



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2013
ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (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 McKeivitt MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

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 Committee started in closed session at 10.08am.

1. Draft Terms of Reference for Committee Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.12am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the communications plan for the launch of its Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

The meeting moved into open session at 10.14am.

2. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 21st November 2013.

4. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding responsibilities for the development of cycling in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward onto the Minister of copy of the University of Ulster's briefing paper on its Sports Academy; and to suggest to the Minister that she may wish to meet with the University about its Academy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Minister of the Environment's letter about cycling safety initiatives onto Sustrans.

Agreed: The Committee noted Sport NI's written briefing paper on its draft Outdoor Recreation Plan; and agreed to defer consideration of the paper until the New Year when Sport NI will brief Committee.

The Committee noted the copy of the Minister's speech outlining her plans for the UK City of Culture legacy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer discussion about the Minister's speech on the legacy plans for the UK City of Culture until the New Year, when the Minister will brief the Committee.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Department providing the timescale for its upcoming consultations on the Community Festival Fund and the Mid Term review of Sport Matters.

5. BBC NI Briefing on Commissioning of Local Programming and the BBC Charter Renewal

The following official joined the meeting at 10.18am:

Director, BBC NI, Mr Peter Johnston.

The official briefed the committee

A question and answer session followed

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.30am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10.47am.

Agreed: The BBC official agreed to check on how the use of the Irish Language during Assembly Plenary debates is reflected during ‘Stormont Today’.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.06am.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 11.15am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11.24am.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.25am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt returned to the meeting at 11.28am.

Mr Oliver McMullan returned to the meeting at 11.31am.

Agreed: The BBC official agreed to keep the Committee informed of the process for the renewal of the BBC Charter.

The official left the meeting at 11.31am.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11.31am.

6. Briefing from DCAL on January Monitoring

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.31am:

Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Ms Deborah Brown; and Head of Finance, Mr Michael O’Dowd.

The officials briefed the committee

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín returned to the meeting at 11.35am.

A question and answer session followed

Agreed: Officials agreed to provide to the Committee a detailed breakdown of: the reallocation of money for inescapable pressures; and capital and resource easements.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.44am.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11.45am.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.50am.

Agreed: Officials agreed to provide details on the depreciation, particularly outlining the detail of what is being revalued.

Officials left the meeting at 11.50am.

7. Briefing from DCAL on Salmon Conservation Regulations: Consultation Outcomes

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.50am:

Head of Inland Fisheries, Mr Aidan Cassidy;
Chief Fisheries Officer, Mr Seamus Connor; and
DCAL Official, Mr Liam Devlin.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Michael McGimpsey returned to the meeting at 12.04pm.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 12.07pm.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín declared that he is an angler.

Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 12.11pm.

Agreed: Officials agreed to update the Committee in the New Year with the final
Proposals following the consultation.

Officials left the meeting at 12.24pm.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.24pm.

8. Correspondence

The Committee noted DCAL's Investing Activity Report.

The Committee noted the Hansard Transcripts from the recent Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee meeting regarding the future of Exploris.

9. Chairpersons Business

The Committee noted the Invite tracker

The Committee noted the European Commission's press release on the Creative Europe programme.

10. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a visit to the Collections Resource Centre in Swords on 9th January 2014.

11. Any Other Business

Mr Oliver McMullan returned to the meeting at 12.28pm.

Mr David Hilditch informed the Committee about the SPLISS Conference on developing elite sports athletes.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Sport NI to brief it in the New Year on its involvement in the SPLISS programme.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2013 in Room 144 Parliament Buildings

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
3rd December 2013