

Meeting Notes of Cultural programme Management Group(CPMG) held on 30th of October 2007 in Bru Boru, Cashel

Present: Cllr Jimmy O'Brien, Cllr Michael Fitzgerald, Helen Shanahan, Isabel Cambie, Mary O'Halloran, Marie McMahon, Sally O'Leary, Mary Sarsfield, Ernie Bates, John Bradshaw, Ann Ryan

Apologies: Martin Maher, Mary Alice O'Connor, Dan Hogan

The group welcomed the new Chairperson, Cllr Jimmy O'Brien and acknowledged the commitment and work of the outgoing Chairperson Cllr Michael Fitzgerald.

1. Meeting Notes and Matters Arising

The meeting notes of the March 07 meeting were agreed.

Matters arising: Ann informed the group that the ideas they had re NDP priorities were brought to the County Development Board.

2. Review of Priority Actions for 2007 - copy of last report presented to County Development Board

Ann circulated copy of last report presented to the County Development Board and it was agreed Ann would update it after today's meeting and that Cllr Jimmy O'Brien would present it to the County Development Board on behalf of the CPMG.

3. Discussion on the role, function and effectiveness of the PMG - how can PMG be strengthened, consideration of a process of chair rotation, identifying key issues to be considered in the future by the group.

The group discussed the role of the CPMG group and they agreed that two meetings a year were sufficient and that working in sub groups was more effective than having additional meetings of the wider group. It was agreed that additional meetings could be held on a needs basis. It was agreed that at each of the two meetings there would be an agenda point on new issues for CPMG group to tackle.

4. Action Updates - Action updates were given by members present and updates were circulated.

5. Any other business

Members expressed concern that the new rural development programme/ Social inclusion programme was not in place as many of the projects developed by the CPMG and its members in 2007 were funded by LEADER. It was pointed out that the gap in funding would mean that projects could not be progressed.

The ideas of developing a plan focusing on minority cultures that could be funded by the new county wide social inclusion programme that was going to be in place hopefully by 2007 was discussed. The group had a brainstorm on actions that could be developed by cultural providers. Some of the actions /ideas discussed included:

- Most of cultural providers have engaged in some way with minority groups e.g. Junction festival, Indian print exhibition in Museum, Excel cultural evenings

- Work with SIM and social inclusion group to establish groups – arts/culture could be a way to engage people
- Need to ask people themselves what they would like and not to focus on doing things ‘for them’
- Artist in residence with minority cultures in South Tipperary
- Exhibitions/workshops on different world cultures focusing on their heritage, music, literature, food etc
- Focus on one or two countries annually – get cultural providers to build in a programme for the country into their activities
- Festival of world cultures – focused on one weekend a year – where each cultural provider organised some activity

Ann agreed to talk to Pat Holland and Phil Shanahan to discuss development of a plan from a Social Inclusion point of view. It was agreed that a working group made up of Social Inclusion reps and CPMG reps could be established if necessary and that members could feed in by email or phone ideas re action plan.

There was no other business and the meeting closed.