



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2013
ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA

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

The Committee opened in public session at 10.22am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meetings held on the 28th November 2013 and 3rd December 2013.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister regarding the Membership of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Architecture and the Built Environment.

Agreed: The Committee reflected on the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture and the Built Environment's Membership; and agreed that, given the expertise and specialist skills of membership, it would be more appropriate for a stronger relationship and better communication links to be developed between the MAG and local government. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should liaise with department officials suggesting that this is raised during any departmental discussions with NILGA.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to request that she keep the Committee informed of the outcome of the Post Project Evaluation for the International Sports Event Programme.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister regarding her Department's performance as outlined in the European Priorities Implementation Report 2012-13.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister regarding additional funding for the Linenhall Library.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence from the Minister regarding additional funding for the Linenhall Library to Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA, in response to his letter to Committee.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister outlining her Department's position in respect of its Savings Delivery Plans.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding accessing funding for our local creative industries.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.29am.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding available funding to support high performance athletes.

The Committee noted Libraries NI's Mobile Library Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Libraries NI to request information on the implementation of its mobile library strategy and to assess how it will be monitored to ensure the strategy is effective.

The Committee noted the Report from the Independent Working Group Examining Boxing in Ulster.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Chair of the Independent Working Group Examining Boxing in Ulster to brief the Committee on the Group's report and recommendations.

The Committee noted the papers from the SPLISS Conference on 'Elite Sports Success – Society Boost or Not?'

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Sport NI to brief it on its involvement with the SPLISS project; and to forward the conference papers to the Assembly Researcher.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland to identify how it can take forward the Committee's recommendations in its Report on Gaps in Child Protection and Safeguarding across the Culture, Arts and Leisure.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee referring the NIAO Report into Sport NI's Project Management and Oversight of the St. Colman's Project onto the Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Sport NI to brief it on the NIAO Report into Sport NI's Project Management and Oversight of the St. Colman's Project in the New Year.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel enclosing a paper on outstanding departmental Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to seek an update in relation to its outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

The Committee noted the correspondence from PRONI inviting the Committee to meet there in the New Year.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to hold a meeting at PRONI in the New Year.

5. Chairpersons Business

The Committee noted the Clerk's memo regarding its recent meeting with the Commons Select Committee for Culture, Media and Sport about the latter's inquiry into the Future of the BBC.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to BBCNI, BBC Trust, local producers and NI Screen to ascertain their views on the Select Committee for Culture, Media and Sport's inquiry on the future of the BBC.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10.36am.

The Committee noted the invite tracker and all invites received.

6. Forward Work Programme

The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme for January and February.

7. Any Other Business

Mrs Karen McKeivitt made a declaration that she was a Member of Newry and Mourne District Council, which was involved in the St. Colman's project, which is now the subject of an NIAO Report into Sport NI's Project Management and Oversight of that project.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 16th January 2014 in Room 21 Parliament Buildings

The meeting was adjourned at 10.39am.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
16th January 2014

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____