

## Draft

### COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

#### Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA  
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA  
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley MLA  
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mr. William Humphrey MLA  
Mr. David Hilditch MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Assistant Clerk)  
Ms. Gillian Kirk-Lyness (Assistant Clerk)  
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA

*The Committee commenced in closed session at 10.06am*

#### **1. Committee Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities – consideration of report.**

The Committee considered the following amendment to the Inquiry report brought forward by Ms Rosie McCorley

*“As part of the inquiry, the Confederation of Ulster Bands gave evidence to the committee. During their presentation, they raised the issue that the media tended to present them in a negative way. Some members wished to explore this issue with them to see if perhaps they agreed that there were perceptions of them which arose as a result of the actions of some of their bands. A total of three committee members were prevented by the chairperson from pursuing this line of questioning and, as a result, we feel we have missed out on some very valuable information which would have added to the report. We would have appreciated hearing the Confederation’s opinions on the behaviour of some specific bands over recent years, which leads many*

*people, not just the media, to take a negative view of them. This may have a bearing on the feelings of some bands that they are excluded from the Arts”.*

The following proposal was put by William Humphrey:

Proposed:

That the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure not include Ms McCorley's paragraph in the Inquiry report.

Ayes – 5

Noes – 3

Abstentions – 0

Non Voters – 0

Ayes:

Mr Nelson McCausland

Mr Gordon Dunne

Mr Leslie Cree

Mr David Hilditch

Mr William Humphrey

Noes:

Ms Rosie McCorley

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín

Mr Oliver McMullan

The motion was passed.

There will be reference in the report to where amendments moved to the report and not agreed can be found.

*[Extract]*