

**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**PRONI, TITANIC BOULEVARD**

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  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr Basil McCrea MLA  
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

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

*The Committee opened in closed session at 11.18am.*

**1. Committee Consideration of DCAL's Stage 2 Review of Arm's Length Bodies**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed its response to the Department on the Stage 2 Arm's Length Bodies review of Sport NI and National Museums Northern Ireland.

The Committee noted the Written Ministerial Statement on salmon conservation measures.

*The Committee moved into public session at 11.21am.*

**2. Apologies**

The apologies are noted above.

**3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development regarding the Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

The Committee noted the RAISE briefing on Regional and Minority Language Academies.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to explore options for a Committee visit to an existing language academy.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to contact Belfast City Council and Northern Ireland Tourist Board regarding the plans that are being undertaken for an event around Hume / Dunlop's inventions regarding cycling.

#### **5. Oral Briefing by DCAL briefing regarding Delivering Tomorrow's Libraries**

*The following officials joined the meeting at 11.25am:*

DCAL's Museums & Libraries Branch, Mr Ciarán Mee;  
DCAL's Head of Research & Statistics Branch, Ms Orla Bateson; and  
Libraries NI's Director of Library Services, Ms Helen Osborn.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

*Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.54am.*

*Agreed:* Officials agreed to provide to the Committee figures demonstrating an increase in usage of libraries in the Greater Belfast area.

*Officials left the meeting at 12.03pm.*

*Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.03pm.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to consider its response to the draft Public Library Standards at next week's meeting.

*Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.05pm.*

#### **6. Oral Briefing from DCAL regarding Lóifa Initiative**

*The following officials joined the meeting at 12.06pm:*

Director of Culture, Mr Arthur Scott; and  
Head of Languages and Waterways, Mr Jerome Dawson.

The officials briefed the Committee.

*Mr Dominic Bradley returned to the meeting at 12.08pm.*

*Ms Rosaleen McCorley returned to the meeting at 12.10pm.*

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* Officials agreed to provide a copy of the high level impact assessment undertaken on the Líofo initiative; and a demographic breakdown of those who participated in the Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme.

*Officials left the meeting at 12.43pm.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Minister: to outline her discussions with Foras na Gaeilge regarding whether it will deliver the Líofo initiative; and to address concerns regarding the collation of information of the people participating in Líofo, to ensure the Department can demonstrate it is meeting its own priorities in tackling social exclusion and poverty.

*Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.44pm.*

#### **7. Consideration of DCAL response to Committee's Inquiry into Gaps in Child Protection across CAL Remit DCAL Response**

*Mr Cathal Ó hOisín returned to the meeting at 12.47pm.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland and the Department regarding the Committee's recommendations for a Chartermark.

#### **8. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the North South Language Body Annual Report and Accounts for 2011.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking for comments in relation to the North South Language Body Annual Report and Accounts 2011 in relation to issues around expenditure and spend on rent.

The Committee noted DCAL's Investing Activity Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to postpone the Community Festivals Fund briefing, as requested by the Department.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the OFMDFM Committee regarding the Joint Ministerial Council (Europe) report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to ask DCAL for comment on the Terms of Reference of the OFMDFM Committee's inquiry into the Barosso Task Force.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to DCAL, Sport NI and Swim Ireland for an assessment of the support they could provide to Hope for Youth's proposal of cross community swimming event.

## **9. Chairperson Business**

The Committee noted the Invite tracker.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed: to write a letter of congratulations to Ards Ladies Hockey Club on its Indoor Championship win; and to write to the Minister regarding the club's success and suggest she invite them to her Celebration of Sport event.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write a letter of congratulations to Mr Ryan McParland on his nomination for the Irish Times Irish Theatre Awards for his performance in Summertime.

The Committee noted all invites received.

The Committee noted that the Chair will speak at Audiences NI's conference.

## **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed its Press Release on its event marking Creativity Month.

## **11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **12. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10.00am in the Grand Opera House.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.55pm.

**Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2014**