COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

ROOM 115, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

- Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson) Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson) Mr Dominic Bradley MLA Mr David Hilditch MLA Mr William Humphrey MLA Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA Mr Basil McCrea MLA Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
- Apologies: Mr Oliver McMullan MLA Mrs Karen McKevitt 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 10:15am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

3. Briefing from TAGIT Fishing Club

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.16am:

Chairman of TAGIT Fishing Club, Mr Bobby Cowan; Treasurer, Mr Gary McPhee; and Secretary, Mr Scott Lonsdale. The officials briefed the Committee.

Mr David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10.21am.

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10.33am.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.34am.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 10.46am.

Mr Basil McCrea rejoined the meeting at 10.47am.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 10:48am.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín made a declaration that he is a member of a number of angling associations and Chair of the Assembly's All Party Group on Angling.

Mr Basil McCrean left the meeting at 10.52am.

Mr William Irwin rejoined the meeting at 10.53am.

The Chairperson, Ms Michelle McIlveen, left the meeting at 10.53am. The Deputy Chairperson, Mr William Irwin, took the Chair at 10.53am.

Mr Basil McCrea rejoined the meeting at 10.53am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to visit the site of the proposed Angling Facility at Dundonald.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11.05am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.10am.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted OFMDFM's Report on Alleviating Hardship.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for an update on outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister seeking her response to the Committee's request for her assessment of the impact that the Public Service Pensions Bill will have on her Department and Arm's Length Bodies.

The Committee noted the Arts Council of Northern Ireland's Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2013.

5. Chairperson's Business

The Committee noted the invitation tracker.

The Committee noted all invites.

The Committee noted the European Commission press release on a new initiative regarding the promotion of physical activity.

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

8. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the outgoing Chief Executive of Waterways Ireland regarding his retirement.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 26th September 2013 in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

The Committee moved to closed session at 11.20am.

10. DCAL Briefing on Ownership of Assets

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.20 am:

Head of Finance Branch, Mr Michael O'Dowd; Deputy Principal Inland Fisheries Group, Mr Liam Devlin; and Department Official, Ms Rosemary Petrie.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Ms Rosie McCorley left the meeting at 11.25am.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.35am.

Mr William Humphrey made a declaration that he is a Member of Belfast City Council.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.39am.

Mr William Humphrey rejoined the meeting at 11.41am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.41am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.42am.

11. 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 26th September 2013.

12. Consideration of the Committee's End of Session Report 2012-13

Ms Rosie McCorley returned to the meeting at 11.45am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the End of Session Report for the period 2012-13 in principle. Members agreed to raise any issues/queries with the Clerk.

The Committee adjourned at 11.46am.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure 26th September 2013