



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 12th June 2014

Flowerfield Arts Centre, Portstewart

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mrs Karen McKevitt MLA

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)
Mr James Gilson (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:16 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 5 June 2014.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to look into how aspects of the proposed Private Member's Bill on rates relief for amateur sports clubs might impact on those clubs.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Clerk to the Regional Development Committee regarding timescales and outcomes with respect to that Committee's cycling Inquiry.

Noted: The Committee noted the NISRA Tourism Statistics 2013 Report.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding its input to the DARD proposals for a Fisheries Bill

Agreed: The Committee agreed to pursue a number of issues around angling tourism.

Mr David Hilditch MLA left the meeting at 10.24 am

Mr David Hilditch MLA re-joined the meeting at 10.34 am

4. Oral Briefing Flowerfield Arts Centre

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:35 am.

Mr Malcolm Murchison, Arts Officer and Arts Manager

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

5. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule an update briefing in the Autumn from the Minister on the priorities contained in her Department's 2014-2015 Business Plan.

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's Investment Strategy report for 2014-2015.

Noted: The Committee noted papers from the Finance and Personnel Committee around the Main Estimates 2014-2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding Financial Transactions Capital to the Department.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission to the OFMDFM Committee regarding its budget for 2015-2016.

6. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted the Invite Tracker and all invites received.

Noted: The Committee noted an invitation from the Chinese government for the Chairperson to visit China, accompanied by the Clerk.

Noted: The Committee noted Departmental officials will forward further information to the Committee regarding the June Monitoring Round, following the informal briefing with Members on 10th June 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for further details on resource bids under the Promoting Equality and Tackling poverty and Social Exclusion (PETPSE) and Together: Building A United Community (T:BUC) categories.

7. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA left the meeting at 10.50 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA re-joined the meeting at 11.00 am

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business

9. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 19th June 2014 at 10.00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings. There will be Inquiry briefings from the East Belfast Partnership and the Metropolitan Arts Centre (MAC).

The meeting was adjourned at 11.04 am

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

19th June 2014