SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE ARTS, CULTUREY, HERITAGE, GAEOLGE & LIBRARIES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st September 2021**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. M. Duff (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. P. Kavanagh (Mayor)  | Liz Corry | Acting County Librarian |
| Cllr. A. Hayes  | Orla Purcell | Arts Officer |
|  | Lorna Maxwell | Director of Service |

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| **Representative** |
|  Elaine Vince-O’Hara |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. T. Costello |
| Cllr. K. Egan |
| Cllr. G. O’Connell |
| Freda Manweiler |

**The meeting was Chaired by Cllr M. Duff.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC of 5th May 2021. **AGREED.**

Proposed by Cllr Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr Peter Kavanagh.

**Headed Item 2:** **Updates on library re opening and new branches.**

Liz Corry, Acting County Librarian presented a report updating the SPC with the current level of opening across the library service. Updates were also given on the launch of the new library at Castletymon and the two new mobile library vans, due to take place on 16 September at the Castletymon Library. Mayor Cllr Peter Kavanagh will be in attendance. Due to covid restrictions, SPC members were advised that limits on numbers attending would be observed.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Elaine Vince O’Hara and Cllr Alan Hayes.

Liz Corry responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Library of Things – overview**

Liz Corry, Acting County Librarian updated the SPC the Library of things concept. A community-based initiative, the idea is that members can borrow items which they only need on an occasional basis. Sharing these items supports sustainability, reduces waste, and allows people to free up space in their homes. It also affords the opportunity to try new hobbies without the need to buy supplies and/or equipment.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Elaine Vince O’Hara and Cllr Alan Hayes.

Liz Corry responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 4: Update on Coiste na Gaeilge**

Cllr. Peter Kavanagh gave an update on Coiste na Gaeilge’s activities and workplan. Lorna Maxwell confirmed the terms of reference for Coiste na Gaeilge.

There was a brief discussion with contributions from Cllr Mick Duff and Cllr Alan Hayes. Coiste na Gaeilge will report back to the next Arts SPC in November.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 5: Arts Development Strategy**

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on the Arts Development Strategy. The core pillars of the strategy relate to (1) Equity of access and opportunity to the Arts; (2) A vibrant and resilient arts sector; and (3) Strengthening our capacity to deliver. The report went through the anticipated outcomes of each of the core pillars.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised from Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Mick Duff.

Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 6: Covid Response – Local Live Performances**

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on the Covid Response – Local Live Performances. The report provided details of 37 events across the County, with 371 musicians involved, as well as discussing the flagship live performance event in Tallaght Stadium.

A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Elaine Vincent O’Hara.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 7: Creative Ireland**

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on Creative Ireland. The report outlined the 2021 programme for South Dublin County Council, which included highlights such as ‘Comicfest at Tallaght Library’, ‘Budding Sounds’, ‘Hellfire and Yonder’, as well as ‘They Come Then, The Birds’.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised from Cllr Alan Hayes and Cllr Mick Duff.

Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 8: Lobbying Act 2015**

Jason Frehill, Director of Service, gave an update on the Lobbying Act. The update reminded members of the SPC of their obligations under the Lobbying Act.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions, but no questions were raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 9: AOB**

Cllr Mick Duff invited members to raise any other business items.

No further items were raised or discussed.

The meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.

Cllr Mick Duff concluded the meeting