

**Minutes of Meeting of Social Inclusion and Community
Strategic Policy Committee
Held on 19th of January 2017 in the
Meeting room, Floor 6, County Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea (Chairperson), Member of Cork County Council
Cllr Kevin Conway, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr Ian Doyle, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr June Murphy, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr Daithi O'Donnabhain, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr. Eoghan Jeffers, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr. Danny Collins, Member of Cork County Council
Mr Pat Dooley, Public Participation Network
Mr Gavin Falk, Public Participation Network
Mr. Diarmuid Cronin, Public Participation Network
Mr. Eddie Mullins, Trade Union Representative
Ms. Helen Barrett, Public Participation Network
Ms. Iniobong Usanga, Public Participation Network

APOLOGIES: Cllr Kay Dawson, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr. Danielle Twomey, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr Mary Rose Desmond, Member of Cork County Council
Ms. Therese Bourke, Public Participation Network

ABSENT: Cllr John A. Collins, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr Noel Collins, Member of Cork County Council
Cllr Michael Creed, Member of Cork County Council
Mr. Dan Mulvihill, Development/Construction Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Kay Keegan, Community Development Section, Cork County Council
Ms Lorraine Hogan, Community Development Section, Cork County Council

1) Consideration of Minutes, meeting held the 10th of October 2016

Cllr. Jeffers requested that the minutes be amended to include Mr. Niall Healy undertaking to inform the Dept. of Social Protection of the motion to provide supports for apprentices. The minutes with amendment were proposed by Cllr. Kevin Conway and seconded by Mr. Pat Dooley.

2) Matters arising from the Minutes

Ms. Lorraine Hogan informed the meeting that the ETB had been written to regarding the motion on supports for apprentices and she would update the Dept. of Social Protection immediately.

3) Presentation on the Foroige Summer Schemes

A presentation on the Summer Schemes was given by Declan O'Leary and Marie O'Mahony of Foroige. A discussion followed the presentation and the following points were made:

- A new scheme was developed in Carrigaline in 2016
- There are 7 more communities interested in developing new schemes with Kanturk and Macroom being the most advanced of these groups
- The schemes range from 30 to 300 participants from a couple of days to 4 weeks. The size and length of the scheme depends on the local group and local needs.
- Garda vetting for Foroige volunteers is now taking 3 weeks.

- There are a number of dedicated schemes for children with disabilities in the City. Foroige is very open to working with parents and volunteers to develop more dedicated schemes.
- Foroige is working very closely with their insurance provider to maintain their insurance costs reduction e.g. the insurers deliver training workshops to the local committees.
- There are 39 Foroige clubs in West Cork – they are all invited to a meeting in February to encourage the development of schemes in Bandon, Clonakilty, Castletownbere and Skibbereen.
- A community does not have to have a Foroige club to develop a Summer Scheme. Four or five committed volunteers is the starting point.
- The areas of disadvantage prioritised by Foroige have been identified in the LCDC plans.

Ms. Lorraine Hogan to circulate the presentation to the SPC, Council Members, the PPN and the Communications Office for inclusion on the website. Mr. Gavin Falk raised his concerns for young people regarding the widespread availability of alcohol flavoured snacks. Ms. Lorraine Hogan to write to the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force to highlight these concerns.

4) Correspondence

Ms. Kay Keegan presented correspondence from Corporate Services confirming that the SPC recommendation on the LGBT Flag had been approved by Full Council. A second letter from Corporate Services presented, highlighted a motion by Cllr. Jeffers requesting that the SPC establish a subcommittee to focus on mental health & suicide prevention. The Chairperson Cllr. O'Shea informed the meeting that Martin Ryan, the Suicide Prevention Officer with the HSE is scheduled to make a presentation to the Development Committee tomorrow. It was agreed that the SPC would further consider the matter after this presentation has been made.

4) Mayor's Community Awards 2017

Ms. Lorraine Hogan presented the changes made by Corporate Services to the Mayor's Awards Scheme. The following issues were discussed:

- The restriction on Councillors to nominate from within their Municipal District is a challenge for them, due to the number of people living and volunteering in different districts. The Chair Cllr. O'Shea emphasized the need for an even spread of candidates when explaining the need for this change.
- A number of PPN reps found the nomination form very time consuming to complete. As it was agreed that this level of information is required it was recommended that nominating reps complete the forms with the assistance of the nominees.
- It was agreed that the partnership with C103 was very successful and should be continued.

It was agreed that this discussion would be communicated to Corporate Services.

Ms. Lorraine Hogan to seek clarification on repeat nominations and to circulate a list of all nominees to date.

7) AOB

The next SPC meeting is scheduled for the **27th of March at 2.30pm**. The SPC will also meet on the 16th of June and the 9th of October.

This concluded the business of the meeting.