



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 26th 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 Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA

Apologies: Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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 10:10 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on 19th June 2014.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Report on Creative Industries Economic Estimates.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek a briefing from the Department to update Members on its response to the Committee's Creative Industries Inquiry.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from Sport NI regarding the women in sport.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request briefings from Sport NI regarding women in sport and other issues.

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10:15 am

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding the Department's sub-regional capital programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request a briefing on the sub-regional capital programme once it has been agreed by the Executive.

Noted: The Committee noted the update from the Minister on the Review Report on the Sign Language Partnership Group Strategic Direction.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding cracked glass and panels at the PRONI building in Belfast.

4. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence received from the Loughside Concerned Residents group (via the Education Committee) to the Minister for her comments.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the 'Potential for bringing Lough Neagh into public ownership – a scoping study' report from the ARD Committee to the Minister for comment.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from Sport NI regarding equality screening.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the British Long-Bow in Ireland team following recent successes.

5. Oral Briefing from New Lodge Arts on Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:20 am

Katrina Newell – Head of Arts and Youth Development, New Lodge Arts

Anne Delaney – Operations Manager, New Lodge Arts

Ryan McMahon – Office Assistant, New Lodge Arts

Ciombhlin O’Neill - Programme Participant, New Lodge Arts

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:54 am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 10:59 am

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:00 am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:01 am

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 11:05 am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:12 am

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11:16 am

6. Oral Briefing from The Spectrum Centre on Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11: 20 am.

Mr Mervyn Bell – General Manager, Spectrum Centre

Mr Bobby Foster – Programme Manager, Spectrum Centre

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11:22 am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:30 am

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:37 am

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 11:40 am

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey declared interests as former member of the Board of the Greater Shankill Partnership and Board member of the Shankill Tourism Partnership.

Mr William Irwin re-joined the meeting at 12:10 pm

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:15 pm

7. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted the Invite Tracker and all invites received.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to delegate authority for responding to Freedom of Information requests during summer recess to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:28 pm

8. Forward Work Programme

The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business

The Committee moved to closed session at 12.30 pm.

10. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 3rd July 2014 at 10.00am in the Skainos Centre, Newtownards Road, Belfast. There will be Inquiry briefings from NI Theatre Association and Etcetera

The meeting was adjourned at 12.49 pm

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

3rd July 2014