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

**Meeting 24h February 2020 (5.30pm) – Virtual Meeting**

**Report**

**Attended**

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

**Apologies:** Ms. Freda Manweiler, Cllr. Teres Costello, and Cllr. Kenneth Egan.

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms Maoliosa Boyle, Director Rua Red  
Mr Michael Barker-Caven, Director Civic Theatre  
Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Service

Ms Cristina Hurson, SEO

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 4th November 2020**  **Minutes from the meeting of 4th November 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Guss O’Connell.**  **Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.  \*Note: The Committee wanted to make a note of condolences to Cllr. Mick Duff on his recent bereavement.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Covid Sectoral Response (focusing on Rua Red/Civic)**  **Ms. Maoliosa Boyle gave a report and presentation on Rua Red activities since March 2020. Rua Red has been delivering programmes across social media and in the public realm, such as the Joe Caslin exhibition. They are preparing resource materials for 2021 exhibition and public engagement programmes.  Mr. Michael Barker-Caven gave a report and presentation on the Civic Theatre since March 2020 and the new strategies it is employing for 2021.**  Following contributions from Cllr Mick Duff, Frank Nevin, Cllr. Guss O’Connell, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, and Cllr. Alan Hayes the report was **noted**. |
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| **Headed Item 3: Sectoral Recovery Role of Creative Ireland, Cruinniú nÓg, Music Generation and Local Arts Programmes**  Ms. Orla Scannell gave a report on the responses to Covid and the initiatives going forward that support participation and engagement with the Arts and supports for Artists to sustain the sector in the county.  Following contributions from Cllr. Mick Duff, and Mr. Frank Nevin, the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Full Opening of New Libraries**  Ms. Bernadette Fennell presented a full report on the opening of North Clondalkin and Castletymon Libraries.  Following contributions from Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Alan Hayes, and Cllr. Guss O’Connell the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Coiste na Gaeilge/Irish Language Sub-committee (agreed at January Council)**  Ms. Lorna Maxwell reported on the Council’s current activities and programmes. There was a brief discussion with contributions from Cllr. Peter Kavanagh, Lorna Maxwell, Cllr Guss O’Connell, and Cllr. Mick Duff. It was agreed that the Coiste should be a sub-committee of the SPC (but complements the work of the SPC). An item will be added to the March OP&F agenda to agree 3-4 nominations to the committee and Lorna Maxwell and Cllr. Peter Kavanagh will consider the Terms of Reference for the Coiste and the wider membership from Irish Language groups from the PPN. It will report back to the next Arts SPC in May. |
| **Headed Item 6: Artist Resilience Bursary** A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Mick Duff, Frank Nevin, Orla Scannell, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, and Cllr Guss O’Connell. It was agreed to establish a working group made up of Frank Nevin, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Cllr. Guss O Connell and Orla Scannell, and Ms. Freda Manweiler to establish the terms of reference for the bursary. |
| **Headed Item 7: Joint meetings/workshops with other SPC's in crosscutting themes** After a brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Mick Duff and Frank Nevin, it was agreed that Frank Nevin would contact the Chair of the Economic Development, Tourism and Enterprise SPC to set up a joint meeting. |
| **Headed Item 8:**  **Continuation of 2020 programme.**  Mr. Frank Nevin outlined the continuation of the work programme for 2020, some of which had been discussed in the previous reports presented. It was important to acknowledge the ongoing sectoral response to programmes for the public during the pandemic. |
| **Headed Item 9: AOB**  Ms Bernadette Fennell reminded the committee that Ireland Reads Day was taking place on 25th February and there was still time to pledge online to squeeze in a read., She also noted the programme for Seachtain na Gaeilge which will run online from 1st-17th March 2021.  Following contributions from Cllr Mick Duff, Cllr. Guss O’Connell, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, and Cllr. Alan Hayes the items were **noted.**  Cllr. Mick Duff concluded the meeting by expressing an appreciation of the efforts of all present.  **The meeting concluded at 7.26pm.** |