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

 **Meeting 19th February 2020 (5.30pm) – IT conference Room**

**Report**

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) | Cllr. Guss O’Connell |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes | Ms. Freda Manweiler |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh | Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Teresa Costello

 Cllr. Kenneth Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Mr. Niall Noonan, Communications Officer

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 6th Nov 2019****Minutes from the meeting of 6th Nov 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Alan Hayes and seconded by Cllr. Gus O’Connell.****Matters arising: There were two matters arising from the previous meeting**1. **The draft Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC Workplan was circulated for discussion and agreement by Members on 7th November 2019. This will be dealt with under headed item 3 at this SPC meeting.**
2. **At the previous Arts SPC meeting the nomination of three members of the Board of the South Dublin Arts Company (Rua Red) and it was agreed that:**
* **The previous protocol that the three members to be nominated would be: The SPC Chair (ex officio), one elected member and one non-elected member, would continue.**
* **In line with this protocol it was agreed that Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) and Ms. Freda Manweiler (PPN) would be nominated to the Board.**
* **Following discussion after the SPC meeting it was agreed that Cllr. Peter Kavanagh would be the third nomination to the Board.**

**The above listed nominations were recommended to CPG and full Council and were agreed.** |
| **Headed Item 2: SDCC Irish Language Strategy****Mr. Niall Noonan, Communications Officer, gave an update on SDCC’s language strategy, which was also available in Irish.**Following a contribution from Cllr. O’Connell the report was **noted.** |
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| **Headed Item 3:   SPC workplan****Frank Nevin, Director, outlined that matters for review and the discussion included:**1. **Irish Language Scheme**
2. **Library Development Plan 2018-2022 (Open to You)**
3. **South Dublin Arts Development Strategy 2016 -2020**

**Further matters for discussion in 2020 include:**1. **The opening of two new libraries in the County at North Clondalkin and Castletymon.**
2. **Cultural Quarter Development – The Civic, Rua Red and the County Library.**
3. **The new Arts Development Strategy 2021-2025.**
4. **The role of Community education in the Arts perhaps initially focusing on the Music Generation project.**
5. **The role of events and festivals, particularly the Red Line Book Festival.**

**Cllr. Hayes queried where the Heritage piece fitted in the Arts SPC. FN outlined the role of the SPC and agreed that Heritage and Tourism could be updated for the next SPC. It was also suggested that a joint sub-committee on heritage could be formed with the Planning SPC on an agreed agenda. (Subject to agreement with the Chair of the LUPT SPC.)****The report was noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Update on Library Capital Projects**Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave a report and presentation on upcoming library projects at North Clondalkin, Castletymon, and Rathcoole.Following contributions from Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. Hayes, Cllr. Duff and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara the reports were **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Update on Creative Ireland and Cruinniú na nÓg 2020**Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on Cruinniú na nÓg which will take place on Saturday 13th June 2020. Two commissioned pieces will take place as part of Cruinniú in South Dublin:1. Freshly Ground Theatre, Tallaght, will work with young people and children
2. Corkagh Park Community and Family Event will work with ReCreate Ireland

There is also an open call for proposals to be developed throughout the county.Following some discussion with contributions from Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr Duff, and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 6: Early Years Strategy – Arts Office**Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on SDCC’s Early Years Strategy 2020-2025. The strategy was prepared by Ms. Irma Grothuis on behalf of the Arts Office. It covers Programme Development, Support, Communication and Access for early years from 0-5 and 6-12.Following some discussion with contributions from Cllr. Hayes, Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. O’Connell, Cllr Duff, Ms. Freda Manweiler and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara the report was noted. It was agreed that a budget and potential work programme should be brought to the next SPC. |
| **Headed Item 7: AOB**Cllr Hayes raised a query about getting a small grant for the Dublin Fleadh Cheoil 2020 which is to be held in Lucan in May. Frank Nevin advised to send details to him, and he would see what funding might be available from Tourism/Arts grants.**The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.** |