



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Minutes

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| Linkage Group Name | Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports |
| Venue | Zoom |
| Date of Meeting | 7pm, 10th September 2020 |
| Attendees | Heidi Bedell (Facilitator), Seamus Russell, Logan Raju, Elizabeth Madden, Brian Arnold, Gill Blackburn, Ian Murphy (partial attendance), Myles Caulfield |
| Apologies | Carl Cautley, John Hartford, Abi Wise |
| In attendance | Natasha Bagnall (PPN) |

1. Open and Introduction

Heidi opened the meeting and started with a round of introductions.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Meetings minutes from the last meeting are not currently available. NB to source minutes if possible to be approved at a later date

3. PPN Reps Progress Reports

None

4. Heritage Forum Representatives

Fingal Heritage Forum extended an invitation for Fingal PPN to nominate a representative to the Forum. Two representatives can be accommodated to facilitate both the built and natural heritage of Fingal. Two candidates were nominated and therefore it was deemed that no election was required. Both nominations were accepted to input into the Heritage Forum. This was supported by linkage group members and it is anticipated that this process will be repeated at the upcoming Climate Change, Environment and Water Linkage Group to be held on 17th September. Brian Arnold of Lusk Community Council and Thomas Murphy of Rolestown and Oldtown Historical Association are the new community reps on Fingal Heritage Forum.

Heidi requested that all linkage group members feed any heritage concerns to both Thomas and Brian. NB to set up an appropriate communication channel for everyone involved. In turn, the reps will report back to the appropriate linkage groups with progress reports, updates etc.

5. SPC Motions

Outstanding motion from Empower in relation to funding for community groups to be able to use non-Fingal County Council Community Facilities. NB to get in touch with Nuala Kane to request further details so that Liz Madden can bring this to the next SPC meeting in October (date TBC). In addition, a new steering group for community facilities (not managed by FCC) has been established to support applications for grants, funding and training. A member of this group to be invited to take part in this linkage group.

6. Community Issues

SR highlighted the heritage within Arts groups given that the Black Raven Pipe Band is in existence since 1910 who are currently teaching music to young people. GB advised of the Academy of Music in Balbriggan as good contact. Piping and drumming are an important part of the fibre of Lusk and Fingal and is a potential area to be brought to the Fingal Heritage Forum as one of their first items in their role as the new reps.

MC noted that there has been no report on how plans are progressing in relation to the Swords Heritage Plan. BA requested that MC send on further details on this issue. MC to send correspondence to NB for circulation.

7. Agreement on actions / issues to be pursued

- NB to contact Nuala Kane in relation to SPC motion
- MC to send on further details in relation to the Swords Heritage Plan for circulation and as a potential issue to be highlighted at the upcoming Fingal Heritage Forum Meeting.
- BA to highlight heritage within arts and music at the forum. SR to liaise with BA with further information

8. Date of next meeting, AOB and Close

The next meeting of the Linkage Group will take place on 3rd November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

AOB

- Fingal PPN Covid 19 Case Study highlighted the fantastic community spirit displayed by the C & V groups in Fingal as mentioned by LR. Copy of the report here: https://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Final_Fingal-Covid-Case-Study_A4_4PRINT.indd-2.pdf
- Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom with hybrid meetings enabling a face to face and online element anticipated when restrictions allow.

- Community Heritage Grant available to C & V groups: Details circulated post meeting