

**Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC  
Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013  
8:00 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Cllr. Julia Carmichael, Chair  
Cllr. Gerry Breen  
Cllr. Vincent Jackson  
Cllr Henry Upton  
Cllr. Seamas McGrattan  
Cllr. Padraig McLoughlin  
Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan  
Cllr. Lucy McRoberts  
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell  
Siobhan Bourke, Irish Theatre Institute  
Noel Kelly, Visual Artists Ireland

**Other Councillor present:**

Cllr. John Gallagher  
Cllr. Mannix Flynn

**Apologies received from:**

Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival

Cllr. Julia Carmichael, Chair welcomed Cllr Lucy McRoberts (new member) to the meeting. The Chair also conveyed her condolences to the family of Garda Adrian Donohoe who was killed in the line of duty the previous weekend.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012**  
The minutes were confirmed.
2. **Arts and Culture Sub Committee** – Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.  
Minutes were confirmed.
3. **Public Art Advisory Group** – Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013  
Minutes were confirmed.
4. **Sports Sub Committee** – Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013  
Minutes were confirmed.
5. **Commemorations Sub Committee / Fochoiste na gCuimhneachán** – Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2012  
Minutes were confirmed.
6. **Dublin UNESCO City of Literature**

**Officials present:**

Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager  
Paul Clegg, Executive Manager  
Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian  
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer  
Margaret Geraghty, Senior Executive Officer  
Ruairí O Cuív, Public Art Manager  
Coilín O'Reilly, Administrative Officer  
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

**In Attendance**

Jane Alger, Dublin UNESCO City of Literature

Presentation by Jane Alger.

A discussion took place regarding a number of issues including how this will tie in with the centenary of 1913 lockout commemorations, the programme of works/activities for this year and how UNESCO is promoting Dublin as a city of literature,.

**Action:** Jane Alger will provide a detailed report to members on the issues raised.

**7. Temple Bar Cultural Trust**

Report Noted.

A number of issues were raised including the commercial use of various properties in Temple Bar. It was stated that a primary report was necessary at this stage for all stakeholders involved.

**Action:** The Board will issue its recommendations no later than May 2013

**8. Motion – Cllr Mannix**

“That this committee set-up a sub-committee to examine the need for a set of new bye-laws that would give strength, certainty and legality to cultural activity created by Dublin City Council, in particular designated cultural buildings and their use and the many events and festivals that are taking place throughout any given year – such as the NYE Festival, Gathering, Tall ships Festival, Bram Stoker Festival, Battle of Clontarf Festival and the many commemorative festivals that will be created over the coming years.

With the now well established Temple Bar Cultural Quarter and the emerging Digital Hub and the fact that Dublin City Council is the owner of many buildings in the Temple Bar area including many cultural buildings, it is now time for Dublin City Council to consider the creation of cultural byelaws along the lines of the legislation that govern National Cultural Institutes and their use and activities. These bye-laws, when established, will give great certainty and confidence to DCC in the execution of its cultural remit. These bye-laws will enhance and encourage the growth of the cultural economy and the cultural identity of Dublin as a major cultural destination. This will also strengthen its reputation globally as a major creator of culture and artistic excellence. Dublin as the capital city of culture”

Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager, stated that guidelines rather than bye laws may be more appropriate and that the motion was premature until a comprehensive Cultural Strategy for Dublin City was brought before this Committee.

**Action:** It was agreed that this motion be moved for discussion as part of the draft Cultural Strategy which is currently being finalised.

**9. Casual Trading Bye Laws 2012 in relation to Henry Street and Mary Street**

Agreed

**Action:** Issues in relation to the appeals process to be referred for discussion to the Casual Trading Bye Law Sub Committee.

**10. MANAGEMENT UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES**

**Sports Capital Grants Programme 2012**

The Committee discussed issues around how the National Lottery Grants for sports capital projects are allocated and the lack of funding for certain areas.

Brendan Kenny, A.C.M. explained that while the criteria for funding was rigid and the issue around title registration on land needs to be tackled, DCC successfully secured in excess of €1m. He also stated that DCC is committed to progressing the pavilion at Willie Pearse Park even though the funding application for a grant was rejected.

#### **Dog Pound and Warden Service**

Cllr McGrattan requested a detailed report on the joint tender approach which will achieve operational efficiencies and better value for money.

**Action:** Report to be brought to the next meeting.

#### **Smithfield Horse Fair**

Report Noted

The Chair complimented the enormous amount of work carried out on the Smithfield Horse Fair.

**Action:** The outcome of the first official Horse Fair which takes place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, will be available at the next meeting.

#### **Horse Pound and Seizure Services**

Issues were raised regarding the operational process in reporting of horses on public open spaces and also the method in which horses are seized.

**Action:** Report to future meeting.

#### **Events and Tourism Promotion**

##### **Bram Stoker Festival**

Cllr Damien O'Farrell requested a breakdown of the cost of the festival and the principal people involved.

