



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 9th October 2014

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Leslie Cree MLA

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 10:00 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for Committee meetings held on 25th September 2014 and 29th September 2014.

3. Ministerial Briefing re DCAL 2014 Business Plan

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 10:04 am

Carál Ní Chuilín MLA	Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure
Peter May	Interim Permanent Secretary, DCAL
Arthur Scott	Director of Culture, DCAL

The witnesses briefed the committee

A question and answer session followed

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:10 am

Noted: The Committee noted the development of a DCAL Arts and Culture Strategy. The Committee will receive the Terms of reference for the Strategy and the schedule of consultation in due course.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek a briefing from the Ulster Orchestra.

4. Oral Briefing from Libraries NI re in-year budget reductions

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11:06

Ms Irene Knox	Chief Executive, Libraries NI
Ms Helen Osborn	Director of Library Services, Libraries NI

The witnesses briefed the committee

A question and answer session followed

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:21 am

Mr Gordon Dunn left the meeting at 11:25 am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:28 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11:40 am

Mr William Humphrey joined the meeting at 11:41 am

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:48 am

5. CAL Committee End of Session Report 2013-14

Agreed: The Committee approved the Committee End of Session 2013-14 report.

6. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee to consider the DCAL Response to DFP regarding October Monitoring on 16th October 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the Minister's reception for Carl Frampton on 14th October 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to monitor developments re cycling infrastructure.

Noted: The Committee noted the Minister's response to the OFMDFM Inquiry into Building a United Community.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the Minister's correspondence re 2013-14 DCAL Annual Report and Accounts once correspondence on the issue is received from DFP.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to obtain further information re language funding.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Waterways Ireland re projected pension costs.

Noted: The Committee noted DCLA correspondence re. funding the Prison Arts Foundation.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to investigate further the Prison Service museum collection and what artefacts are held.

Noted: The Committee noted a status update from DCAL on outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL re year-end surges.

Mr David Hilditch MLA declared an interest as a Director of Carrick Rangers Football Club.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to investigate further the funding for the sub-regional stadia development.

Noted: The Committee noted DCAL correspondence with Mr Patsy McGlone MLA re the Infrastructure Investment Strategy Portal.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL re funding the Dale Farm Milk Cup.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL confirming legacy events following the Carl Frampton fight.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from IFA, Ulster GAA and Ulster Rugby regarding post 2015 funding to the Minister for comment.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:49 am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:51 am

Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 11:58 am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:59 am

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:15 pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:17 pm

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL re monitoring savings against the 2011-2015 budget.

Noted: The Committee noted the September 2014 edition of EU Matters

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the EU units for Belfast City Council and Derry City Council to brief the committee.

Noted: The Committee noted the Investing Activity Report for September 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the Libraries NI Quarterly Screening Report to June 2014.

8. Chairperson Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from Colleges NI to the Further Education Showcase.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from DCAL to the Minister's reception for Carl Frampton.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that a Committee meeting should be arranged at the Linenhall Library following their invitation.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

The Committee agreed to request research on Community Broadcasting.

The Committee moved to Closed Session at 12.34pm

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 Building Thursday 16th October 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
16th October 2014**