



**Fingal  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

## Minutes

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| <b>Linkage Group Name</b> | Arts, Community, Heritage, Culture and Sports Linkage Group. |
| <b>Venue</b>              | County Hall, Swords.   |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b>    | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.                     |
| <b>Attendees</b>          | (Attendees TBC)  |
| <b>In attendance</b>      | Jamie Moore (PPN)  |

### 1. Opening and Welcome

Heidi Bedell, Facilitator, opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Heidi conducted a round of introductions from attendees and then outlined the agenda for the evening.

### 2. Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting 28/11/19 were taken as read and agreed.

### 3. Outline of Upcoming Elections

Jamie Moore outlined the upcoming SPC and Local Sports Partnership Elections which will take place at the April meeting of this Linkage Group. There are 2 vacancies on the Strategic Policy Committee and 1 vacancy on the Local Sports Partnership to be filled.

Discussion on this included queries around voting rights, eligibility of nominees, nomination process and the quality of candidates.

Kesava Gollapalli recommended exploring the potential for increasing the PPN representation on this specific SPC due to the wide range of issues covered.

### 4. PPN Rep Report

Lorcan Blake provided a progress report on the most recent SPC meeting he attended in December 2019. This included an update on the Swords Cultural Quarter, the Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy, and the Linkage Groups motion on the reform of the Fingal Heritage Forum has been adopted by the Corporate

Policy Group. Lorcan also noted the passing of the Fingal Heritage Plan by the full Council and that interviews for the Heritage Officer post are currently in progress.

## **5. Planning for 2019**

Heidi noted the need for the Linkage Group to plan its work for 2019, particularly around issues to be progressed through the SPC. Lorcan highlighted the need to consider the work programme for the SPC for the year in making determinations over priorities. Jamie mentioned that it is also important for this linkage group to consider issues beyond the remit of Fingal County Council and how the Linkage Group may be in a position to pursue through other state agencies. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

## **6. Discussion on Community Issues**

This discussion was wide and varied. The following issues were discussed:

### **Political Gatherings, Assemblies and Meetings at Community Centres**

- The Linkage Group discussed a rule applied to community facilities who operate under licence to Fingal County Council whereby the community facility is not permitted to hire the facility to or host political gatherings, assemblies or meetings of more than 10 people.
- Lorcan noted that the SPC discussed this issue in detail with no decision taken on the matter. However, the SPC was to setup a subgroup to report on the matter. The Linkage Group will enquire with FCC on whether this subgroup was setup and if so, will submit a motion to the subgroup for consideration.

### **Membership of the Linkage Group**

- The Linkage Group discussed the representation of sports groups at these meetings; this was countered with discussion on whether Arts groups are represented.
- Members also discussed the representation of different areas of the County such as Malahide and Blanchardstown.
- A recommendation was brought forward that the PPN should conduct a road show across the County, engaging with registered members in those areas in an effort to raise awareness.
- Another programme under consideration by the PPN is a 'bring a buddy' scheme for the November 2019 Plenary meeting.

### **Storage Facilities**

- A wide range of community, arts and sports groups are struggling with identifying and securing storage space for their activity.
- Groups discussed the possibility of shared access to storage spaces.
- Possibility of a Community Storage Co-op could be explored.

## **7. Agreement on other actions/ issues to be pursued:**

Administrative Actions:

- Explore potential of additional SPC seat.
- Explore potential road show.

Motions to be submitted on:

- Community / Political Gatherings at Community Centres.
- Multi Annual Funding Schemes

**Next meeting, AOB and Close**

All participants were thanked for their involved and engaged attendance.