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

**Meeting 7th November 2018 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Cllr. Dermot Looney |
| Cllr. Breeda Bonner | Cllr. Madeleine Johansson |
| Cllr. Cora McCann |  |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Brian Leech

Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh

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

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 5th September 2018**  **Minutes were AGREED.**  **Matters arising: None** |
| **Headed Item 2: InContext 4 Arts Project**  **Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on the InContext 4 projects, SDCC’s public art programme under the percent for art scheme 2016-2019. The commissions include Ciaran Taylor ‘Rock to the Top’; Rhona Byrne & Yvonne McGuinness ‘The Central Field’; Fiona Dowling & George Higgs ‘Work Songs’; Nathan ODonnell ‘The Mill’; Veronica Coburn ‘Clamour & Roar- a citizen’s chorus’; A public art project by Sarah Browne – untitled. Creative evaluation of the projects is being carried out by Sean O’Sullivan. Following some discussion and questions raised on the projects,** the report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:   South Dublin Framework Agreement with the Arts Council**  **Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave a presentation on SDCC’s framework agreement 2018-2025 between South Dublin & the Arts Council. The purpose of the agreement is to highlight the shared strategic priorities for arts development over the next 8 years with a 3 year cycle review. Three areas have been identified for development 1. Supporting Artists, 2. Cultural Diversity and 3. Young people & children.**  **Following some discussion by Members the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Report on Red Line Book Festival 2018**  Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian, presented a post event report on the Red Line Book Festival 2018. She highlighted the success of the 2018 festival with increased attendance. Members complimented the new branding and marketing of the programme and agreed that the branding was more noticeable. The programme ran over 7 days from 8th – 14th October inclusive, with 57 events across 14 venues in South Dublin. There was some discussion on charging a nominal fee for attendance at events to insure that people took up on attendance. Members gave credit to SDCC and the Library service for the excellent work carried out.  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: Right to Read Programme – Family Time at Your Library**  Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on the Right to Read Programme, which is a national initiative happening in all branch libraries. Family Time at Your Library is the most recent initiative to be added to the other components of the programme which currently include: Spring into Storytime; Summer Stars Reading Initiative; Children’s Book Festival for the month of October; Service to Schools both Primary and Secondary.  During December the focus is to provide an event branded **Family time at Your Library** in all branch libraries by offering fun activities for children and their families. The events will be held in the evenings and on Saturdays to give working parents a chance to come along and partake with their children. It will provide an opportunity to share reading recommendations, provide tips on selecting books and reading with children, along with fun activities  Cllr. Bonner mentioned the success of the Clover book pack for DEIS schools provided by SDCC library service.  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 6: Update on Tourism Projects**  Frank Nevin, Director, gave an update on the tourism projects in the county. He said that the focus of the South Dublin Tourism Strategy was on Outdoors/Mountains, Rivers/Canals and Heritage & Culture in the county. The projects include: the Mountains Project; Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Centre; The Courtyard at Rathfarnham Castle and Orientation/Signage/Interpretation project with other authorities and Fáilte. Other projects include the Grand Canal Greenway; Grand/Royal Canal Loop; Events and Festivals such as Gaelforce and Redline and the potential of the Cultural Quarter. It was noted that expressions of interest for the development of the Castle Stables & Courtyard at Rathfarnham did not attract qualified bidders. The project is under review.  Following some discussion the report was NOTED.  **Headed Item 7: AOB**  As Cllr. Cora McCann was stepping down from the board of Rua Red Arts Centre, Cllr. Dermot Richardson proposed Cllr. Madeleine Johansson for nomination to the board, which was seconded by Cllr. Dermot Looney.  Cllr. Dermot Looney asked that the Irish Language Strategy be included as a headed item on the next SPC agenda.  **Meeting** concluded at 7.10pm. |