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

**Meeting 1st September 2021 (5.30pm) – Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Attended**

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

**Apologies:** Ms. Freda Manweiler, Cllr. Teresa Costello, Cllr. Kenneth Egan and Cllr. Guss O Connell.

**Officials present:**

Mr. Jason Frehill, Director of Service.

Ms. Liz Corry, Acting County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Service

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 5th May 2021**  **Minutes from the meeting of 5th May 2021 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: Updates on library re opening and new branches.**  **Ms. Liz Corry updated 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 restriction, limits on numbers attending will be observed.**  Following contributions from Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Elaine Vince O’Hara and Cllr Alan Hayes, the report was **noted**. |
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| **Headed Item 3: Library of things – overview**  Ms. Liz Corry gave a report on 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.  Following contributions from Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Cllr Alan Hayes and Elaine Vince O’Hara, 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.  Ms. 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**  Ms. Orla Scannell 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.  A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Cllr Mick Duff.  The report was **noted**. |
| **Headed Item 6: Covid Response – Local Live Performances**  Ms. Orla Scannell 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** Ms. Orla Scannell 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’.  *A brief discussion was held with contributions from* Cllr Mick Duff and Cllr Alan Hayes.  The report was **noted**. |
| **Headed Item 8:**  **Lobbying Act 2015**  Mr. Jason Frehill gave an update on the Lobbying Act. The update reminded members of the SPC of their obligations under the Lobbying Act.  The report was **noted***.* |
| **Headed Item 9: AOB**  No further items were discussed.  *Cllr. Mick Duff concluded the meeting by expressing an appreciation of the efforts of all present.*  **The meeting concluded at 7.02pm.** |