Margaret Geraghty responded to Cllr O'Farrell's questions.

##### **New Years Eve Festival 2012**

Cllr. Flynn requested a financial breakdown on the festival.

**Action:** Full report for next meeting

Councillor Vincent Jackson took the Chair at this point.

#### **Event Guidelines**

Siobhan Burke, Irish Theatre Festival, enquired as to the preparation of event guidelines.

Brendan Kenny, A.C.M. informed the Committee that a draft Guidance Procedures document is being prepared in relation to city events, banner advertising, filming etc.

**Action:** Draft document to be brought to the next meeting

#### **11. Voluntary Code of Conduct for Street Performers in Dublin City**

Report by Margaret Geraghty. (Circulated)

**Action:** Draft bye law proposals to be considered, such as, amp size, amp free zones, locations and hours of busking. To be brought to a future SPC meeting.

#### **12. Restructuring Proposals**

Brendan Kenny, ACM informed the committee that the re organisation of management structures will move responsibility for Community and Social Development from Housing to Culture Recreation and Amenity Department. It was suggested that the SPC be re titled as the Arts Culture Leisure and Community SPC. Report circulated at the meeting.

**Action:** Agreed.

**13. Items Arising**

**Little Museum of Dublin**

Cllr Jim O Callaghan raised the issue of security of tenure for the Little Museum of Dublin at their current premises on St. Stephen's Green.

**Action:** Update on how discussions are progressing to be brought to future meeting.

Councillor Jackson read the letter from the Lord Mayor Naoise O Muiri to the Chair of the SPC requesting that the SPC examine the possibility of introducing a charging system for filming and/or promotional events which will take place in Dublin City.

**Action:** Report to next meeting

Councillor Gerry Breen took the Chair at this point.

**Proposed Garden of Remembrance Memorial**

**Action:** To be included on next Agenda

**Quad Bikes**

Cllr Seamas McGrattan raised the issue of quad bikes and the damage caused to public open spaces.

**Action:** Cllr Gerry Breen to bring this matter to the JPC.

**14. A.O.B.**

SARI – Agreed to refer to the Sports Sub-Committee.

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Cllr. Julia Carmichael**

**Chair**

## MANAGEMENT UPDATE

### PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

#### **Parks Improvements Works Programme 2013-2015**

A comprehensive programme of improvements funded by the sports capital grants, revenue and capital budgets are being prepared for presentation to each area committee. The sports capital projects are listed 10 to 23 on attached Table (Pages 12, 13 and 14.)

#### **Bull Island UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**

A feasibility study is being prepared to promote the importance of the UNESCO designation on the Bull Island, the potential for increasing the visitor numbers and the opportunities for promoting the 'green credentials' of the City.

#### **Open Space Strategy**

GIS mapping is progressing and it is envisaged that a draft strategy will be available for the SPC in the 3rd quarter of 2013.

#### **Tree Strategy**

Preparative work is underway for a Tree Strategy which will set out City Council policy in relation to tree care and management. This will also look at the resources necessary to implement best practice for the City.

### ARTS OFFICE

#### **Funding successes.**

The Ark Children's Arts Centre, Create Collaborative Arts Agency, New FM recently applied to the Arts Council for programmes related to the European Presidency with the Arts Office as implementation partner. All applications were successful to a total of 50K. In addition the Writers Festival **has received an increase in funding from The Arts Council** of 20K on core funding and a further 4K on another European partnership with Children's Books Ireland. The Writers Festival also recently featured in The Irish Times a key cultural event in the European Presidency.

#### **Vacant Spaces.**

Much has been learned in 2012 about the use of Vacant Spaces by artists chief among these is that many arts organisations and artists have self started in that area already, many

property owners do not want to give out their spaces 'free', many vacant properties are in NAMA and are awaiting realisation of their earning potential for the State. There has been some good outcomes in City Council owned vacant spaces in Cork Street, Marrowbone Lane and at Liberty Corner but these had to be fitted out and licensed on a temporary basis. Artists have engaged themselves with our help in many other vacant properties (Castleforbes Park, Denzille Lane). A further public call to property owners is being considered.

### **Red Stables.**

The Red Stables had a very strong programming year in 2012. The plan for 2012 was to work on the 'artistic' possibilities presented by biodiversity and botany. Events and classes had capacity attendance and a publication of the Summer School programmes summed up the interdisciplinary collaborations from field trips to plant drawings and workshops brilliantly. Conversely difficulties with heating costs at the artists' studios are making them hard to sustain and arise from increasing energy costs and the listed building preservation required. City Architects and the Parks Section are working on solutions.

**Liverpool Beijing and Barcelona twinning** and cultural cooperation have been the subject of various proposals that will bear fruit in 2013. Arts Office and Hugh Lane attended a Liverpool/Ireland Corridor event along with a delegation of Irish artists.

