



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 25th September 2014

Room 21 Parliament Buildings

- Present: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
- Apologies: Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

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

The Committee opened in public session at 10:12 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

Agreed: Members agreed to write to Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA to thank her for her work as Committee Chairperson.

Agreed: Members agreed to write to Mr William Irwin MLA to thank him for his work as Committee Deputy Chairperson.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on 18th September 2014.

3. Oral Briefing from DCAL October Monitoring

Agreed: Members agreed to postpone the briefing until Monday 29th September 2014.

Agreed: Members agreed to write to the Minister expressing disappointment at the lack of a briefing paper in advance of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed that outstanding items on the Correspondence Tracker be requested from the department.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from the Minister re the East Belfast Arts Strategy.

Noted: The Committee noted the Minister's response regarding the redevelopment of Belfast Central library.

Noted: The Committee noted the tabled letter of congratulations from the Minister to Linfield Ladies FC.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 10:23am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting 10:26 am

5. Oral Briefing from DCAL re proposed DARD Fisheries Bill

The following DCAL witnesses joined the meeting at 10:26am

Mr Fergus Devitt, Director of Sports, Museums, & Recreation
Mr Seamus Connor, Chief Fisheries Officer
Mr Liam Devlin, Inland Waterways Unit

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10:45 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisin left the meeting at 10:56 am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:02 am

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 11:03 am

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:09 am

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

6. Oral Briefing by Sport NI re BLISS and Women in Sport

The following witness joined the meeting at 11:15 am

Ms Antoinette McKeown, Chief Executive, Sport NI

Ms Angela Platt, Northern Ireland Female Sports Forum

Dr Paul Donnelly, Policy, Planning and Research Manager, Sport NI

The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:19 am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:20 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisin re-joined the meeting at 11:21 am

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:31 am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:37 am

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11:35 am

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:40 am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:47 am

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 12.20pm

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 12.34pm

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted both the Investment Strategy Implementation Report to July 2014 and the Investment Strategy Implementation Report to June 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include the DCAL Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitudes Survey Findings Report re involvement in the Arts as evidence for the Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.42pm

8. Chairperson Business

The Committee noted the invite tracker and all invites received.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business

11. Committee End of Session Report 2013-14

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the report at the next meeting on 9th October 2014.

12. 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 9th October 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

9th October 2014