

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

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

The meeting opened in public session at 10.20am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2013

The Committee agreed the draft minutes of 2nd July 2013.

3. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write a letter of condolence to the family of Mr Seamus Heaney.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10.25am.

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker, outlining all outstanding items of correspondence.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding her officials' discussions with Athletics NI.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister regarding funding for individual sports people and smaller sports.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to undertake a piece of work on the impact the Minister's priorities might have on funding streams for individual athletes.

The Committee noted the Minister's correspondence regarding outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development regarding a timeline for the Reservoirs Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed: to forward correspondence from the previous Minister of the Environment regarding the review of archaeological archives onto the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for her assessment of her Department's role; and to write to the new Minister of the Environment seeking his support for the review.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Committee for Education regarding Replay Theatre's BLISS project.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include the additional correspondence from NILGA regarding safeguarding in Councils and the Leisurewatch scheme into its Report on its Investigation into Gaps in Child Protection and Safeguarding across the Culture, Arts and Leisure remit.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the Minister's Business Plans for 2013/2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Minister's Business Plans until her briefing to the Committee on 26th September 2013.

The Committee noted DCAL's Architecture and Built Environment Policy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed: to defer consideration of the policy until DCAL's briefing on 7th November 2013; and to commission research on the different architecture and built environment strategies in the UK and Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from DCAL officials on the analysis of the consultation responses to its draft Disability Action Plan for 2013-2015 and Five Year Review.

The Committee noted DCAL's response to the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety on its suicide prevention strategies.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 10.33am.

The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding it advertising for appointments to the Board of the Armagh Planetarium and Armagh Observatory.

The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding it advertising for appointments to the Board of National Museums Northern Ireland and for the Vice Chair of Sport NI.

The Committee noted DCAL's screening report.

The Committee noted DCAL's actual outturn to July 2013 and forecast outturn from August 2013 to March 2014.

The Committee noted DCAL's Investing Activity Reports for both July 2013 and August 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding departmental savings delivery plans to DCAL for comment.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Regional Development regarding funding for the North West 200.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL and DETI regarding their respective roles in holding large sporting events; and to ascertain whether there are discussions ongoing regarding these roles going forward.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister seeking her response to the Committee's Inquiry into Maximising the Potential of the Creative Industries.

Agreed: The Committee agreed: to forward the correspondence from Creative and Cultural Skills regarding the Committee's inquiry into the Creative Industries onto DCAL for comment; and to write to Creative and Cultural Skills suggesting a co-ordinated approach to take the report forward.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 10.35am.

The Committee noted Libraries NI's quarterly policy screening report.

The Committee noted Sport NI's correspondence on its screening report.

The Committee noted correspondence from the IFA on its health and nutritional advice guide.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to co-host an informal meeting with the ETI

Committee and OFCOM on OFCOM's Communications Market Report on 24th October 2013.

The Committee noted OFCOM's correspondence regarding the outcome to its consultation on Channel 3 Licensing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to submit a response to OFCOM's consultation on Channel 4's licence, regarding its quota for local production.

The Committee noted a newsletter from the House of Lords EU Committee.

The Committee noted the National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for 2012/13.

5. Chairpersons Business

The Committee noted the Clerk's memo regarding the co-ordinated Committee visit to Londonderry on 3rd October 2013.

The Committee noted all invites.

6. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: Members agreed the Forward Work Programme

Agreed: Members agreed to schedule a briefing from Foras na Gaeilge on: the replacement of the newspaper Gaelscéal; and the new funding model.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek the views of the Irish Language core funded organisations on the proposals for the new funding model.

7. Any Other Business

The Committee noted that its Motion on a 'Regional Library for Northern Ireland' was scheduled for debate in plenary on Tuesday 17th September.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it would support the Private Members' Motion scheduled for 17th September 2013 on a 'Day of Recognition for the Emergency Services'.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 12th September 2013 at the North West Regional College, Londonderry.

The meeting moved into closed session at 10.50am.

9. Correspondence – Closed Session

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to get an update on the

progress of the Stadia Redevelopment project, including: an update on discussions and timescale for a decision by the EU in respect of State Aid; her assessment of IFA's reassurances regarding their governance arrangements; and progress in resolving residents' concerns regarding Casement.

Members noted the Clerk's memo and related information on the CultureTECH festival.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.02am.

10. Investigation into Child Protection and Safeguarding across the Culture, Arts and Leisure Remit

The Committee discussed the recommendations in its Report.

Mr William Humphrey made a declaration that he is a Member of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11.12am.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting at 11.17am.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.19am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey returned to the meeting at 11.39am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerk should discuss the practical implementation of a number of draft recommendations with key stakeholders.

11. Strategic Planning – 2013/2014

Agreed: The Committee agreed its key priorities for the period 2013-14.

Mrs Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 11.48am.

Mrs Karen McKevitt rejoined the meeting at 11.49am.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11.58am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a session to look at effective questioning and budget scrutiny.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing with the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding funding for PhD research into dollaghans.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to undertake a piece of work to analyse the capacity and workability of venues used during the 2013 World Police and Fire Games.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley returned to the meeting at 12.03pm.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 12.21pm.

Mrs Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 12.24pm.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 12.26pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission research into community disengagement with the arts.

The Committee adjourned at 12:43pm.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
19th September 2013