### **Arts Grants.**

The restructured Arts Grants scheme attracted new applicants particularly from local Neighbourhoods as intended. There is a need for support for Communities to understand what is required in Arts applications as opposed to Community applications as evidenced in the applications. It is not just an inclusive approach that is essential but also innovation and involvement of professional artists to guarantee quality.

### **Arts Plan**

Liz Coman has been commissioned to draft a new Arts Plan in conjunction with the Arts Office. It is expected to be completed in March.

### **Cultural Strategy.**

Rough drafts are being considered. The Strategy is already working well i.e. there are significant strengthened strategic relationships between Government Departments, Statutory Bodies, The National Cultural Institutions, cultural professions and City Council have already led to good outcomes in cultural property management, cultural tourism, and commemoration. I hope that the Strategy will publish a short document of philosophy, intentions and actions in February and that it will be held accountable to the City Council and the groups consulted publicly on an annual basis. There has been an excellent public consultation undertaken in the SE and NW Areas.

### **The Lab.**

The Lab had a very strong year in 2012 both as a gallery and as Rehearsal studios. Income from rehearsal fees is steadily increasing during the recession and the Lab Gallery has very strong attendances at public events. The latest exhibitions are no exception **Diggin the Monto** was a local historian and archaeologist collaboration on the legacy of 2013 on Foley Street and ETT Hem by Swedish artists Veronica Forsgren. These exhibitions which could not be more different show the wide diversity of work at The Lab Gallery and a public demand for contemporary arts practice.

The Arts Office main objective this year at The Lab is to engage local people particularly young people in custom built programmes and events.

**Children's Art in Libraries;** a joint programme of Libraries and The Arts Office also had a very strong year of workshops, storytelling and visual arts work for young people.

## EVENTS AND TOURISM PROMOTION

2012 was yet another busy year for events in Dublin City with a total of 673 requests received for use of the public domain for various events (see breakdown below).



Type	Number
Charity	73
Culture	28
Promotions	255
Festivals	48
Filming	184
Music	1
Photo shoot	42
Religious	3
Sport	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>673</b>

### **Bram Stoker Festival:**

Visitor feedback on the inaugural Bram Stoker Festival 2012 was very positive. The Festival had three themes of literary, film and animation with thirty events over three days. There was a high level of awareness of the Festival. Some details about the Festival:

- 87.5% of stakeholders said their expectations were met.
- Press Impact Estimated Advertising Value Equivalent (AVE) across broadcast, online and press of over €362,000.
- High ambient awareness and visibility through high impact visual identity (Brand identity guidelines have been established for the five year plan, a valuable investment upfront).
- The estimated digital reach of the Festival: 1,019,860 which was extremely high considering the period of the campaign.
- 8 mentions on TV; 30 mentions on Press Broadcast & Online.
- Overseas hits (on Google) 6% UK, 3% USA and 2% Spain.

Key lessons learned from this BSF was that the City Council can use Festivals such as this to generate increased visitors numbers into the city during what is usually a very quiet period of the year. All stakeholders have indicated that they would like to be involved with the

Festival next year. For 2013, we would like to expand the type and range of events; introduce more family friendly events and encourage businesses to become more engaged.

### **New Years Eve Festival 2013:**

Dublin City played host to record crowds celebrating New Years Eve where over 55,000 people welcomed in the New Year in style attending the second Festival featuring celebratory events including an outdoor Countdown Concert, family workshops, a stunning torchlit procession, titled *The Journey Home*, featuring floats, torchbearers, stiltwalkers and dancers, a fireworks display over St. Stephen's Green and the Big Brunch Family Day in Meeting House Square on New Years Day. The focal point of the Festival was the Countdown Concert which featured acclaimed Irish artists, with an increase in the potential capacity on the night far exceeding anticipations, over 15,000 concert goers were treated to a musical extravaganza in the atmospheric surroundings of College Green. The sold out concert also featured stunning light projections on the facade of Trinity College. NYE Dublin was the first event of the Gathering Ireland 2013. A full analysis of the event is currently being undertaken by Failte Ireland.

### **The Gathering: In the City:**

In October 2012 Dublin City Council received notification of an allocation of €30,000 from the joint IPB Insurance / Gathering Ireland 2013 Local Community Fund to support events and gatherings in the Dublin City Council area. The amount of funding available to individual applicants who could demonstrate their capacity to attract additional overseas visitors during 2013 ranged from €500 - €2,500 with a corresponding minimum number of overseas visitors required ranging from 10 - 50. A total of 77 applications were received by Dublin City Council. Following the evaluation process a total of 26 applications were awarded funding totalling €30,000. Successful applicants have been notified and letters of offer have been issued with a number of terms and conditions in accordance with the instructions of The Gathering Ireland. Subject to acceptance of the terms and conditions and receipt of signed undertakings arrangements will be made to process the payments without delay.

Each of the Area Managers has been given details of applications that were successful in their application to the Gathering Local Community Fund, for their respective areas.

