

Fingal PPN Representative Report

The following is a report compiled by Fingal PPN Representatives. The report is a concise and interpreted view of issues discussed. Please contact your representative for further information

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Name of Committee Attended	Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Strategic Policy Committee.
Date of the Meeting	Tuesday, 20 th December 2016
Report Compiled by	Lorcan Blake
Items discussed at the meeting	<p>*Reply by Pat Queenan, Principal Community Officer, to carry over of questions raised by the Linkage Group on The Community Development Office (CDO) Presentation made at the September SPC meet.</p> <p>The €1.0m Community Facilities Budget for 2016, which now a/c's for c45% of the total CDO budget, is to support and operate 31 Community Facilities across Fingal. €370k of this budget is to support stand-alone Community Centre Facilities, such as Applewood & Holywell, and €630k for Agency Services in Shared School Facilities, in the main sharing school halls. The Shared School Facility is an initiative between the Dept. of Educ. and FCC.</p> <p>In respect of Community Centre Facilities, the annual FCC support ranges from €5k to €25k per annum, depending on audited a/c's & Centre size, while the Shared Agency Services support is in the range of €80k per annum. There are typically 3 rates charged for the use of Community Centre Facilities: a community group rate; a voluntary group rate and a commercial rate & these rates vary by Centre. Details of these rates are to be provided to the Fingal PPN Rep. at the next SPC meet. Pat Queenan advised that the review of the Grant Application Process, including online capability, is now complete in terms of the CDO Office & will now go forward for consideration by FCC line management & approval by FCC Council for 2017 launch. FPPN to be consulted.</p> <p>With regard to FCC Local Community Research Projects, Pat Queenan is to forward to the Fingal PPN Rep. a list of all published local research projects & guidance on how they can be accessed by PPN member orgs. & the community at large.</p> <p>*Gerry Clabby, FCC Heritage Officer, presented a comprehensive overview of Fingal Heritage and its</p>

	<p>significant role in building communities, its centrality to our identity and culture and its economic importance in underpinning tourism. More particularly he outlined the role of the heritage officer, the forces for change in heritage, including regulation and planning, the range of projects undertaken in Fingal for the 1916 centenary commemorations, the Council's response to 'Culture 2025' and support for the development of heritage tourism.</p> <p>The Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017 has been central to the FCC's approach to heritage over this term, which plan was formulated by The Fingal Heritage Forum and which Forum has also advised on its implementation. Gerry Clabby pointed to many Fingal heritage achievements under architectural heritage, natural heritage, local heritage and archaeological heritage, notably The Swords Castle Conservation Plan.</p> <p>*Fionnuala May, FCC County Architect, gave an overarching update on the Swords Civic & Cultural Quarter with particular focus on the conservation and restoration works in & around the Anglo-Norman Swords Castle and its extensive perimeter wall. The intent is to develop a civic & cultural quarter around the castle for the town of Swords, analogous to the squares which form the natural centres of many cities and towns in Ireland & abroad. The SPC was reminded that Swords is the county town of Fingal and merits a central focus by way of this quarter.</p> <p>An integral part of this quarter is the intent to build a new Swords Civic & Cultural Centre (to be located on the current Seatown Road Car Park site) to accommodate a library and facilities for the arts, including performance & exhibition spaces.</p> <p>*The draft SPC work plan for 2017, including the draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2017 and related Budgets, was circulated for consideration. The Fingal PPN Rep. stressed the importance of the Linkage Group involvement in the development of all new 5year community strategy plans to replace current plans about to expire in 2017. These plans include the community strategy plan, the arts plan, the sports plan, the heritage plan and the libraries plan.</p>
<p>Issues brought forward by the PPN Representatives (if any)* *JPC to report information according to areas: <i>Castleknock/ Mukhuddart, Howth/ Malahide, Swords/ Balbriggan</i></p>	<p>On Fingal Heritage, the PPN Rep. tabled the following issues on behalf of the Linkage Group: *The desirability/ wish of the Linkage Group to be consulted/ involved in the development of the next 5 year Fingal Heritage Plan to replace the plan due to expire in 2017.</p>

	<p>*The need to place greater focus, by way of leadership & link up of local interest groups, on all aspects of heritage tourism in order to get a greater commercial return from Fingal's rich heritage.</p> <p>*A reform of the Fingal Heritage Forum to include commercial, local group and tourism interests as an integral part of the consultation process of the Heritage Strategy.</p> <p>*In a manner akin to the 1916 Centenary, to put in place a structure and a funding mechanism to honour at county & at community level the centenary of the death of Thomas Ashe in 2017.</p> <p>*An update on the Eastern Coastal Walkway, (analogous to the Great Western Greenway and other walks), in terms of FCC leadership, its management oversight, its timelines & its resources.</p> <p>*All Linkage Group observations and recommendations on Heritage were given to Gerry Clabby, FCC Heritage Officer for consideration.</p> <p>On the Swords Civic & Cultural Quarter, the PPN Rep. tabled the following issues on behalf of the Linkage Group:</p> <p>*The need for a clear break-down of the expected cost & Budget for the proposed new Swords Civic & Cultural Centre (to be built on the Seatown Road Car Park).</p> <p>* The necessity for an evidenced based Business Plan to clearly demonstrate the Centre's viability & sustainability, including access & parking arrangements. It was confirmed to the SPC that the Business Plan is under preparation.</p> <p>*All Linkage Group observations & comments on the new Swords Civic & Cultural Centre were given to Fionnuala May, FCC County Architect for consideration.</p>
Key Decisions Made	<p>*An update on the status of the Eastern Coastal Walkway will be on the next SPC agenda.</p> <p>* A list of all published local research projects will be forwarded to the PPN Rep for Linkage Group consideration & for guidance on how these research projects can be accessed by the community at large.</p> <p>* An intent that the PPN Linkage Group will be consulted on the development of the next 5 year Fingal Heritage Plan.</p> <p>*Agreement that there will be Linkage Group involvement in the development of all new 5-year community strategy plans to replace those plans about to expire in 2017.</p>
Issues of interest to/ to be	*The draft SPC Work Plan for 2017, including the draft

raised with the Linkage Group/ PPN members.

Service Delivery Plan for 2017 and associated Budgets.

*The new Swords Civic & Cultural Centre.

* Consideration of Linkage Group structure, approach & input to all new 5-year community strategy plans to replace those due to expire in 2017.