

**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

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

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

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 meeting opened in closed session at 10.11am.*

**1. Draft Terms of Reference for Committee Inquiry into Social Inclusion in the Arts**

Member discussed the draft Terms of Reference for an Inquiry into social inclusion in the arts.

*Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.24am.*

*Agreed:* Members agreed that the Terms of Reference should target specific groups. It was agreed that the Clerk should amend the Terms of Reference to reflect Members' discussions for further consideration at the next Committee meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to consider the use of a rapporteur at the next meeting.

## **2. Investigation into Gaps in Child Protection and Safeguarding across the Culture, Arts and Leisure Remit**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to the draft Press Release for the launch of its Investigation Report into Gaps in Child Protection and Safeguarding across the Culture, Arts and Leisure remit.

*The meeting moved into open session at 10.31am.*

## **3. Apologies**

The apologies are noted above.

## **4. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

## **5. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Minister and request the Post Project Evaluation for the Líofo Birthday Event 2013; and to request the outstanding information regarding budget and spend to date on Líofo.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development acknowledging receipt of the Committee's correspondence regarding limits in participation numbers for road cycling races.

## **6. Research and Information Service Briefing on Recent Developments in Architectural Policy across UK and Ireland**

*Dr. Dan Hull, Assembly Researcher, joined the meeting at 10.33am.*

The official briefed the Committee.

*Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10.36am.*

A question and answer session followed.

*The official left the meeting at 10.51am.*

## **7. Briefing from DCAL on its Review of the Architectural and Built Environment Policy**

*Mr Richard Lutton, DCAL official, joined the meeting at 10.51am.*

The official briefed the Committee

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* The official agreed to provide details of the Membership of the Ministerial Advisory Group.

*The official left the meeting at 11.24am.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to: suggest that consideration be given for NILGA representation on the Ministerial Advisory Group; explore whether DCAL is the best place for the Architecture and Built Environment policy to sit; and explore why DCAL is not a statutory responcee to planning decisions.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to consider the following agenda items next: Correspondence; Chairperson's Business; and Forward Work Programme.

## **8. Correspondence**

The Committee noted DCAL's Investment Strategy Report.

The Committee noted the ETI Committee's correspondence to DCAL regarding Exploris.

The Committee noted DEL's Press Release announcing a new Performing Arts and Innovation Centre for Bangor.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to: the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to ascertain whether she had any discussions with DEL regarding a Performing Arts Centre; and to the Minister for Employment and Learning to ascertain: whom he consulted with regarding the new facility; to outline the work of the Committee regarding Performing Arts; and to seek assurances that his Department is working within a strategic and coherent framework.

*Agreed:* As part of its ongoing work into Performing Arts, the Committee agreed to undertake a study visit to London to see the Barbican and Arts Ed.

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

The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMDFM Committee regarding the European Priorities Implementation Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Clerk should review the European Priorities Implementation Report and report to the Committee on issues relating to culture, arts and leisure.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the OFMDFM Committee regarding availability of briefings to Statutory Committees by the Barroso Task Force Desk Officers.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing in the New Year from the Barroso Task Force Desk Officers.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department for timescales of its upcoming consultations.

The Committee noted correspondence about the advertisement of public appointments to the Board of the Armagh Observatory and the Ministerial Advisory Group on Architecture and the Built Environment.

*Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11.39am.*

*Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.40am.*

The Committee noted the correspondence from Audience NI on its Annual Review 2013.

## **9. Chairpersons Business**

The Committee noted the invitation tracker.

The Committee noted press coverage regarding the Ulster Scots Agency's accounts for 2010.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite the Ulster Scot's Agency to brief it in the New Year.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to sponsor a textile event on behalf of Arts for All in December.

*Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.45am.*

*Mr William Humphrey rejoined the meeting at 11.45am.*

## **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to receive a briefing from the Department on sign language in the New Year.

## **11. Briefing from Sustrans regarding Cycling Issues**

*The following officials joined the meeting at 11.47am:*

National Director for NI and ROI, Mr Gordon Clarke; and  
Deputy Director for NI and ROI, Mr Steven Patterson.

*Mr Oliver McMullan rejoined the meeting at 11.56am.*

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* Officials agreed to provide to the Committee contact details for the Legacy Committee for the Giro d'Italia and the Schools Committee.

*Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.12pm.*

*Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.26pm.*

*Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 12.30pm.*

*Mr Michael McGimpsey rejoined the meeting at 12.33pm.*

*Mr David Hilditch rejoined the meeting at 12.37pm.*

*Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.47pm.*

*Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 12.48pm.*

*Officials left the meeting at 12.54pm.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to: request a written briefing from Sport NI on its draft Outdoor Recreation Plan; write to Waterways Ireland and the Minister regarding the redevelopment of canal paths for cycling; and to write to the Minister regarding the need for the co-ordination of cycling promotion and for the Minister's thoughts on a cycling network.

## **12. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **13. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Board Room at University of Ulster's Jordanstown Campus

The meeting was adjourned at 12.55pm.

**Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**  
**14<sup>th</sup> November 2013**