

## **Cultural Programme Management Group Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006 in Bru Boru, Cashel**

**Present:** Pat Slattery, Sinead Carr, Helen Shanahan, Bernie Withers, Mary Alice O'Connor, Ernie Bates, Ann Gubbins, Mary Sarsfield, Martin Maher, Ronnie Fitzgerald, Julia Walsh, Isabel Cambie  
**Apologies:** Brendan Maher, Veronica Crowe, Aisling Kilroy, Jim Myers, Marie Boland

1. *Welcome & Introductions – The Chair welcomed everybody especially new members.*
2. **Clarification of Role of Cultural Programme Management Group including Prioritisation of Actions & Timeframe**

The Role of CPMG was clarified as follows:

- co-ordination in the delivery of cultural services and facilities in the county.
- Oversee implementation to Cultural Programme Management Programme

The following priority areas were agreed for 2007

- *Increase participation in cultural activity – Marketing of Cultural services – review of What's on guide etc – dependant on funding – Outreach programme of Activities*
- Implementation of the short to medium term actions in the County Arts Strategy – dependant on arts council funding
- Implement actions identified by Heritage Forum –see updates
- Agreement on a sports and recreation plan and a 2005-2008 action plan
- Continued delivery of Regional Craft Centre services

Each Programme Management Group is required to categorise actions with a view to increasing clarity and focus for programme management groups and CDB. Ann Ryan examined the cultural programme management group – all of the actions of the programme management group are multi agency dependant.

### **3. Update on Actions**

An Action update report was circulated and members gave verbal updates as follows:

**3.1.2. Conduct an annual review of the costs/benefits of provision of a cultural team, of outreach services and of available cultural budgets** – Ann outlined that there wasn't any model to follow on doing a cost benefit analysis and that it was difficult to measure impacts of many cultural activities. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the Arts Council and Heritage Council to see if these organisations come up with templates/models.

#### **3.2.1: Arts: Support the development and implementation of a new Arts Strategy (South Tipperary County Council).**

Local Authority continuing to work with Arts Council re Arts Officer position. Training and Marketing through Tipperary LEADER budgets were being organised by Cultural providers including Whats on Guide etc. Ann gave an outline of a new % for Art scheme being co-ordinated by South Tipperary County Council called 'art engagement'. Ann also gave an outline of the application made to the Arts Council for arts funding in 2007. Outreach officers gave an outline of the wide variety of outreach services provided by the Cultural Providers network.

#### **3.2.2. Crafts: Support the implementation of the County Crafts Strategy (Crafts Granary).**

Helen Shanahan gave an outline of the work co-ordinated by the Craft Granary including their outreach programme, supports to craft workers and a full programme of exhibitions.

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### **3.2.3. Sports/Recreation: Build a Local Sports Partnership; prepare and implement a County Sports and Recreation Plan (Tipperary SR Vocational Education Committee).**

Ann outlined that South Tipperary had been approved for Sports Partnership and that a meeting of Shadow sports partnership is to take place on 23rd to discuss arrangements re setting up local sports partnership. First cheque received by Council for set up costs.

### **3.2.4. Heritage: Support the County Heritage Officer in preparing and overseeing the implementation of a County Heritage Plan (South Tipperary County Council).**

Dan Hogan gave an update on the work plan of the Heritage Forum and pointed out that sub groups had been established to move the following priority actions forward with the support of Tipperary LEADER funding.

- South Tipperary Heritage Web site
- schools heritage awareness project
- River Suir Heritage Awareness project
- Craft Heritage Awareness Project
- Seminar on hedgerow management

He congratulated South Tipperary Community Forum for hosting Heritage Seminar – Local Heritage Networking Day – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cahir Castle- Focus on Built Heritage.

He also outlined that funding was being sought from the Heritage Council for a number of additional actions.

### **3.3 Celebration of minority cultures**

It was noted that the majority of Cultural providers were working on projects individually in relation to minority cultures but in the main it was on a shoe string budget. Isabel Cambie suggested the a strategy in relation to minority cultures be developed. Ann agreed to ask the cultural provider to look at doing something in this area perhaps in conjunction with SIM.

### **3.4.1. Support the development and implementation of outreach services such as those provided by the Joint Tipperary Library Committee, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Regional Crafts Centre, Galloglass Theatre Company, The County Museum, Brú Ború and Tipperary Excel Centre Cultural Programme Management Group).**

**Outreach** Report completed by outreach officers and circulated outlining a varied and full outreach service in the county. – see update circulated

### **Performance Arts Venue in Clonmel**

Critical Issue - Needs a lead partners to take it up – none identified yet – LT action

### **Playgrounds/play areas**

The following playgrounds are in place or at an advanced stage of planning re funding, site, group in place

#### **Cahir Area**

Cahir - Duneske (in place) - owned and managed by Duneske - supported financially by Development Levies Scheme

Clogheen - (in place) - managed on day to day by local community - inspected and insured by County Council- financially supported by Council

Newcastle - at an advanced stage of planning re funding, site, group in place

#### **Clonmel**

Elm Park

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Mulcahy Park - to be upgraded

Cashel

Cashel town - to be upgraded

Fethard

Drangan - at an advanced stage of planning re funding, site, group in place

Ballingarry- at an advanced stage of planning re funding, site, group in place

Carrick on Suir- in place

Play Policy adopted by County Council

Development of playgrounds - two models in place

1. Community owned, maintained and insured - financially assisted by Development Levies Scheme
2. Council owned but community maintained on a day to day with council doing main maintenance, inspections and insurance.

Policy provides for up to 10 playgrounds in the County Council area over a 5 year period with a geographic spread around the county

To date 1 of the 10 is complete (Clogheen) and 3 have been approved funding (Drangan, Ballingarry & Newcastle)

**4. Date for next meeting of the PMG – to be decided closer to meeting in March 07**