SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2021**

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. M. Duff (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. P. Kavanagh (Mayor)  | Síle Coleman | Senior Executive Librarian |
| Cllr. A. Hayes  | Orla Purcell | Arts Officer |
| Cllr. T. Costello |  |  |
| Cllr. G. O’Connell |  |  |

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| **Representative** |
| Freda Manweiler |

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| **Observer** |
| Cllr. A. Edge |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. K. Egan |
| Elaine Vince O'Hara |

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

**Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

The [minutes](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=72332) of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 1st September 2021 were proposed by Cllr Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr Peter Kavanagh. **Agreed.**

**Item 2: Libraries Update**

Síle Coleman presented an update to the committee on the Red Line Book Festival and the programme of upcoming events in South Dublin Libraries for November and December.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. The Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and Cllr. Alan Hayes requested that Libraries explore the possibility of greater collaboration with the One Dublin One Book festival in 2022 as the chosen author, Nuala O’Connor is from Palmerstown. Libraries noted past involvement in the festival and that future collaboration will be considered.

Síle Coleman responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Arts Update**

Orla Scannell presented an update on upcoming Arts events for November and December; the Exploring and Thinking Award 2021-2022; and SDCC’s Public Art Programme 2021-2025.

Cllr Mick Duff invited nominations to the Public Art Working Group. Freda Manweiler self-nominated and the nomination was agreed by the committee. Cllr Mick Duff proposed the incoming Chair of the committee Cllr Alan Edge also sit on the Public Art Working Group.

Cllr Mick Duff, Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Freda Manweiler contributed to the discussion.

Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Items 4: Tallaght Cultural Quarter**

Jason Frehill presented a report on the Tallaght Cultural Quarter and the opportunities around its role particularly in light of the Tallaght Streets public realm enhancement scheme and the ongoing €30m investment in capital projects in the Tallaght area.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Mick Duff and Freda Manweiler. Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Cllr Teresa Costello confirmed their interest in sitting on a Cultural Quarter Working Group.

Jason Frehill and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Any Other Business**

Cllr Peter Kavanagh expressed his thanks and gratitude to Cllr Mick Duff for his work in chairing the committee to date. This was seconded by Cllr Guss O’Connell and agreed by the committee.

Freda Manweiler gave an update on an event, which took place in the Chester Beatty.

Cllr Mick Duff updated members on the ‘map’ exhibition currently taking place in Rua Red.

**The meeting concluded at 6:33pm.**