

# **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



## **ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE, GAEILGE & LIBRARIES SPC**

**Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 (17:30) – South Dublin County Council IT Conference Room & Microsoft Teams**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attended:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Sectoral Members</b>
Cllr Guss O’Connell (Chair)	Ms Elaine Vince-O’Hara
Cllr Alan Hayes	Ms Freda Manweiler
Cllr Mark Lynch	
Cllr Mick Duff	
Cllr Teresa Costello	

**Apologies:** Cllr. Kenneth Egan

#### **Officials present:**

Mr Jason Frehill, Director of Services, EETD  
Mr Paul Fusco, County Librarian  
Ms Eithne Swain, Creative Communities Engagement Officer  
Ms Orla Scannell, Arts Officer  
Ms Meabh Butler, Assistant Arts Officer  
Ms Rosaleen Dwyer, County Heritage Officer  
Ms Geraldine O’Meara, Snr Executive Librarian

#### **Minute-taker:**

Ms Geraldine O’Meara

**The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. Guss O’Connell.**

Chair Cllr Guss O’Connell opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed everyone.

### **Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Arts Culture Gaelige Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 7th February 2024 were proposed by Cllr. Guss O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. Mark Lynch. Agreed.

Chair Cllr. Guss O'Connell enquired and confirmed there were no matters arising.

### **Headed Item 2: Cruinniú na nÓg 2024: Programme Update**

Ms. Eithne Swain presented a report titled "Cruinniú na nÓg South Dublin 2024". Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of free and creative activities for young people in Ireland, launching on 15th May 2024 with the main event on 15th June 2024. The programme includes a wide range of activities such as workshops, performances, comedy, and music events. Projects selected through an open-call process include:

- Freshly Ground Theatre: "Seasúir Seoig" in Clondalkin
- SoloSirens: "Careground" in Tallaght
- Tallaght Community Arts: "If I can see it, I can be it!"
- Ballydowd Special Care School: "I am whatever I choose to become"
- Creative Places MacUiliam: Rua Red: "Athbeochain"
- Ruaille Buaille: One Voice Project in Lucan
- Foróige Tallaght LOL Comedy Club
- Foróige Kilinarden Create Together Fest
- MotherTongues: Room of Joy in Adamstown
- Kim's storyverse in Rathfarnham
- This is Me: Neurodiversity at The Park
- Human Loom (location truncated)

The programme aims to engage young people in creative and cultural activities across South Dublin

The report was **Noted**.

### **Headed Item 3: Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology Project**

Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer provided an update on the Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology Project. This initiative involves local communities in archaeological digs and heritage conservation in the Dublin Mountains. Key highlights include:

- Continued excavation and preservation of historical sites

- Workshops and educational programmes for community members
- Partnerships with local schools to involve students in archaeological activities
- Plans for future excavations and community events

The project aims to uncover and preserve the local heritage while fostering a sense of community engagement and education about archaeology

The report was **Noted**.

#### **Headed Item 4: 12th Lock Masterplan Update**

Mr. Jason Frehill presented an update on the 12th Lock Masterplan, which focuses on enhancing the amenities and heritage conservation around the 12th Lock area. Key points included:

- Progress on infrastructure improvements to enhance access and usability of the area
- Development of recreational facilities such as walking trails and picnic areas
- Conservation efforts to protect and promote local historical sites
- Community engagement initiatives to involve residents in the planning and development process

The update highlighted the collaborative efforts between the Council and community stakeholders to create a vibrant and accessible public space

The report was **Noted**.

#### **Headed Item 5:**

Mr. Paul Fusco provided an update on the Tallaght Cultural Quarter project. This initiative aims to establish a vibrant cultural hub in Tallaght, promoting arts and cultural activities. The update included:

- Details on the new facilities being developed, such as performance spaces, galleries, and community centers

- Upcoming events and programmes designed to engage the local community in cultural activities
- Collaborations with local artists and cultural organizations to create diverse and inclusive programming
- Progress on construction and renovation projects within the Cultural Quarter

The project aims to enhance the cultural landscape of Tallaght and provide a central space for artistic and cultural expression.

The report was **Noted**.

No action items were raised.

Chair Cllr. Guss O Connell thanked members for their attendance.

**The meeting concluded at 6:30pm.**