Reilly, Ballyfermot Youth Service
Allegra Lalor, Ballyfermot Youth Service

1. Minutes of Meeting held of 21st February 2022

Action: Agreed.

Matters arising: None

2. Presentation on the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Active Cities Project – Aideen O'Connor, Administrative Officer / Alan Morrin, Senior Staff Officer

The vision of the Active Cities Project is to engage, maintain and increase the numbers of citizens, regardless of age and ability, participating in sport and physical activity in their city.

Action: Welcomed and Noted. Circulate to members all Sports Development Officers e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

3. Presentation on the Skatepark, le Fanu Park, Ballyfermot – Ger O’Reilly / Allegra Lalor, Ballyfermot Youth Service

Action: Welcomed and Noted. It is hoped to have an official opening of the skatepark in July. Circulate presentation to all Councillors

4. Motion 219 – Submitted by Councillor(s) of the Green Party Comhaontas Glas (Referred from November Special Council Meeting – Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028)

The motion was AGREED as AMENDED. To be referred to Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC.

Agreed to amend GIO14 to: *To liaise and work with and support the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the designation of additional nature reserves and Natural Heritage Areas, and in the identification of opportunities for nature development.*

Chapter:10, Section:GI014, Page: 277 Replace with: Further Nature Reserves and opportunities for nature development -To liaise, work with and support the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the designation of additional Nature Reserves and Natural Heritage Areas, and in the identification of opportunities for ‘nature development’ in areas of existing green and blue infrastructure with the potential for biodiversity enhancement through the addition of ponds, trees, hedgerows, wetlands, verge planting or biodiversity pontoons with the objective of creating additional nature reserves.

1. Planning Reason

Planning reason: To deliver on the city's biodiversity goals; to identify opportunities to protect and enhance high nature value areas; to ensure that existing ecological infrastructure resources are protected and enhanced, and help guide future ecological infrastructure provision.

2. Chief Executive's Response

Green/Blue infrastructure will be delivered through the Development Management process, the planning and development of new growth areas in the city, through LAPs/Planning Schemes, through City Council Greening and Public Realm Strategies (existing and those to be developed) and through public infrastructural projects, with sufficient policies and objectives included in the Draft to achieve this (such as GI2, GI3, GI7, GI9-G18, GI34). This approach is additionally supported by the ongoing operations of DCCs Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services team under the Development Plan policy framework and strategies such as; the City Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 – 2026, the proposed Green Infrastructure Strategy, the Dublin City Tree Strategy or through the Council’s management plans and Parks Strategy for the city. It is not the role of the National Parks and Wildlife Services to deliver biodiversity enhancement through measures such as verge planting etc. This is an operational matter for the Council, delivered through the mechanisms and plans detailed above. The designation of

additional NHA's is a separate statutory process and outside the scope of the Development Plan.

3. Chief Executive Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE that the motion is not agreed. Retain GIO14 as is. Operational matter, outside the scope of the Development Plan.

Action: The Managers response is accepted.

5. Motion submitted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland:-

“The Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC recognises the immense benefit that the two Sport Inclusion and Integration Officers (SIOs) within Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) have brought to the provision of sport and physical activity for children, young people and not so young people with disabilities, from ethnic minorities, who are members of the LGBT+ community, who are neurodiverse, who suffer mental health difficulties or who are members of other minority and hard to reach groupings. They have succeeded in supporting my local community centres and sports clubs/groups to understand diversity and to accommodate, adapt and indeed create new programmes to suit specific heretofore unmet needs. However, the SPC expresses serious concern that these two dedicated positions are being terminated in the near future. While many local sports officers have learned from both SIOs and are well placed to support inclusion and integration in their areas the SPC is of the view that, as a strategic policy objective, the two dedicated Sport Inclusion and Integration Officer (SIOs) positions need to continue long term within the DCSWP to ensure that Dublin City Council's policy of inclusion and integration is fully continuously and consistently underpinned, promoted and put in to practice on the ground across our city.”

Action: Cllr Freehill took the Motion in the absence of the Lord Mayor.

Members were informed that the 2 dedicated positions will not be terminated. A competition for the 2 posts will be advertised soon. Agreed.

6. Motion submitted by Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival:-

“That Dublin City Council create a framework for cultural use of vacant commercial, industrial or other spaces under its ownership or management, on a temporary basis from this summer. The scheme would serve as a response to extraordinary circumstances, with a simple, transparent application process. Given the short-term nature of the projects, it should not necessitate a planning application for change of use, allowing the process to move quickly to reanimate the city.”

The context for the motion is the lack of footfall in the city post-pandemic and the need to reanimate the city centre as a destination. The attrition of spaces for culture in the city leaves the cultural community without space to gather, create or share their work.”

Action: The Motion was broadly supported. Engage with the Working Group and report back to this SPC. The Chairperson agreed to write to the Minister for Arts Culture and Heritage to suggest a meeting to discuss the issue. Agreed.

7. Motion submitted by Cllr Dermot Lacey:-

“That this Committee would consider the promotion of a statue or other appropriate memorial to commemorate the great Irish actor Maureen O’Hara for the Ranelagh area or perhaps close to the former Glenmalure Park former home of her beloved Shamrock Rovers.”

Action: To be referred to the Commemorations & Naming Committee. Agreed.

8. MOTION: 'In July 2018 the members of the Arts SPC unanimously supported the following motion:

Motion submitted by Cllr John Lyons:-

“Recognizing the LGBTQ community’s decades-long struggle to achieve full equality in Ireland, often times in the face of brutal state and non-state oppression, discrimination and violence, this City Council SPC agrees to commission a public monument/piece of art to acknowledge the proud history of struggle for full equality waged for more than four decades by Dublin’s LGBTQ community. To bring this motion to life, a consultative forum with relevant internal and external stakeholders will be established.”

Action: Agreed. City Arts Officer is in consultation with the LGBTQ and will report back with an update.

It was agreed at this stage to extend the meeting to 11.45 a.m.

9. Report on Dublin City Council’s Collection Management Policy 2022 – Iseult Byrne, CEO

9(a) Final Draft Dublin City Council’s Collection Management Policy 2022

Action: Agreed. Send to full City Council for adoption.

10. Report on the Impact of Dublin City Council led Cultural Participation Programmes – Iseult Byrne, CEO

10 (a) Dublin City Council Culture Company Impact Study

Action: Report Noted. Interested members to contact Iseult to set up a Working Group.

11. Management Update

The following issues were discussed:

- Inchicore Library – Closed because of serious access issues / poor condition of the building / increase in costs
- Bram Stoker Update – Bidder identified – Report back to SPC when contracts are signed
- Richmond Road Studio – City Valuer is engaging with the receiver
- Community Monument Fund - Clontarf Graveyard – Les Moore to report back why there was no funding awarded to this site.
- Dublin Bay Conservation and Research Strategy – Will be launched in Q2 / early Q3

Action: Report Noted.

The following Minutes were all Noted.

12. Miontuairisci – 14ú Eanáir 2022 (Irish and English version)
13. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 27th January 2022
14. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 31st January 2022
15. Miontuairiscí – 4ú Feabhra 2022 (Irish and English version)
16. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the DCSWP Advisory Board meeting dated 8th February 2022
17. Montuairiscí – 4ú Márta 2022 (Irish and English version)
18. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 31st March 2022.
19. Montuairiscí – 1ú Aibreán 2022 (Irish and English version)
20. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 25th April 2022
21. **A.O.B**

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th July 2022 at 9.30 a.m. Location TBC

**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll
Chairperson**