

**The Cultural Development, Irish Language & Sport Strategic Policy Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**  
**Venue: Microsoft Teams**

**Present:** Cllr. C. Kelly, Chairperson; E. Doyle, Director of Services; Cllr. P. McDonald; Cllr. S. P. O'Reilly; E. Nwaneri; G. McPhillips; N. McCormilla; S. Donohoe; E. Clancy, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. P. Brady; Cllr. C. Lovett; Cllr. Val Smith; M. B. Duffy; M. Rudden

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Proposed by Cllr. P. McDonald; seconded by Ms. G. McPhillips
2. Declaration of Interests: Mr. E. Doyle, Director of Services, outlined the responsibility of Committee members to declare any beneficial interest in matters being discussed by the SPC.
3. Standing Orders: Standing Orders with amendments relating to the holding of remote meetings were circulated.
4. Covid-19 Update: The following updates were provided:
  - Library, Arts and Theatre (Ms. E. Clancy, County Librarian)
  - Cavan Sports Partnership (Ms. N. McCormilla, Sports Co-ordinator)
  - County Museum (Ms. S. Donohoe, Museum)Cllr. Paddy McDonald paid tribute to all for the programmes being delivered
5. Keep Well – Switching Off & Being Creative: Report by Ms. E. Clancy, Co. Librarian
6. Keep Well - Being Active: Report by Ms. N. McCormilla, Sports Co-ordinator
7. Creative Ireland / Decade of Commemorations:  
Ms. E. Clancy, County Librarian provided an overview of projects planned for 2021. Ms. S. Donohoe referenced a proposed Cavan/Fermanagh Museum collaboration. Mr. E. Doyle advised that the Commemoration Programme in Cavan will be inclusive of all traditions, ensuring a respectful commemoration.
8. Museum and Storytelling Centre Plans  
Ms. S. Donohoe provided an update on the ambitious national Storytelling Centre planned for the County Museum. Part 8 planning permission has been granted for a new building comprising archival, recording and performance spaces. A RRDF application has been made in respect of this project. Ms. Donohoe acknowledged the support of the Storytellers of Ireland from the outset.
9. Progress Report on Virginia Library and Ramor Theatre: Mr. E. Doyle, Director of Services, provided an update on this flagship development. He advised that the tendering process is complete, with signing by contractor planned for March. Chair raised the issue of inadequate library facilities in Kingscourt. Mr. Doyle advised that Kingscourt is the next major library development, pending capital funding. In the short-term, and given the pressing demands of the community, it is proposed to expand the service in the existing building, pending availability of funding.
10. A.O.B.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 10.30am.

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Cllr. Clifford Kelly  
Chairperson,  
Cultural Development, Irish Language & Sport SPC