



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 6th November 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 Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr Leslie Cree MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the Committee meeting held on 21st October 2014.

Mrs. Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:15 am

3. Briefing from Volunteer Now

The following Volunteer Now witnesses joined the meeting at 10:17 am.

Ms Wendy Osborne	Chief Executive
Ms Denise Hayward	Director of Outreach and Capacity Building

The witnesses briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10:39 am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 10:45 am

4. Briefing from joint NI Environment Agency and National Museums NI Working Group

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:46 am.

Dr John O'Keefe	Principal Inspector, DoE
Dr Jim McGreevy	Director of Collections and Interpretation, NMNI
Ms Sinéad McCartan	Head of Collections Research and Interpretation, NMNI

The witnesses briefed the committee.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 10:52 am

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward briefing papers to the Environment Committee.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:28 am

5. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities - Briefing from Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich (Cultúrlann)

The following Cultúrlann witnesses joined the meeting at 11:39 am.

Ms Eimear Ní Mhathúna	Executive Director
Ms Aisling Ní Labhraí	Project Coordinator

The witnesses briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley declared an interest as an Irish Language activist

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 11:52 am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:56 am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12:00 pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to add the briefing papers to the Inquiry evidence.

6. RaISE Briefing Note on comparative registration and licensing fees for UK and Ireland waterways

Agreed: The Committee agreed to return to this subject once relevant additional correspondence has been received.

7. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re achievements of Colin Turkington.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Foras na Gaeilge re Líofo funding.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL re Líofo funding.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from DCAL re funding for IFA, GAA, and Ulster Rugby post 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to revisit the response from DCAL re the Language funding comparisons at meeting on 13th November 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to revisit the response from DCAL re the sub-regional stadia funding once additional, relevant correspondence has been received.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL re timelines for sub-regional stadia funding applications

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re Midnight Soccer Scheme

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re Ulster Scots Language and Culture Development Initiative.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to explore options for engagement with the Ministerial Advisory Forum on the Creative Industries.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL requesting further information on the 2013 UK City of Culture Capital Spend.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re 2013 -2014 Savings Delivery Plans.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Response re the Departmental Board on the Arts Strategy.

Noted: The Committee noted DCAL correspondence re NW200 safety equipment.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from the DCAL and DETI Ministers to the Ulster Orchestra.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Causeway Coast and Glens Council regarding 2013 UK City of Culture legacy investment in sport facilities.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Lyric Theatre.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek a briefing from IABA.

Noted: The Committee noted tabled correspondence from the BBC Director General.

Noted: The Committee noted tabled correspondence from the Head of Hillsborough Castle.

8. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Activity Report for October 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the October 2014 edition of EU Matters.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from the Employment & Learning Committee to a post special educational needs stakeholder event.

Noted: The Committee noted the North/South Language Body Annual Report and Accounts for 2012.

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

9. Chairperson Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from DCAL to a reception to for the Belfast Giants ice hockey team.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to engage with a consultant re Sport NI's upcoming Corporate Plan following today's meeting.

Noted: The Committee noted that Committee attendance figures for 2013-2014 are to be posted on the Assembly's website on 7th November 2014.

10. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

11. Any Other Business

Ms McCorley, supported by Mr Ó hOisín, raised an abuse of the Irish language in the Assembly Chamber. These Members proposed writing to the Standards and Privileges Committee.

The Clerk indicated that adjudication on conduct in the Assembly Chamber is the preserve of the Speaker and his deputies, not the Standards and Privileges Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to send a letter to the Milk Cup organisers asking them to clarify the position regarding DCAL Funding timescales.

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 13th November 2014 at 10.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:15 pm.

Mr. Gordon Dunne

**Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
13th November 2014**