

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2014

GRAND OPERA HOUSE, BELFAST

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley 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 public session at 10.22am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 27th February 2014.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed its response to the draft Public Library Standards and that this should be forwarded to the Minister.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting that it is kept informed of the progress in her discussions with Minister Farry regarding the development of a wider strategic framework for the performing arts.

Agreed: The Committee agreed: to write to the Minister requesting that it is kept informed of any developments in the feasibility study for a velodrome; and to forward the Minister's response to the Committee's Velodrome report onto Cycling Ireland and Ulster Sports Academy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Cycling Ulster regarding its plans to mark the anniversary of the invention of the racing bike and pneumatic tyres, during the Giro d'Italia.

The Committee noted correspondence from Dr William McCrea MP, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding issues raised by the Lough Neagh Fisherman's Association.

Agreed: The Committee agreed: to write to Dr McCrea MP to provide an update on the Committee's actions to date regarding the issues raised by the Lough Neagh Fisherman's Association; and to schedule to briefing by the Lough Neagh Co-operative Society.

4. RaISE Briefing on International Sports Competitions

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.31am:

Dr Dan Hull, Assembly Researcher; and
Mr Chris Buchanan, Research and Bursary Student.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Agreed: Officials agreed to consider requirements needed for attracting world games to Northern Ireland.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.58am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.02am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the briefing paper to the Department for information.

5. Oral Briefing by DCAL briefing regarding Post Project Evaluation Outcomes of World Police and Fire Games

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.03am:

DCAL's Head of 2013 Projects Team, Ms Joanna McConway; and
CEO of World Police and Fire Games, Mr John Tully.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11.34am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.43am.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.43am.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 11.44am.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.50am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey returned to the meeting at 11.52am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.54am.

6. DCAL Written Briefing on Evaluation of Cultural Programme for World Police and Fire Games

The Committee noted the written briefing from DCAL on the Evaluation of the Culture Programme for the World Police and Fire Games.

7. Correspondence

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department on Actual and Forecast Outturn.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding Financial Transactions Capital onto the Department.

Mr Oliver McMullan returned to the meeting at 11.55am.

8. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted the Clerk's Memo outlining the itinerary for the Committee's Stakeholder event to mark Creativity Month, to be held following the meeting.

The Committee noted the Invite tracker and all invites received.

9. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme

10. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Clerk of the Assembly regarding the installation of cameras to cover Committee meetings in Room 21.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 13th March 2014 at 10.00am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.02pm.

Mr William Irwin MLA

Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

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