



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 20th November 2014

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Leslie Cree MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA

Apologies: Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mrs Karen McKevitt MLA

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

The Committee opened in closed session at 10:15am.

The Committee opened in public session at 11:50 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the Committee meeting held on 13th October 2014.

3. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities Briefing from Arts Council Northern Ireland (ACNI).

The following ACNI officials joined the meeting at 11:55 am.

Noirín McKinney Director of Arts Development

Lorraine McDowell Director of Operations

The witnesses briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Dominic Bradley joined the meeting at 12:04 pm

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12:21 pm

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12:35 pm

Mr Leslie Cree left the meeting at 12:38 pm

Mr Leslie Cree re-joined the meeting at 12:39 pm

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12:40 pm

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12:49 pm

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12:50 pm

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12:51 pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12:53 pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the BBC Director General regarding funding of the Ulster Orchestra.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking for the per capita spend on the Arts as compared to other jurisdictions.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request the latest Councils' per capita spend on the arts from ACNI.

Agreed: the Committee agreed to contact the Ulster Orchestra for an update on their position.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that staff should enquire further into event screenings at local cinemas.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister reference the meeting with the BBC Director General.

4. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding designated sub-regional sports grounds.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the IFA regarding the accommodation of the needs of visiting teams.

Noted: The Committee agreed to revisit the Department's correspondence regarding sub-regional stadia at the meeting on 25th November 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding her recent meeting with the BBC Director General.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 1.05 pm

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 1:23 pm

5. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding the scope of its upcoming Arts Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request additional information from the Department regarding the upcoming consultation on the Sub-Regional Stadia Programme.

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's actual outturn to September end and forecast outturn from October 2014 to March 2015.

Noted: The Committee noted the NI Screen Annual Report and Accounts to 31st March 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding a recent security issue relating to the Líoífa website.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 1:25 pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 1: 26 pm

6. Chairperson's Business

Agreed: The Committee approved draft correspondence to the Department regarding Líofo with amendments.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Foras Na Gaeilge to brief Members.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding anticipated correspondence collating funding figures for the MAGUS and Ulster Scots Agency.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to send Christmas cards to organisations that have briefed or hosted the Committee in 2014.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 1:29 pm

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the forward work programme

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business

9. 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 Building Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 12.45 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:44 pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
25th November 2014**