An amount of €60,000 was also made available by IPB Insurance to support up to 3 flagship projects in the local authority area that would have to capacity to significantly increase overseas visitors and create a legacy from the Gathering. The Gathering Ireland will publically announce the nationwide list of successful applications shortly.

### **Annual Calendar of Festivals and Events 2013:**

In addition to the funding provided by IPB Insurance/Gathering Ireland 2013, the Events and Tourism Promotion Unit will be advertising shortly for Expressions of Interest from the event industry, festival producers, cultural institutions, governing bodies of sport, city businesses and other interest parties to collaborate with and support Dublin City Council in developing the Annual Calendar of Festivals and Events for 2013. This year we will be encouraging applicants to mobilise international connections and networks to attract additional overseas visitors to the city in 2013 as part of The Gathering.

### **Event Guidelines:**

We have begun a process of putting together a range of Guidance Documents which will outline the City's approach to facilitating events in the public domain. These documents will support the existing information available on the events webpage to advice event organisers of requirements for staging events in the city. During 2013, we intend to prepare Guideline Procedures with respect to Street Performance (which is the subject of a separate report at this meeting), Banner Advertising, Filming and Runs/Walks in the City. The latter two often involve road closure applications. There were 53 road closure applications in 2012.

A balance is now required between licencing and granting approval to events that demonstrate a measurable economic and social benefit to the city but keeping in context the



real issues that present daily to keep the city streets moving for pedestrians, traffic, residents, businesses etc. During 2013, work will commence on Luas BDX and the Grafton Street Improvement Scheme. These works along with the impact of the EU Presidency will be a factor in the number of events on the city streets that can feasibly be approved and managed during the year.

In preparing guidelines we will be engaging with An Garda Síochána, Dublin Bus, Luas, etc to come up with a workable and reasonable multi-agency approach for managing applications to run events in the city. We will bring a draft of such guidelines to the SPC for approval later in the year. We fully intend to support and promote a broad and diverse Calendar of Festivals and Events in 2013. It is the strong view of the various stakeholders in the City that clear guidelines on the numbers and types of events and suitable venues would be of benefit.

### **Spring 2013 - Upcoming Events in the City:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> **Tradfest** takes place from 22<sup>nd</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> January. This year's Festival will have a bigger programme with dance, street characters and performers, rural village re-enactments, and markets.

The **Jameson Dublin International Film Festival** will take place from the 14<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> February with a jam packed film schedule with "Danny de Vito" being presented with the Volta award which is the Festival's career achievement award.

The 6<sup>th</sup> **Chinese New Year Festival** will take place from 8<sup>th</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> February. This is the Year of the Snake. Dublin will continue to build on its twinning with Beijing and deliver a huge cultural programme celebrating Chinese Film, a Chinese New Year's Day carnival, a Council of Europe Intercultural Cities Conference which is an official part of Ireland hosting of the European Presidency and there will be a special project as part of The Gathering 2013 to include martial arts and lots more for all ages.

**St. Patrick's Festival** will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March with the very colourful Festival Parade and also a People Parade titled "*Great Things Happen When We Get Together*", with many free events including a Trad stage in Meeting House Square and Ceilí in St. Stephen's Green, Music & Street Performances and the Big Day Out event at Merrion Square Park. An audience of up to 500,000 is expected in the City over the four days. More events for 2013 will include the European Heineken Cup, the EU Presidency, Centenary of the Lockout 1913, and the first "Rock and Roll Half Marathon".

## **DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE**

### **1. Loans in 2012**

2,492,045 items were loaned in 2012, an increase of 6.2% on 2011. Figures for other KPIs for 2012 are being compiled and will be available for the next meeting.

### **2. Self-service at the Central Library**

Self-service kiosks went live in the Central Library on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, following completion of building, electrical, and stock preparation works. The service is very popular with the public, and this brings to four the number of branches with self-service, the others being Pembroke, Rathmines, and Raheny.

To coincide with the launch of self-service in the Central Library, the borrowing limit on an adult ticket has been increased so that all borrowers may now take out twelve items. There is no change to the borrowing limits on children's' tickets.

### **3. Library Management System**

The process of procuring a new shared library management system is now underway, with all four Dublin local authorities having signed up to a consortium arrangement. A project

board, Chaired by the City Librarian and with representatives of each authority is in place and the drafting of tender documents has begun. Dublin City Council is leading the tender process.

#### **4. Building Works**

##### **Ballyfermot refurbishment**

Following a delay, the contractors resumed work on Phase 3 of the works on 16th July 2012, with a completion date of 11th January 2013.

The library fit-out phase will take approximately two months and will include the installation of library furniture & fittings and IT systems; the fit-out of community and lecture spaces and children's library, and re-stocking.

The tender process for the final phase has been completed and orders will be placed with the winning supplier over the next 2 weeks.

##### **Kevin Street refurbishment**

The installation of more efficient heating and lighting was completed towards the end of 2012, part-funded by a grant for the SEAI. These works were outside the scope of the main contract, which we hope will go to tender as soon as possible this year.

