



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 11th September 2014

Waterways Ireland HQ, Enniskillen

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
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)
Mr James Gilsonan (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:12 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on 3rd July 2014.

3. Oral Briefing from Waterways Ireland

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:13am

Ms Dawn Livingstone CEO Waterways Ireland

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the CEO of Waterways Ireland to request further information on aspects of the briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to highlight a number of issues of concern arising from the briefing.

4. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the ETI Minister re the Dale Farm Milk Cup to the DCAL Minister for her comments and to request funding details for next year's event.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence from DCAL re the proposed Loughside Park Shared Sports Campus to the Education Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include correspondence from the Health Minister into the Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider correspondence from the IFA and Ulster Rugby re future funding once Ulster GAA's correspondence has been received.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from Cycling Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL Minister re funding for the Prison Arts Foundation.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward to the Prison Arts Foundation correspondence from the Justice Minister re funding.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence received from the DCAL Minister re budgets.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re musical instruments for bands.

Noted: The committee noted the response from Libraries NI re Social Media Policy.

Noted: the Committee noted the DRD response re the disposal of NI Water assets

Noted: The Committee noted the response from Replay re the BLISS project.

Noted: The Committee noted responses from DCAL and NI Screen re the European Film Forum.

5. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence from the OFDFM Committee re Building a United Community to the DCAL Minister.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee re year end surges in Northern Ireland Departmental Expenditure to DCAL for comment.

Noted: The Committee noted DCAL Forecast outturn figures for June 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL and Finance Ministers re exceptions noted by the Auditor General to the DCAL accounts.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward to the Minister correspondence re the success of local riders at the National Track Cycling Championships.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the information on the Big Lottery Reaching Out: Supporting Families programme to the Health Committee.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response to the ADSEA proposals.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward an article re Cycling Ireland to the DCAL Minister asking for her comments.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from DRD re the Fisheries Bill.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Investing Strategy Reports for July and August 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the Hansard report for the Lough Neagh working Group meeting of 24th June 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence re the Delivering Tomorrow's Libraries Review: Public Library Standards.

Noted: The Committee noted the advertisement for the position of Chair of Libraries NI.

Noted: The Committee noted the memo from the Education Committee re shared/integrated education.

Noted: The Committee noted Annual Reports and Accounts for: The Armagh Observatory and Planetarium; the Sports Council NI; the Arts Council NI and the World Police and Fire Games.

6. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted all invitations received.

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

8. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee discussed and agreed to send letters of congratulation to Carrickfergus Cricket Club, Linfield Ladies Football Team and Carl Frampton and to ask the DCAL Minister what plans there are to recognise their achievements. The Committee also agreed to contact the IRFU to inquire it plans to bid to stage a future women's rugby World Cup.

9. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place at the Lyric Theatre, Belfast on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.43 am.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

18th September 2014