

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 28th May 2015

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mr. Leslie Cree MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

The Committee opened in public session at 10.03am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft minutes

The draft minutes for the meeting on 21st May 2015 were approved.

The Committee noted with appreciation the contribution from Mr. James Hurley over the past year, and wished him well with his future career.

3. Inquiry into Issues around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park Stadium.

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.05am.

Ms. Cynthia Smith
Dr Denis McMahon

Deputy Secretary, DCAL
Permanent Secretary, DCAL

Mr. Oliver McMullan and Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín declared an interest as members of the GAA.

Mr Nelson McCausland declared an interest as Minister at the time of the Outline Business Case.

Ms. Rosaleen McCorley joined the meeting at 10.09am
Mrs. Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.11am
Mr. Dominic Bradley joined the meeting 10.27am
Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.43am
Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11.46am
Mr. Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 11.59am

The Deputy Chairperson took the Chair @ 11.59am.

Mr Nelson McCausland re-joined the meeting 12.01pm

The Chairperson resumed the Chair @ 12.01pm.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.13pm
Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.17pm

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the witness for a chronological list of when Sport NI raised safety issues, who raised these issues and what were the resulting actions.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek from the Department the SIB Report which transferred the responsibility for the project from Sport NI to DCAL.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Department for the original and current Risk Registers relating to the stadia redevelopment programme, including any amendments made to these registers.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the DCAL briefing on Internal Governance, all Matters Arising, Correspondence and Chairperson's Business sections of the agenda to a later date.

4. Arm's Length Body Savings Delivery Plans Briefing – Armagh Observatory

The following official joined the meeting at 1.00pm.

Prof Mark Bailey Director of Armagh Observatory

The official briefed the committee.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 1.00pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 1.00pm
Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 1.01pm
Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 1.05pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 1.13pm
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 1.13pm
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 1.22pm

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department lending its support to the Armagh Observatory.

5. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: Members agreed the Forward Work Programme.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

7. 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 Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 12.30pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.37pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

Thursday 4th June 2015