



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 13th May 2014

ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

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

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA

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

The Committee opened in public session at 10:05 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 1st May 2014.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:10 am

2. Committee Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities – Oral Briefing from National Museums Northern Ireland (NMNI)

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:11 am.

Mr Paddy Gilmore, Director, Learning and Partnership, NMNI.

Ms Pamela Baird, Head of Strategy, NMNI.

Ms Jude Helliker, Director, People and Performance, NMNI.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to arrange a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10:30 am

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11:00 am

3. Briefing from Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co- Operative Society Ltd (Co-Op)

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:07 am

Mr Patrick Close, Chairman / Chief Executive, Co-Op

Mr Frankie Conlon, Director, Co-Op

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11:25 am

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11:40 am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to investigate whether the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Association is constituted.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:50 am

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 11:58 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12:05 pm

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:12 pm

4. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding anticipated input into the DARD fisheries Bill.

5. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Education Committee regarding the withdrawal of funding for the Northern Ireland Early Years Education Irish Immersion Support organisation – ALTRAM.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from DCAL regarding upcoming consultations.

Noted: The Committee noted receipt of the Annual Report and Accounts 2012 from Waterways Ireland.

Noted: The Committee noted the April 2014 Brussels Bulletin from Invest NI.

6. RaISe Briefing Note on the Theatres Act 1968

The Committee noted the briefing note concerning the Theatres Act 1968 and its relevance to Northern Ireland.

7. Chairperson's Business

The Committee noted the invite tracker and all invitations received.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from the DCAL Minister to a reception for the Ireland Rugby Team.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from the DCAL Minister to a reception for Cliftonville FC.

Noted: The Committee noted The Honourable The Irish Association's planned visit to Parliament Buildings.

8. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme and noted the postponement until 2 October 2014 of the visit to the Collections Resource Centre in Swords.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business

10. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Tuesday 27th May 2014 at 10.00am in the Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting moved to closed session at 12:25 pm.

11. DCAL reviews of Arms Length Bodies

The Committee considered:

The draft report of the DCAL Stage 1 and Stage 2 review of Northern Ireland Screen.

The draft report of the DCAL review of the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (AOP).

Agreed: The Committee agreed to continue its consideration at its next meeting.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
27th May 2014