#### **5. City of Literature Office**

##### **Citywide Reading Programme for Children**

The *Nightmare Club* is a series of six books which children throughout Dublin are encouraged to read this spring. The books are short, spooky and fun with brilliant illustrations and will appeal to boys and girls. The books feature 12 year-old Annie Graves, who invites boys and girls to join her sleepover club, where everyone who sleeps over has to tell a scary story. Annie Graves is twelve and lives in Glasnevin!

This is the second Citywide Reading Initiative organised by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, which encourages children to read for pleasure and the books are those which children would choose themselves. The *Nightmare Club* series is published by Dublin-based Little Island and the promotion is supported by Dublin City Public Libraries and Home School Community Liaison Officers.

Associated events taking place from January to March include author visits to public libraries, storytelling on the Ghost Bus and creative workshops in Smock Alley Theatre as part of the St. Patrick's Festival on Monday 18th March.

The books are available to borrow from all Dublin City Public Libraries or to buy in all good bookshops. A dedicated website [www.thenightmareclub.com](http://www.thenightmareclub.com) will go live in mid-January 2013 and will feature activities and fun extras for readers. The programme will be launched on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

##### **National Emerging Writer Programme**

Launched on 9th January by Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan, the National Emerging Writers Programme is a Dublin UNESCO City of Literature project which has been developed in association with Writing.ie and funded by Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht. It aims to foster and encourage new writing talent from all parts of the country by making expert advice freely available to the maximum number of potential writers through a number of formats and channels including an online presence.

The programme consists of three 40 minute videos, on one DVD, and features successful writers Carlo Gebler, Sinead Moriarty and Declan Hughes discussing Starting to Write, Telling the Story and Revising, Rewriting and Overcoming Obstacles.

DVDs of all three episodes have been sent to all library authorities nationwide, and the entire series is freely downloadable in excerpts via the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature website [www.dublincityofliterature.ie](http://www.dublincityofliterature.ie), Writing.ie and YouTube. The DVD will also be available to purchase from Amazon.

##### **Dublin: One City One Book - *Strumpet City***

*Strumpet City*, by James Plunkett, is the One City One Book choice for 2013 and the programme will be launched by the Lord Mayor on Tuesday 26th March in Liberty Hall. Partners include publisher Gill & Macmillan and the 1913 Commemoration Committee. The events will include a panel discussion in St. Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle (3rd April) at which authors including Christine Dwyer Hickey and Diarmuid Ferriter will discuss the importance of the book with broadcaster Sean Rocks. Proinnsias O Duinn will conduct the orchestra of the RIAM playing his own composition, the theme music of the iconic RTÉ television series. Actor Bryan Murray who played Fitz in the series will read extracts from the book. This event will be recorded by RTE radio 1 for later transmission. *Strumpet City* will be RTÉ's *the Book on One* in April.

During the month there will be a Twitter 'conversation' between Rashers & Fr O'Connor, and a seminar in Dublin City Library & Archive on 'A Capital in Conflict - Dublin in 1913' (13th April) will coincide with the publication of the book of the same title.

An event in the National Library will focus on the television series (24th April) which was the most successful ever produced by RTÉ and was sold into over 30 countries. The producer, director and all living cast and crew members will take part in telling the story of the series. Events will take place in libraries and other venues throughout the City, and will include events for children and historical walks around areas of interest.

## **6. Commemorations – 1913 Lockout**

### **Dublin City Electoral Rolls 1898-1916.**

Scanning and digitisation of the 1908 volume of the Dublin City Burgess Rolls has been completed and the online database will be launched at the end of January/early February. Plans to digitize the next two volumes are underway.

### ***Dublin in 1913: A capital in conflict***

The production of the volume of essays on the Lockout and Dublin in 1913 is underway, and the book, titled *Dublin in 1913: A capital in conflict* will be published in April.

## **7. The Gathering**

### **The Dublin Festival of History**

Hosted by Dublin City Public Libraries in various venues in the city, The Dublin Festival of History will draw Dubliners and visitors together to listen to and engage with well-known Irish historians as well as historians of international renown. Visitors will be able to explore their family roots in genealogical workshops and learn about the wonderful collections of historic and family history documents held in Dublin City Public Libraries. A full programme of events will be announced later in the year.

### **Tracing your Dublin Ancestors**

Drawing on our genealogical and local studies collections, free 'Trace Your Dublin Ancestors' events will be run on weekends during July 2013. Sessions will also be run as part of the Festival of History.

## **8. Events**

Events planned for the first quarter of 2013 include

- The 16<sup>th</sup> annual John T Gilbert Commemorative Lecture on 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 'Dublin after dark: glimpses of life in an early modern city', by Maighr ad N  Mhurchadha.
- Dublin's Nightmare Club reading programme – see above.
- Lecture series and launch of *A Capital in Conflict - Dublin in 1913*, a collection of essays commissioned by Dublin City Libraries and Archive.
- Events in support of Adult Learners' Festival; Engineers' Week; International Women's Day; Family History Day; Seachtain na Gaeilge; Chinese New Year.

