

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mr. William Humphrey 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 10.06am*

Mr Dominic Bradley joined the meeting at 10.07am  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.12am

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

### **2. Draft minutes**

The draft minutes for the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved.

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

*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.*

The following motion was proposed by Mr. David Hilditch:

That Ulster Council of the GAA provides evidence to the Committee's inquiry without other organisations supporting them.

Ayes - 4

Noes - 6

Abstentions - 0

Non-Voters - 0

Ayes: Mr. David Hilditch  
Mr. Leslie Cree  
Mr. Gordon Dunne  
Mr. Nelson McCausland

Noes: Mr. Oliver McMullan  
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley  
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín  
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt  
Mr. Dominic Bradley  
Mr. Basil McCrea

The motion fell.

That Ulster Council of the GAA provides evidence to the Committee's inquiry as requested in their correspondence sent to the Committee dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.

Ayes - 6

Noes - 3

Abstentions - 0

Non-Voters - 1

Ayes: Mr. Oliver McMullan  
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley  
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín  
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt  
Mr. Dominic Bradley  
Mr. Basil McCrea

Noes: Mr David Hilditch  
Mr. Gordon Dunne  
Mr. Nelson McCausland

Non-Voter: Mr. Leslie Cree

The motion was passed.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to reply to Ulster Council of the GAA to confirm their attendance at a future briefing with construction professionals.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to reply to MORA acknowledging their correspondence.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to DCAL to ask for affidavits provided for the Judicial Review process.

**4. 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 10.20am.

Mr. Andrew Sloan	Director of Sports Management Services
Mr. Nick Harkness	Director of Participation & Facilities

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10.49am.  
Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 10.57am.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI to ask for a range of correspondence.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking for a range of correspondence.

Mr. Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11.51am  
Mr. Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 11.58am

*The meeting suspended at 12.17pm.*

*The meeting reconvened at 12.40pm.*

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

The following official joined the meeting at 12.40pm.

Mr. Peter May	Former DCAL Interim Permanent Secretary
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The official briefed the committee.

Mr. Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 12.42pm  
Mr. Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12.43pm

A question and answer session followed.

*The Committee suspended at 2.18pm.*

*The Committee reconvened at 2.22pm.*

**6. 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 2.22pm.

Mr. Rory Miskelly	Stadium Programme Director
Mr. Andrew Dadley	Stadium Programme Architectural Programme Advisor

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr. Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 2.23pm  
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 2.25pm  
Mr. Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 2.29pm

*Mr. Miskelly declared an interest as a former employee of Ulster Rugby.*  
*Mr. Miskelly declared an interest as a non-executive Director of a modular construction company.*

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to request a copy of a TENOS report from DCAL, a timeline of STG engagement and a copy of paperwork surrounding the approval process for the planning applications.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 3.30pm

**7. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister relating to Casement Park.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the IFA correspondence regarding Windsor Park.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the actions points listed in the Clerk's memo following the Community Resuscitation Strategy briefing.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request the Post Project Evaluation on the PRONI project.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to NI Water to seek clarification on the process of selling redundant reservoirs.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to DCAL in relation to the use of reservoirs by community organisations.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence regarding returned funding from the 2012 Olympic Games.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding musical instruments for bands.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to defer the NMNI correspondence regarding the storage of artefacts to the meeting on 18 June 2015.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 4.42pm  
Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 4.46pm  
Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 4.54pm  
Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting 4.55pm

## **8. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the May 2015 edition of the Investment Strategy Report.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the email regarding a possible breach of Fenton and Robinson copyright on DCAL website.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 5.04pm

## **9. Chairperson's Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the NI Human Rights Commission invite.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DCAL invite to the DCAL reception for 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek legal advice in relations to how investigations may affect how witnesses answer Committee's questions.

## **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* Members agreed the Forward Work Programme.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Mrs. Karen McKeivitt asked for her apologies to be noted for next week's meeting.

## **12. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in The Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10.00am.

**5. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5.31pm*

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015**