

Dublin



City Development Board

Minutes of Meeting of
Dublin City Development
Board held in City Hall,
3rd April 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Local Government

Cllr. Séan Kenny
Cllr. Gerry Breen
Ciáran McNamara, ACM
Lord Mayor, Cllr. Paddy Bourke
Cllr. Eric Byrne
Cllr. Michael Donnelly
Cllr. Daithi Doolan

Local Development

Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Ballyfermot Partnership

Social Partners

Brian Malone, Community Forum
Brendan Dowling, Comm Forum
Úna Uí Lachtnáin, Comm Forum
Gina Quinn, Chamber of Commerce

Statutory Agencies

Gerry McMahon, Enterprise Ireland
Brian Chadwick, Dept of Soc & Family Affairs

Other

Rachel Devlin, Dublin City Childcare Committee

Community & Enterprise Staff

Martin Kavanagh, Director of Community & Enterprise
Gerry Folan, Senior Executive Officer
Monica Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Fiona Richardson, Strategic Policy Manager
Miriam McKeown, Acting Senior Staff Officer
Anna Brannigan, Clerical Officer

Apologies

Pat Lynch, Dublin City Enterprise Board
Greg Swift, Dublin City Enterprise Board
Frank Donnelly, FAS
Brendan O'Sullivan, IDA
Tara Smith, Rathmines Community Partnership

1. Minutes and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Priority Actions – Progress Report:

There were no issues arising from this report and it was noted.

3. NIRSA – Digital Social Inclusion Mapping Project

Prof. Rob Kitchin Director of the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis gave a short presentation on the development of social inclusion data, which was commissioned by the City Development Board and the Area Partnership companies. This is a one year research project to identify, collate and map data relevant to social inclusion

within the pilot study areas of the Ballyfermot Partnership and the Northside Partnership. It was felt that this type of data would be useful for the Board in order for them to make more informed decisions.

4. Traveller Interagency Initiative – Labre Park Action Plan

Fiona Richardson gave a short presentation on the traveller interagency initiative for Labre Park. The initiative was set up to develop a strategic action plan for Labre Park which would enhance the quality of life for Travellers on site and remove barriers to education, employment, etc. The objective of the plan was to address issues at a local level, bring all agencies together thereby reducing/avoiding duplication of effort and resources.

5. Adoption of “Towards Integration” – CDB Approval

Draft copies of the document “Towards Integration: A City Framework” were circulated to all Board Members. Gerry Folan gave a short presentation on the framework document. Board members commended the document and formally endorsed it before it went to the SPC at the end of April.

6. Homeless DVD “Stressed Streets”

Brendan Dowling played a short film about homeless people on the streets of Dublin. He highlighted the fact that Dublin citizens are living on the streets experiencing particular difficulty accessing the medical and mental health services they need. He sought the support of the Board to lobby for the introduction of a Mobile Medical Team to work on the streets and he urged members to sign a petition supporting the initial piloting of this project. Board members commended Brendan on the short film however there were mixed views on whether a mobile medical service would actually be beneficial to those on the streets.

7. Presentation on Enterprise Space Report

Pauline Logan, Researcher from Chris O’Malley & Associates gave a short presentation on the findings of the Enterprise Space Report which was commissioned by the sub-group of the CDB. There is a high demand for space in the city and Dublin is now the 2nd most expensive European City, next to London. The report recommended that working groups are formed to look at ways of funding centres, to identify space in the City and to use the review of the City Development Plan to identify opportunities to use zoning to maximise the amount of Enterprise Space.

8. Presentation on Dublin Tourism’s Strategic Plan

Ciara Sugrue Marketing Manager of Dublin Tourism gave a short presentation on their strategic plan for 2008 to 2010. Dublin attracted 4.5 million overseas visitors in 2007 with 50% of them coming from Great Britain. The number one reason people visit Dublin is because of its people and the future challenges will be competition from other European Cities.

9. Presentation by Dublin City Childcare Committee Ltd

Rachel Devlin, Chairperson of the Dublin City Childcare Committee gave a brief presentation on recent developments in DCCC. They have recently produced their new 3 year strategic plan 2007 to 2010 with the specific objective of coordinating better delivery of childcare to the citizens of Dublin.