



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 18th September 2014

Lyric Theatre, 55 Ridgeway Street, Belfast

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

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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 10:21 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on 11th September 2014.

3. Oral Briefing from The Lyric Theatre

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:25 am

Mr Ciaran McAuley, Chief Operating Officer, The Lyric Theatre

Mr Philip Crawford, Creative Learning Manager, The Lyric Theatre

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10:30 am

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 10:52 am

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 10:54 am

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:20 am

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting 11:29 am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:32 am

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11:34 am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:35 am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Lyric Theatre requesting further details of their audience range.

4. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the IABA for an update on its response to the Independent Review of Boxing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting details of the current position of the Business Case for the Central Library re-development.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the IFA and the Department for further details on the sub-regional stadia development programme.

5. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting an update on the current position of her Department's outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Arts Council NI requesting details of how it plans to absorb funding reductions.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister asking for details of any outreach work agreed when her Department provided a grant towards the staging of Carl Frampton's IBF Super Bantamweight title fight at Titanic Slipway, Belfast.

Noted: The Committee noted The Section 75 equality screening consultations from Sport NI.

6. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted all invitations received.

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to host events around China National Day at the beginning of October and in support of the Culture MOU signed between the Executive and the government of the People's Republic of China.

8. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Down Camogie team congratulating them on their recent success.

9. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Room 21 Parliament Buildings on Thursday 25th September 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

25th September 2014