## **DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE**

### **Current Exhibitions:**

**Lawrence Carroll: In the World I Live** 9<sup>TH</sup> November 2012 - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

The exhibition was reviewed extensively in the Culture Section of The Sunday Times edition of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**Into the Light: the Arts Council – 60 Years of supporting the Arts** 28<sup>th</sup> November – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013. This is a partnership with the Arts council, The Hugh Lane Gallery and 3 prominent Irish galleries to produce a series of exhibitions as a major national showcase of works by over 100 artists from its collection.

### **Sleepwalkers: Production as process**

Gallery 8 has been assigned to 6 invited artists for a 10 month period until May 2013.

The artists have developed a programme of future site –specific installations in Gallery 8.

### **Sean Scully – Doric: 21<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013**

The work of Dublin born Sean Scully (1945) is internationally recognised in the canon of late modernism. The exhibition is dedicated to the Doric series - monumental sized paintings that the artist has produced since 2008 until now - and to a series of water-colour paintings created in Greece during the 1980s, thematic prologue of the large formats of Doric. The series was fundamentally conceived as a celebration of the contribution of classic Greek culture to humanity. The works embody a metaphor of Greek architecture: “the spaces between the columns are space for thought, for light, for questioning and growth,” writes Scully. The light and dark tones intervene in a complex game of solidity and shadow.

The newly constituted Acquisitions, loans, and Exhibitions committee held its first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The next meeting is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.

The upgrade to gallery security systems is continuing and completion is scheduled for the end of January.

The replacement gallery attendant staff will take up duty on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013.

## **DOG POUND AND WARDEN SERVICE**

The current contract with Ashton Dog Pound and Warden Service has been extended to allow the completion of a joint tender involving Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council. A new tender is expected to be advertised in January/February 2013. It is anticipated that this joint tender approach will achieve operational efficiencies and better value for money.

Income raised from the sale of Dog licences in 2012 was €175,279. This represents an increase of 52% on the same period in 2011. This was due to the increase in the price of a dog licence from €12.70 to €20. This increase was introduced by The Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

## **HORSE POUND & SEIZURE SERVICE**

The Control of Horses Service seized 256 Horses for Dublin City Council in 2012. This compares favourably with the 342 horses seized in the same period in 2011. The overall cost of providing the horse pound and seizure service for 2012 was €182,997.51. Expenditure for the same period in 2011 was €250,582.85. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine continue to refund the costs of providing the Horse Pound and Seizure service. 22 horse licence applications were received in 2012, of these 21 licences were granted.

## **SMITHFIELD HORSE FAIR**

The Smithfield Horse Fair Control Bye-Laws 2013 and the Smithfield Horse Fair Casual Trading Licence Fee Bye-Laws 2013 were adopted by the City Council at its meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Under these Bye-Laws the number of annual horse fairs has been reduced to two fairs annually; in March and September. The City Council has pledged to develop the Smithfield Horse Fair in conjunction with the Smithfield horse owners and the local community as a successful bi-annual event which recognises the role of the horse fair in the City's cultural heritage in a manner that respects the wishes of Smithfield businesses and residents.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

Dublin City Council administers a school meal scheme under the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act, 1981. There are currently 183 schools availing of the Scheme providing food to approximately 24,500 school children on a daily basis. The total annual cost of operating the Scheme is €1.4 million. This includes an amount of €150,000 paid directly to participating schools as a contribution towards their administrative costs. 50% of food costs are recoupable from the Department of Social Protection.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS**

The transfer of the Higher Education Grants function from local authorities to the newly established Student Universal Support Unit (SUSI) came into effect for the 2012/2013 academic year. SUSI will process all new grant applications while Dublin City Council will continue to process renewal applications. To date 1,695 renewal applications have been received and processed by Dublin City Council. 1,425 have been awarded, 59 refused and the balance are awaiting further information from the applicants. Our students are not affected by the backlog and delays being experienced by SUSI applicants. The total amount of Higher Education (Maintenance and Fees) Grants paid to students in 2012 was approximately €9 million. This included two instalments of the 2011/2012 academic year and one instalment of 2012/2013. All grant payments are recoupable; however, the costs associated with the administration of the Scheme are borne by the City Council.

## **COMMEMORATIVE NAMING**

The City Council at its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2012 approved the setting up of a special Sub Committee to consider and make recommendations on the naming of Infrastructure and the provision of monuments, memorials and plaques in the city. The first meeting of this Sub Committee is due to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.

## SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE SERVICES

### Passport for Leisure

The new Passport for Leisure scheme (for those over 55 years of age) is continuing to prove very popular. The 2013 scheme introduced charges for usage of city council facilities and extended access to all opening hours in all our Leisure Centres. In the original scheme access was restricted to morning times only and the new hours of access have already shown an increase in usage in the evening times. We will monitor the membership under this scheme and the usage throughout the year.

### Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge - Ard – Mheara 5 Beo Dushlan 2013

The Lord Mayor's challenge started on New Year's Day with the first race in the Phoenix Park. The challenge was to get 200 people to join the Lord Mayors team and participate in the 5 races. To join him in making a commitment to health, fitness and wellbeing in 2013. The Lord Mayor plans to run in all 5 races and is seeking volunteers to join him in this challenge.

All members of the Lord Mayor's team will receive a high quality dry fit t-shirt prior to commencement of the first race and a medallion and invitation to a reception in the Mansion House on completion of all 5 races. Team members will also receive FREE entry to two of these races. The five chosen races are:

Liffey Valley Tom Brennan Memorial 5K	Phoenix Park	01/1/13	€18
AXA Raheny 5 Mile	Raheny	27/1/13	€20
Operation Transformation 5K	Phoenix Park	23/2/13	Free
Metro St. Brigid's KBI St. Patrick's 5K	Dawson St.	16/3/13	€20
Dublin City Council 4 Mile	St. Anne's Park	06/4/13	Free

This promises to be a great race series for all classes of runners, young and old, and the many seeking to jog with family and friends on 5 of the best Dublin races.

### Operation Transformation

The RTE Operation Transformation National walk took place in venues around the country on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The Dublin City Sports Network in conjunction with Dublin City Council organised the Dublin City walk in Eamonn Ceannt Park (Sundrive Park) at 12 noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Lord Mayor led the 3k walk.

The Operation Transformation 5k run will take place in the Phoenix Park on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013. This run is organised by the Dublin City Sports Network in conjunction with Athletics Ireland, the Sports Council of Ireland and Dublin City Council. The Lord Mayors team will participate in this run.

### The Late Night Leagues.

Dublin City Council, the Football Association of Ireland and the Garda Siochana have been involved in organising the late night leagues for a number of years. The target group are teenagers who participated in football competitions held in City Council venues / facilities in their own area on Friday nights over a 6 week period in November and December 2012 with a "Finals" night played in Irishtown stadium on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012. On the finals night 47 teams involving 285 teenagers participated and Dublin Bus provided transport for those teams that required it.

### Swimming Pools

Dublin City Council is committed to carrying out the refurbishment programme at Crumlin, Coolock and Sean McDermott Street swimming pools as outlined at the SPC meeting in November 2012. The tender package for the works is currently being finalised and there will be a full report on this matter available at the next SPC meeting.

### **Ireland V Poland - International Fans' friendly.**

The Republic of Ireland soccer team are playing Poland in a friendly in the Aviva Stadium on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. On the afternoon of the game Irishtown Stadium will host a Fans' friendly event. The event will involve a series of matches between Irish and Polish fans. The format of the afternoon is still being finalised and may involve the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Mayor of Poznan. The event is being organised by the Football Association of Ireland with the Polish FA (PZPN), the Fans Associations and Dublin City Council.

### **Sports Capital Grants Programme 2012:**

Dublin City Council submitted 29 applications under the 2012 Sports Capital Grants Programme. The total value of the grants applied for was €2.7m for projects estimated to cost in total €3.725m with the City Council to fund the difference of €1.025m from its own resources.

The grant application (€300,000) for the new build and refurbishment of the pavilion at Willie Pearse Park was not successful. The total cost of this project is estimated to be in the region of €1.125m. Dublin City Council is committed to progressing this project in 2013 and funding the €300K from its own resources.

The grant application for the replacement of the running track at Irishtown stadium was for an amount of €200k with the overall cost of the project estimated at €350k requiring the City Council to fund the project in an amount of €150k from its own resources. The amount of grants approved under the scheme is €125k leaving an amount of €225k required to progress this project. Dublin City Council is currently reviewing this project.

The grant application for improvement works including the installation of a gym at the Tony Gregory Community Youth and Sport Centre in Ballybough was for an amount of €149k with Dublin City Council contributing €10k to complete the project. This grant application was successful and this project will now proceed.

Other successful Grant Application include:

Works at Tolka Valley	-	€ 66,791.00
Balcurris Park	-	€112,095.00
Poppintree Sports Centre	-	€390,000.00
Edenmore Park	-	€ 17,508.00
St. Anne's Park	-	€ 21,540.00
John Paul Park (1)	-	€ 21,864.00
Aldborough Place	-	€118,368.00
John Paul Park (2)	-	€ 27,423.00

We will now engage with all the relevant stakeholders on completing all these very worthy projects speedily and efficiently and within the available budgets.

Sports Capital grant applications sent to Killarney on 1st June 2012. Allocations announced, 2nd December 2012.

