



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 3rd July 2014

Skainos Centre, Belfast

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
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mrs Karen McKeivitt 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 10:16 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10:17 am

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on 26th June 2014.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the DCAL response re Cycling Facilities in Northern Ireland to Cycling Ireland and Cycling Ulster

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the DCAL response re the Boxing Investment Programme to the Committee for Social Development.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the DCAL response re post 2015 Funding for the IFA, Ulster GAA and Ulster Rugby to the three sporting bodies.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the RFU Ulster Branch to the Minister for Social Development re the Sport in the Community Programme.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the BBC Director General, Lord Hall, accepting an invitation from the Committee to an event in Parliament Buildings at a date to be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward a letter from the Prison Arts Foundation to the Justice and DCAL Ministers asking for comments.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister to Mr Trevor Clarke MLA re funding for Orangfest events.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department to the Regional Development Committee re that Committee's Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence the Enterprise Trade and Investment Committee regarding the work of European Liaison Officers.

Noted: The Committee noted the Draft DCAL Disability Action Plan 2013-2015 and Five Year Review of Disability Action Plans.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:23 am

Noted: The Committee noted the Hansard Report from the Agriculture Committee re the DARD briefing to that Committee re the Lough Neagh Cross-departmental Working Group report.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Investment Strategy Report for June 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence re appointments to the Board of NI Screen.

5. Oral Briefing from Northern Ireland Theatre Association on Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:26 am

Mr Ciaran McAuley, NITA Board Member, (Lyric Theatre)

Ms Emma Jordan, NITA Vice Chair, (Prime Cut Productions)

Ms Ali Fitzgibbon, NITA Member (Young at Art Children's Festival)

Mr John Davison, NITA Board Member, (Terra Nova Productions)

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:32 am

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11:36 am

Mr Cathal O hÓisín left the meeting at 11:40 am

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:42 am

Mr Cathal O hÓisín re-joined the meeting at 11:47 am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12:00 pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask Belfast City Council to brief the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite NILGA to brief the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek arts and drama funding information from the Department for Education.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask Dr Hull to prepare a Briefing Paper on the range of foundations and trusts which provide funding for the Arts in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek information regarding the level of signposting for arts activities undertaken by Tourism Information centres in the various council areas.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek an update from the Replay Theatre Company on the BLISS project.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12:04 pm

6. Oral Briefing from etcetera theatre company on Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 12:06 am.

Mr Chris Hudson, Chairperson, etcetera theatre company
Mr Connal Parr, Board Member, etcetera theatre company
Mr William Mitchell, Artistic Director, etcetera theatre company

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal O hÓisín left the meeting at 12:07 pm

Mr Cathal O hÓisín re-joined the meeting at 12:08 pm

Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12:21 pm

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12:21 pm

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 12:27 pm

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.33pm

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:34 pm

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:37 pm

Mr Cathal O hÓisín left the meeting at 12:49 pm

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12:49 pm

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:49 pm

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12:55 pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12:57 pm

7. RaISe Briefing Paper on Motorsport Infrastructure in Northern Ireland

Noted: The Committee noted the above RaISe Briefing Paper.

8. RaISe Briefing Paper on Potential Witnesses for the Scrutiny of Angling Tourism

Noted: The Committee noted the above RaISe Briefing Paper.

9. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted the Invite Tracker and all invites received.

10. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

11. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Regional Development to seek a further extension for submissions of expressions of interest re NI Water asset disposal 2014-15.

12. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place at the Waterways Ireland Head Office in Enniskillen on Thursday 11th September 2014 at 10.00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 13.05 am

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

11 September 2014