



**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

**Room 30 Parliament Buildings**

Present: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt 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  
Mr Leslie Cree MLA

Apologies: Ms Rosaleen McCorley 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 10:09 am.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

**2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* Minutes were agreed for the Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### 3. Briefing from Ulster Orchestra

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 10:10 am

Professor Sir George Bain, Chairman, Ulster Orchestra  
Trevor Green, Special Executive, Ulster Orchestra  
Auveen Sands, Head of Finance and Operations, Ulster Orchestra  
Veronica Morris, Head of External Relations, Ulster Orchestra

The witnesses briefed the Committee

A question and answer session followed

Mr Dominic Bradley joined the meeting at 10:13 am

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:15 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín joined the meeting at 10:16 am

Mr Oliver McMullan joined the meeting at 10:16 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 10:55 am

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 10:55am

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10:58 am

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:07 am

Mr Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 11:09 am

*Mr Gordon Dunne assumed the role of Chairperson at 11:09 am*

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:10 am

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 11:26 am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:28 am

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:32 am

Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 11:35 am

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the DETI Minister regarding the future of the Ulster Orchestra.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL Minister regarding the future of the Ulster Orchestra.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Ulster Orchestra requesting further details of proposed new operating models.

#### **4. Briefing from North West 200**

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11:37am

Mervyn Whyte, Event Director North West 200  
Gerard McAuley Operations Manager, North West 200

The witnesses briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.47am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12:14 pm

Ms Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 12.24pm

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12:30 pm

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL Minister regarding funding for safety equipment for the North West 200.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the DETI Minister regarding funding for safety equipment for the North West 200.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to DETI requesting outcomes from the NE200 Development Group meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL and DETI Ministers regarding the BBC Director General's recent visit to Parliament Buildings

#### **6. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the tabled e-mail from Elizabeth Clark regarding the Ulster Orchestra.

#### **7. Chairperson's Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the tabled invitation from the Education Minister to an event in Parliament Buildings on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that to write to congratulate the DCAL Interim Permanent Secretary on his new post as DRD Permanent Secretary.

## **8. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

## **9. Any Other Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the BBC Director General to thank him for his attendance at a recent event at Parliament Buildings.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL and DETI Ministers re any outcomes from their meeting with the BBC Director General Lord Hall.

## **10. 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2014**