



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 27th May 2014

ROOM 30 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley 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 10:13 am.

1. Apologies

None.

Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 13th May 2014.

2. Committee Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities – Oral Briefing from Martin Lynch

*The following witness joined the meeting at 10:16 am.
Mr Martin Lynch playwright*

The witness briefed the Committee.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:25 am

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10:29 am

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey joined the meeting at 10:47 am

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11:00 am

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 11:00 am

Mr William Irwin re-joined the meeting at 11:21 am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the MAC to present to the committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Ulster Orchestra to brief the Committee.

3. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding responsibility for paying for replacement glass in the PRONI Building.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting further details on plans for improved cycling facilities in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Minister for an update re DSD's Sport in the Community Programme.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from Sport NI regarding the number of women at board level for funded governing bodies.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:38 am

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:59am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12:00 pm

4. RaISe Briefing Notes on the Commonwealth Games and Sign Language

Noted: The Committee noted the briefing notes concerning the Commonwealth Games and Sign Language and its relevance to Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting an update regarding sign language.

5. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee noted the DCAL 2013 World Police and Fire Games Legacy Report and agreed to invite Volunteer NI to brief the Committee on the benefits of the volunteer programme at the games. The Committee agreed to forward the Legacy report to DOE and DOJ.

Agreed: The Committee noted the Written Ministerial Statement regarding the fish kill at the ESB power station in Ballyshannon and agreed to pursue the issue further with the Minister.

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's letter to the Education Committee regarding early years Education funding arrangements and ALTRAM's loss of funding.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel to DCAL regarding Mr Daithí McKay MLA's proposed Private Members Bill seeking rates exemption for Amateur Sports Clubs.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence regarding the Tapestry of Colours online educational programme.

6. Chairperson's Business

The Committee noted the invite tracker and all invitations received.

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme

8. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write a letter of thanks to Ms Megan Ward in recognition of her contribution to the CAL Committee's work this session as part of the NI Assembly Bursary Programme.

The meeting moved to closed session at 11:55 am.

9. DCAL draft reviews of Armagh Observatory and Planetarium and Northern Ireland Screen

The Committee considered draft reports of the DCAL Reviews of Northern Ireland Screen and the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister with its conclusions.

10. DCAL draft review of Arts Council Northern Ireland

The Committee considered the DCAL draft Review of the Arts Council Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister with its conclusions.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Tuesday 5th June 2014 at 10.00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

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

5th June 2014