

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2013

BOARD ROOM, UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER, JORDANSTOWN CAMPUS

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
Mrs Karen McKevitt MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

Apologies: Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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 meeting commenced in closed session at 10.15am.

1. Draft Terms of Reference for Committee Inquiry into Social Inclusion in the Arts

Members discussed the draft Terms of Reference.

Mrs Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.23am.

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10.24am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to revisions to the Terms of Reference and for the Clerk to circulate the agreed final version. The Committee agreed, in principle, to the concept of using a rapporteur throughout the inquiry; and to consider the launch plan at next week's meeting.

The meeting moved into open session at 10.31am.

2. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 14th November 2013.

4. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request any outstanding responses that were due in October 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for a breakdown of the advertising budget allocated for Líofo and for assurances that it complies with advertising protocols within the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister for the Environment regarding the timescale of the Working Group on the Review of Archaeological Archives.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to brief the Committee on the Tourism Events Strategy 2020.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10.33am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding availability of funding for elite athletes from the Lottery and other sources.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek an oral briefing from the Department on its response to the Public Accounts Committee Report on DCAL's Management of Capital Projects.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek an oral briefing from the Department on an update on the Stadia Redevelopment project.

The Committee noted the Clerk's Memo providing an analysis of the European Priorities Implementation Plan.

The Committee noted a paper from the University of Ulster's Sports Academy on healthy lifestyles in socially disadvantaged areas.

5. DCAL Briefing on its Review of its Arms-Length Bodies

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.45am:

Deputy Secretary, **Ms Cynthia Smith**;
Director of Sport, Museums and Recreation, **Mr Mick Cory**; and

Head of ALB Review Unit, **Mr Paul McAllister**.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 11.12am.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11.13am.

Mr Basil McCrea rejoined the meeting at 11.17am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.25am.

Mr David Hilditch declared that he has received funding from Sport NI and is Chairman of Carrick Rangers Football Club and a Member of a Football Association.

Mr Michael McGimpsey rejoined the meeting at 11.36am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.38am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to have meeting on Tuesday 3rd December to consider the draft papers received by the Department on the Stage 2 Review of Sport NI and National Museums Northern Ireland.

6. Briefing from DCAL and Derry City Council regarding the Legacy of 2013 UK City of Culture

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.43am:

Head of 2013 Projects Team, DCAL, **Ms Joanna McConway**;
Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Derry City Council, **Ms Sharon O'Connor**; and
Director of Legacy, Derry City Council, **Ms Oonagh McGillion**.

The officials briefed the Committee.

Agreed: The DCAL official agreed to return to brief the Committee at a later date on the detail of the Minister's plans on DCAL's legacy of the UK City of Culture project.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.45am.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11.48am.

Mr Basil McCrea rejoined the meeting at 11.50am.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11.55am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.04pm.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 12.07pm.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.12pm.

Mr Oliver McMullan rejoined the meeting at 12.20pm.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 12.20pm.

Mr David Hilditch rejoined the meeting at 12.24pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write: a congratulatory letter to Hull as the UK City of Culture in 2017; and an invite letter to the Secretary of State for Culture, Ms Maria Miller MP, to visit Londonderry during its tenure as UK City of Culture 2013.

7. Briefing from the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Association

The following officials joined the meeting at 12.33pm:

Dr William McCrea, MP;

Mr William Nelson, Member of the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Association;

Mr Oliver Headley, Member of the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Association; and

Mr David Mulholland, Member of the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Association.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: Officials agreed to provide to the Committee a copy of a letter from the Lough Neagh Co-operative Society.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 1.00pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding the governance arrangements for its funding to the Lough Neagh Co-operative Society and on issues including quality of eels; and to DETI regarding its role as holder of the Company's Register.

Officials left the meeting at 1.27pm.

8. Correspondence

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted correspondence from Sport NI on its consultations on the equality screening of the following policies: active clubs; risk management policy – update on legal challenge; risk management policy and strategy; and pure winner strategy.

The Committee noted papers from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on the Rugby World Cup 2023; and Tourism Strategy 2014/2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee on the Green Investment Bank to the Department; and to suggest that DCAL considers this funding for future capital projects which incorporate energy efficiency measures.

The Committee noted correspondence regarding the sources of funding received by the Ulster Orchestra.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Arts and Business to orally brief the Committee on issues and challenges in securing corporate sponsorship; and to write to Professor Osborn to advise him of the Committee's action in this regard.

9. Chairpersons Business

The Committee noted the Northern Ireland Museums Council's Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2012/13.

The Committee noted the Invite tracker.

The Committee noted all invites received.

The Committee noted the Clerk's Memo and the European Commission's Press Release on State Aid support for film and other audio visual works.

10. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the forward work programme

11. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Chair should submit a Foreword for the annual Festival of Marching Bands publication, in line with previous years.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer discussion on the conference on developing elite athletes until next week's meeting.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 28st November 2013 in Room 21 Parliament Buildings

The meeting was adjourned at 1.31pm.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
28th November 2013

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____