



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

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

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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 10.18am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2013 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development regarding the timescale for the introduction of the Reservoirs Bill.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding Replay Theatre's BLISS project.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.21am.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Minister's response to the Committee's Inquiry into Maximising the Potential of the Creative

Industries until the officials briefing on 3rd October 2013.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting that the Committee is kept informed of her discussions regarding possible funding for a feasibility study into a Virtual Creative Industries School.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to write to the Minister seeking a timescale of her meetings with regarding the continuation of funding for QUB led research on the dollaghan.

Agreed : The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister on the Stadia Redevelopment project; and agreed to address any issues with officials during their briefing later in the meeting.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to seek assurances from the Minister that the timescale for the implementation of salmon conservation regulations is achievable.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding the Public Service Pensions Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ascertain from the Minister an assessment of the legacy of the World Police and Fire Games and legacy plans.

Briefing from Minister regarding DCAL's Business Plans 2013-14

The Minister joined the meeting at 10.25am, with the following official:

Deputy Secretary, Ms Cynthia Smith.

The Minister briefed the Committee.

Agreed : The Minister agreed to provide a hard copy of her opening statement to the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10. 42am.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to consider what other sporting events could be held in Northern Ireland ; and to provide this information to the Committee.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.37 am.

The Minister and her official left the meeting at 11.41am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11.41am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Libraries NI regarding accessibility of adult content online.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding the future of Exploris.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to write a letter of condolence to the family of Mr Paddy McFlynn.

5. DCAL Briefing on October Monitoring

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.43am:

Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Ms Deborah Brown;

Director of Culture, Mr Arthur Scott; and
Head of Sport and Lottery Branch, Mr Colin Watson.

The officials briefed the Committee.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt rejoined the meeting at 11.46am.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed : Officials agreed to provide to the Committee details of the budget allocated to Líofo; and a breakdown of spend to date.

Agreed : Officials agreed to provide to the Committee a breakdown of the spend on governing bodies.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11.58am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley rejoined the meeting at 12.00pm

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.05pm

Mr David Hilditch rejoined the meeting at 12.11pm

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.18pm .

Officials left the meeting at 12.18pm.

Agreed : The Committee agreed to write to the Minister expressing concern regarding the lateness of receiving briefing papers.

6. Correspondence

The Committee noted correspondence from Libraries NI regarding the Committee's

Motion on a Regional Library for Northern Ireland.

The Committee noted OFCOM's correspondence regarding applications for

Londonderry and Limavady local TV licences.

7. Chairperson's Business

The Committee noted the invitation tracker.

The Committee noted all invites.

Mr Michael McGimpsey rejoined the meeting at 12.22pm.

8. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

9. Any Other Business

Agreed : The Committee agreed to write to the Golfing Union of Ireland regarding disability access at clubs.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 3rd October 2013 in Magee College, Londonderry.

The Committee moved into closed session at 12.25pm.

11. DCAL Briefing regarding the Stadia Re-development Project

The following officials joined the meeting at 12.25pm:

Head of Sport and Lottery Branch, Mr Colin Watson; and
Director of Regional Stadium Programme, Mr Noel Molloy.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 12.44pm

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.47 pm

Mr William Humphrey rejoined the meeting at 12.51pm

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 1.00pm

Mr David Hilditch made a declaration that he is Chairman of an IFA Club.

Officials left the meeting at 1.04pm.

12. Consideration of the Committee Report into its Investigation into Consistency in

Child Protection across the Culture, Arts and Leisure Remit

Agreed: The Committee noted the Clerk's progress in reviewing the recommendations

and agreed to consider these again at the meeting on 3rd October 2013.

The Committee adjourned at 1.05p m.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure