



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 13th November 2014

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

Present:

Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA

Apologies: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Leslie Cree MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)
Mr James Gilsonan (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)
Mr James Hurley (Bursary Student)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:24 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the Committee meeting held on 6th October 2014.

3. Briefing DCAL on Sign Language Review

The following DCAL witnesses joined the meeting at 10:28 am.

Ms Martina Campbell Head of Languages & Waterways Ireland Branch

Mr Tommy McAuley Manager of the Sign Language Partnership Group

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal O hOisín declared an interest having worked with groups in the sector.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 10:31 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 10:32 am

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:32 am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:20 am

Mr Cathal ÓhOisín left the meeting at 11:22 am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:24 am

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:27 am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to UTV and BBC regarding their respective policies on signing for programmes.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward relevant papers to: Employment and Learning, Environment, Health, Social Services and Public Safety and OFMdFM Committees and the Ministers for Education, Employment and Learning and Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Agreed: the Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding survey data on sign language usage.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that Committee staff should establish from colleagues the provision of signed engagement with charities and relevant groups.

4. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities Briefing from Belfast City Council.

The following Belfast City Council officials joined the meeting at 11:30 am.

Mr Brian Johnston Manager Tourism, Culture & Arts

Ms Eimear Henry Assistant Manager, Tourism, Culture & Arts

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey declared an interest as former Chair of the BCC Development Committee.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:31 am

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:31 am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:32 am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 11:45 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 11:47 am

Ms Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 12:00pm

Mrs Karen McKevitt re-joined the meeting at 12:05 pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include the BCC briefing papers as evidence for the Inquiry.

5. Briefing from Irish Bowling Association on issues facing minority sports.

The following Irish Bowling Association officials joined the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Mr John Millar Honorary Secretary

Mr David Graham, Honorary Treasurer

Mr Colin Campbell Honorary Assistant Secretary

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12:15 pm

6. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

7. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

8. Chairperson Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Room 30, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 20th November 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
20th November 2014**