



**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Spectrum Centre, Belfast**

Present: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr William Humphrey MLA  
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA  
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr Leslie Cree MLA  
Mr David Hilditch MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA

Apologies: Mr Basil McCrea MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Mr James Gilson (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

*The Committee opened in public session at 10:18*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

## **2. Draft Minutes**

The draft minutes for the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 meetings were approved with one amendment.

## **3. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities – Audiences NI**

The following Audiences NI officials joined the meeting at 10:21 am.

Mrs Margaret Henry	Chief Executive
Ms Eileen Mullan,	Chairperson

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Oliver McMullan joined the meeting at 10:26 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín joined the meeting at 10:26 am

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10:55 am

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 10:59 am

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11:08 am

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Audiences NI requesting further information regarding engagement with communities outside Greater Belfast, particularly rural communities.

## **4. Briefing by Disability Sports NI**

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:09 am

Mr Kevin O'Neill	Chief Executive Officer, Disability Sport NI
Ms Angela Hendra,	Chairperson, Disability Sport NI
Ms Jan Dinsdale	Blind Sports Network, NI

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11:30

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 11:35

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:44

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:50

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11:51 am

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to draft a response regarding the Draft Budget 2015 – 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Disability Sport NI pledging ongoing support.

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed to write to Sport NI seeking further details on its relationship with Disability Sport NI.

## **5. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to return to correspondence from Foras na Gaeilge when when officials brief the Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the response from DCAL re Creative Arts ‘Virtual’ School to Talent Tribe and NI Screen.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the DETI Minister to NI Screen and to ask for an update on NI Screen’s conversations with BBC.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding sub-regional stadia development.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence from DCAL on the Ministerial Action Group on Creative Industries.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from DETI regarding safety equipment to the NW200 Organising Committee.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI regarding the continued support of NW 200.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI regarding engagement with Dale Farm Milk Cup regarding the 2015 competition.

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed to invite the IABA Operations Manager to brief the Committee in March/April 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the draft letter to the BBC Director General be sent.

## **6. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the EU Matters correspondence.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence from DCAL re sickness levels.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:59

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:00

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12:07

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12:23

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12:25

## **7. Chairs Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the DCAL section of the Education and Training Inspectorate's 2010-14 Report.

## **8. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme

## **9. AOB**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI requesting details of its engagement with the Erasmus + Programme.

## **10. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place at the DCAL Offices, Causeway Exchange, Belfast on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting opened in closed session at 12:40

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2014**