



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 19th June 2014

Room 21 Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

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

The Committee opened in public session at 10:13 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on 12th June 2014.

3. Oral Briefing from East Belfast Partnership on Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:14 am:

Mr Roger Courtney, (Courtney Consulting) East Belfast Partnership.

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10:30 am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:44 am.

The witness left the meeting at 11:02 am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding its role and involvement with the East Belfast Partnership; and to ascertain whether there is funding available for the Partnership.

4. Oral Briefing from The MAC on Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11:05 am:

Mr Len O'Hagan, Chairman;

Ms Anne McReynolds, Chief Executive; and

Mr Ciaran McQuillan, Learning & Participation Officer (Youth & Communities).

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:33 am.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 11:37 am.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:40 am.

Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Mr William Humphrey made a declaration that he is Governor of Edenbrooke Primary School in Belfast.

Mr William Irwin returned to the meeting at 12:21 pm.

The witnesses left the meeting at 12:23 pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Health Minister to ascertain what level of engagement there has been with arts groups and venues across all Trusts.

5. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Regional Development Committee to DCAL in relation to its Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling.

6. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Explanatory Memorandum on the proposed European Film Forum to the Minister and NI Screen for their comments.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht regarding cultural support to DCAL; and to inform the Joint Committee of this action.

7. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted the Invite Tracker and all invites received.

Agreed: Further to the Committee's meeting last week with representatives of the Milk Cup, the Committee agreed to write to both DCAL and DETI Ministers regarding the availability of additional funding to extend the scheme by two weeks and to develop ladies football.

8. Forward Work Programme

The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

9. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Committee Office would look into holding a Committee meeting at the Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to contact the organisers of the Commonwealth Games 2014 Queen's Baton Relay and the 2014 Circuit of Ireland regarding issues relating to communications and marketing.

10. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 26th June 2014 at 10.00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings. There will be Inquiry briefings from New Lodge Arts and the Spectrum Centre.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 am.

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

26th June 2014