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Est total cost of project</b>	<b>Grant sought</b>	<b>DCC funding</b>	<b>Sports Capital Grant awarded</b>	<b>Grant received</b>
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#### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

1	Re-furbishment	SC	Willie Pearse Park	€ 1,125,000.00	€ 300,000.00	€ 575,000.00	<b>NO</b>	
2	Re-furbishment and extension of pavilion	SC	Bushy Park	€ 302,503.00	€ 197,503.00	€ 105,000.00	<b>NO</b>	
3	Drainage of 4 soccer pitches	SC	Brickfield Park	€ 125,112.40	€ 106,354.04	€ 18,768.36	<b>NO</b>	
				€ 1,552,615.40	€ 603,857.04	€ 698,768.36		

#### **SOUTH EAST**

4	Re-furbishment of football pavilion	SE	Herbert Park	€ 141,000.00	€ 119,629.00	€ 21,371.00	<b>NO</b>	
5	Closing off of pitch with fencing	SE	Clan na Gael	€ 54,707.00	€ 46,501.00	€ 8,206.00	<b>NO</b>	
6	Outdoor gym equipment	SE	Sandymount Promenade & Sean Moore Park	€ 35,055.61	€ 29,797.27	€ 5,258.34	<b>NO</b>	
7	Outdoor gym equipment	SE	Dartry Park & Orwell Park on route along R. Dodder	€ 22,208.54	€ 18,877.26	€ 3,331.00	<b>NO</b>	
8	Drainage of 2 Senior pitches	SE	Herbert Park	€ 45,229.47	€ 38,445.05	€ 6,784.42	<b>NO</b>	
				€ 298,200.62	€ 253,249.58	€ 44,950.76		



## NORTH WEST

10	Pitch drainage of 2 senior soccer pitches	NW	Tolka Valley	€ 70,306.00	€ 66,791.22	€ 3,515.33	<b>YES</b>	€ <b>66,791.00</b>
12	MUGA + drainage	NW	Balcurris Park	€ 118,000.00	€ 112,100.00	€ 5,900.00	<b>YES</b>	€ <b>112,095.00</b>
13	Changing Rooms	NW	Poppintree Park new building	€ 390,865.00	€ 351,778.00		<b>YES</b>	€ <b>390,000.00</b>
14	Outdoor gym equipment	NW	Albert College Park	€ 30,209.00	€ 26,269.00	€ 3,940.00	<b>NO</b>	
				€ <b>609,380.00</b>	€ <b>556,938.22</b>	€ <b>13,355.33</b>		

## NORTH CENTRAL

15	Outdoor gym equipment	NC	Edenmore Park	€ 20,598.00	€ 17,508.30	€ 3,089.70	<b>YES</b>	€ <b>17,508.00</b>
16	Re-surfacing / fencing tennis	NC	St Anne's	€ 25,341.00	€ 21,540.00	€ 3,801.00	<b>YES</b>	€ <b>21,540.00</b>
17	Pitch drainage of 2 soccer pitches	NC	Ellenfield	€ 46,798.00	€ 39,752.00	€ 7,016.00	<b>NO</b>	
18	Installation of MUGA	NC	Donaghmede Park	€ 140,000.00	€ 133,000.00	€ 7,000.00	<b>NO</b>	
				€ <b>232,737.00</b>	€ <b>211,800.30</b>	€ <b>20,906.70</b>		

## CENTRAL

19	Outdoor gym equipment	Central	John Paul Park	€ 27,764.50	€ 21,864.50	€ 3,900.00	YES	€ 21,864.00
20	Development of new MUGA	Central	Aldborough Place	€ 124,598.00	€ 118,368.00	€ 6,229.89	YES	€ 118,368.00
22	MUGA	Central	Mountjoy Square	€ 128,100.00	€ 121,600.00	€ 6,500.00	NO	
23	Drainage of 1 senior soccer pitch & install synthetic goal mouth	Central	John Paul Park	€ 32,263.51	€ 27,423.98	€ 4,839.53	YES	€ 27,423.00
				€ 312,726.01	€ 289,256.48	€ 21,469.42		

## Leisure centres

24	Installation of rubber flooring of gym	SE	Markievicz Leisure Centre	€ 40,265.16	€ 25,000.00	€ 15,265.16	NO	
25	Development of new gym room	Central	Ballybough Community Centre	€ 157,662.00	€ 149,365.00	€ 8,297.00	YES	€ 149,365.00
26	Works on gym floor	NW	Ballymun Leisure Centre	€ 99,760.17	€ 97,760.17	€ 5,000.00	NO	
27	Refurbishment of lockers	SE	Irishtown Leisure Centre	€ 17,096.42	€ 14,531.96	€ 2,564.46	NO	
28	Running Track	SE	Irishtown Stadium, Irishtown	€ 341,890.00	€ 200,000.00	€ 142,000.00	YES	€ 125,000.00
29	Installation of gates and buying of a tractor	SE	Pearse Area Recreation	€ 61,680.44	€ 61,680.44	€ 10,000.00	NO	
				€ 718,354.19	€ 548,337.57	€ 183,126.62		



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