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

**Meeting 4th November 2020 via Microsoft Teams at 5.30pm**

**Minutes**

**Attended**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Kenneth Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 23rd September 2020.**  **Minutes from the meeting of 23rd September 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr. Peter Kavanagh.**  **Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Current and planned Arts Sector response to Covid-19 in SDCC**  **2.1 Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave a presentation on Cultural Crosscutting Themes 2020 that the cultural institutions have engaged in or are planning to engage in to deliver blended Arts programmes to our communities. These include programmes from Creative Ireland South Dublin, the Arts Office, South Dublin Libraries, Music Generation, Tallaght Community Arts, the Civic Theatre and Rua Red.**  **It was noted that some services have diversified to include for example, ‘Contact and Collect’ from Libraries; Library Home Delivery Service to cocooners and others; Civic Theatre digital arts training and production; Rua Red online 360 exhibitions and downloadable educational resource packs for schools and other target groups. Supports for Artists with additional artist bursaries through Creative Ireland with support from the Local Enterprise Office was highlighted.**  **Cllr. Duff requested if a list of the Covid Care Concerts that are to take place could be circulated. Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara asked about the downloadable Education Resource Packs and if they would be available to individuals? The Arts Officer is to check on this information.**  **2.2 Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on South Dublin Libraries Online Programme of Events; Online E-services; Contact and Collect; and the Home Delivery service to customers. Libraries will work with other departments within the Council on the national Keeping Well Campaign and highlighted two upcoming talks on anxiety and stress. The programme under the Decade of Centenaries was also highlighted.**  Both reports were welcomed and **noted**. |
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| **Headed Item 3: Update on new Libraries at Tymon and North Clondalkin**  Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on progress with North Clondalkin and Castletymon Libraries. North Clondalkin Library is ready to open once Government restrictions are lifted. Castletymon is almost ready for handover with final snagging works to be completed. It is anticipated that it will open in Q1 2021.  Frank Nevin congratulated the Architects Department and the library staff on both projects, delivered under challenging circumstances.  Cllr. Duff mentioned a series of photographs by Brian McCormack and the “Friends of Tymon” which could form part of an exhibition for the opening of Castletymon Library.  The report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: AOB**  There were no items under AOB**.**  **The meeting concluded at 6.20pm.** |