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Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
22nd May 2023
Item No. 15

MINUTES OF THE SPC WORKING GROUP – CHATHAM ROW

HELD IN PERSON WEDNESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2023

Members:

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chairperson)
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Claire Byrne

Apologies:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive

Officials present:

Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer, CRES
Lorraine McLoughlin, City Archivist
Fanchea Gibson – Administrative Officer

1. Minutes of meeting held 7th December 2022.

Approved.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr O'Driscoll give a brief report on the visit to the building on 21st December, 2022.

3. Update from Lorraine McLoughlin, Dublin City Archivist

Lorraine McLoughlin gave a background on the Civic Collection. She referred to the 2008 report by Aidan Walsh Consultants which was an evaluation of the Civic Collection. The collection has since been fully catalogued and is housed in various locations across the City. At a another separate meeting she was asked what was necessary for a Civic Museum and has submitted her response which suggested a full collection review. Lorraine agreed to circulate the report to those present for their information.

4. Proposal for a museum

A discussion was held during which the members discussed the possible uses of the building.

It was agreed:

- Any museum use to be dynamic and not static
- To be a destination museum
- Previous reports are helpful

- Could include element of Artist / Musician Workspace and also public performance space
- The possibility of a Museum for Music / history of music in Dublin was discussed
- Felt it is not the space for the Civic Museum at this time but in favour of review of the Civic Collection to be done in parallel. Some elements of the Civic Collection could be a good fit for any future use of the building.
- Agreed a structural / conditional report on the building required to see what is feasible before any final decision is taken.
- Committee to draft key principles for use of building

5. Next Steps

Ali Grehan, City Architect, to be requested to carry out / arrange a Structural Report on the condition of the building.

6. Next meeting date

To be confirmed but in approximately 6 weeks following the receipt of the Structural Report. Thursday Afternoon agreed and next meeting will be Hybrid.