**Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC**

 **Meeting 6th September 2017 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Cllr. Brian Leech |
| Cllr. Dermot Looney | Cllr. Madeleine Johansson |
| Cllr. Cora McCann | Ms. Deirdre Mooney |

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

**Apologies**: Cllr. Breeda Bonner

 Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 3rd May 2017****Minutes were AGREED.****Matters arising: None** |
| **Headed Item 2: Music Generation Update**Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave a comprehensive presentation on Music Generation South Dublin. Members asked questions about the governance of the programme and the funding. Following a discussion it was agreed that a profile of the schools participating in Music Generation would be provided at the next SPC meeting. The report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:  Red Line Book Festival Programme 2017****Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian, presented a report on the upcoming Red Line Book Festival programme for October 11-15th. Members complimented staff on the wide range of events and venues for this year’s programme. Following some discussion the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Creative Ireland Update**Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, outlined South Dublin County Council’s involvement in the Creative Ireland Programme, a five-year initiative which places creativity at the centre of public policy. Questions were raised on funding for 2018 and on the planned Creative Ireland Department of Education for schools plan. The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: Whitechurch Library**Frank Nevin, Director of Service, outlined the current position regarding the Carnegie Library at Whitechurch. He emphasised that there is no justification to restore the former part time Library given the proximity to the state of the art Ballyroan Library butreiterated at the meeting that there is no intention to remove community involvement from the library building in Whitechurch. The WEB Project continues to meet there. Members discussed ideas of using the space for music generation performance/rehearsal space and or Arts/Libraries exhibitions. In addition the idea of a small book library exchange programme was suggested. There was some discussion around other community groups who might use the space. |
| **Headed item 6: AOB**Councillor Looney raised a question as to why the Newsletter which goes out to citizens is not published in Irish. It was agreed to raise the question with SDCC’s Communication Unit.**Meeting** concluded at 6.55pm. |