

Arts Heritage Culture & Community Linkage Groups Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2016, 7pm, FCC Offices, County Hall Swords

Meeting Notes

Apologies: John Harford, Tony Brennan, Angela Rogers, Eilish McDermott

Attending: Roger Green, Arun Rao, George Mongey, Brian Arnold, Margaret Hughes, Ian Murphy and Lorcan Blake (Fingal PPN Repr)

Note Taker: Fingal PPN Resource Worker, Sinead Wiley

Next SPC Meeting: 20th December 2016

Key meeting Items

(1) Items on the Arts Culture Heritage & Community SPC Agenda

- *Follow up on Pat Queenan's Report from Fingal County Council Community Development Office – Q&A*
- *Gerry Clabby – overview of the Heritage Plan*
- *Update on the Arts Centre for Swords*

(2) Arts Culture Heritage & Community Linkage Group 2017 Programme of Work – for discussion & agreement

(3) Fingal PPN Representation to the Arts Culture Heritage & Community - vacant position that we need to fill

Introductions

LB introduced members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He outlined the importance of the 2017 Work Programme

(1) Items on the 20th Dec SPC meeting/ mandate for the Repr / questions for the SPC meeting

P Queenan Report- presented at the last SPC meeting but there wasn't enough time for Q&A

- ✓ Who funds community centres and what are the community usage rates?
- ✓ Where does the facility budget come from?
- ✓ At what stage is the *Review of the Community Grants Application* at?
- ✓ Can the Community Office list - Community Consultations /Research that has been carried out by FCC Community Office and where are they published? Can they be published for community use?

Heritage Plan - this a review on what the Heritage plan is/ how the Heritage Plan is being implemented

- ✓ Can there be a greater focus on commercial heritage tourism (there is an estimate spend of 2bn on culture tourism each year in Ireland)?
- ✓ 36 page document - can there be an executive summary?
- ✓ Next Plan – can you give details on the Next Heritage Plan – how will this be developed, who will be consulted (we request that Fingal PPN be consulted specifically on the next plan/ meaningful input), when?
- ✓ A Heritage Annual Report is presented to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure SPC – why is the Annual Report not presented to the Arts Culture Heritage & Community SPC?
- ✓ Is the implementation of the Heritage Plan under the responsibility of the Planning SPC?

- ✓ The new Heritage plan should consider linking all the key community stakeholder in heritage / tourism community?
- ✓ 1916 Centenary programme – FCC channelled funding from central government to community groups to host events. Is there a funding mechanism in 2017 for Thomas Ash – key Fingal figure and 2017 marks the centenary of his death?
- ✓ Consider the cross over between heritage sports and communities - the new plan needs to reflect this?
- ✓ Eastern Coastal Walk - who has oversight for this project in respect of timeline, resources etc....
- ✓ Request that a clear 'Review of the Heritage plan' be produced – detailing what has been delivered against each action!

Swords Arts & Cultural Centre

- ✓ What is the Budget and how is the money being spent?
- ✓ Location – what is the exact location of the centre?
- ✓ Business plan is being developed – should this have been developed first to inform the decision to build the Arts Centre – is this centre sustainable?
- ✓ Concerns that there are multiple Arts facilities in Fingal that could have benefited from monies invested into this 1 facility – how are these facilities being supported?
- ✓ Consultation – questions in the consultation were very specific and allowed little scope to questions the if this facility should be built.
- ✓ Issue of access and parking – what is the proposal to address this?
- ✓ It is positive that Swords library is included in the Arts Centre but what will happen to JC's and the sustainability of that building

(2) 2017 Linkage Group Workplan

Discussion followed and changes were made to the Linkage Groups Workplan

(3) LB outlined that it is very important we fill the vacant position on the Arts Heritage Culture & Community SPC. It is very difficult to take notes, contribute to discussions and write reports as a lone representative. We have had interest in this position from Community Groups but the position needs to be filled by a Social Inclusion Group. Fingal PPN is planning to schedule a meeting with 58 Social Inclusion groups to encourage their uptake of representative positions. If this is unsuccessful the Fingal PPN Secretariat will discuss amalgamating the position – Community/ Social Inclusion

(4) AOB

Linkage Group – Resource Worker outlined that Social Justice Ireland (central to developing the PPN Model) are aware of Linkage Group issues namely poor attendance. Although valuing the importance of the Linkage Group and its role in giving the Reprs a mandate for SPC meetings, Social Justice Ireland are considering the possibility of PPNs merging linkage groups or holding thematic groups. They have added, where Linkage Groups have amalgamated and new Representatives need to appointed, specific Linkage Groups must be held to facilitate these elections.

The Fingal PPN Resource Worker will be presenting a report to the Fingal PPN Secretariat in Jan – proposal to merge Linkage Groups. The Res Worker enquired if an Arts Culture Heritage & Community could be merged with the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The group were generally concerned that is may overload the group.

A. Resource worker to explore further on how this this merger could look?

Community Engagement Strategy - the Resource Worker explained that there is an action in the Fingal Local Economic Community Plan to '*design an annual community engagement plan*'. She explained that Fingal PNN is considering taking the lead on this action and she invited the Linkage Group to be involved as a referral consultative body. The group were concerned about the work overload but agreed to consider further when the Res Worker had a better brief on the project.

Review of Policies - Lorcan to raise with the Chairperson of SPC the issue of – Arts/ Sports/ Community/ Libraries Policies that are expected to expire in 2017. What are the plans for their review? Suggest that the 'Review of Policies' be part of the SPC agenda

(5) Next Linkage Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th March – 7pm, FCC Offices County Hall Swords