

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 19th June 2014

Room 21 Parliament Buildings

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA

Apologies: Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance: Ms Ciara McKay (Clerk)
Mr James Gilson (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:13 am.

1. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities - East Belfast Partnership

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:14 am:

Mr Roger Courtney, (Courtney Consulting) East Belfast Partnership.

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

The witness left the meeting at 11:02 am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding its role and involvement with the East Belfast Partnership; and to ascertain whether there is funding available for the Partnership.

2. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities – The MAC

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11:05 am:

Mr Len O'Hagan, Chairman;
Ms Anne McReynolds, Chief Executive; and
Mr Ciaran McQuillan, Learning & Participation Officer (Youth & Communities).

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey made a declaration that he is Governor of Edenbrooke Primary School in Belfast.

The witnesses left the meeting at 12:23 pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Health Minister to ascertain what level of engagement there has been with arts groups and venues across all Trusts.

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