



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 11th December 2014

Department of Culture, Arts, and Leisure, Causeway Exchange, Belfast

Present: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Leslie Cree MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA

Apologies: Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)
Mr James Gilsonan (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

The Committee was welcomed to Causeway Exchange by Cynthia Smith, DCAL Interim Permanent Secretary and opened in public session at 10:12 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Draft minutes for the 27th November 2014 meeting were approved.

3. DCAL Briefing January Monitoring

The Committee discussed the cancellation of the briefing due to the lack of briefing papers from the Department.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister, and separately to the Interim Permanent Secretary, regarding the lack of papers. It was also agreed to copy in the Head of the Civil Service to the correspondence to the Interim permanent Secretary.

Agreed: The Committee asked the Clerk to prepare a paper of options for dealing with this issue.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:20 am

4. DCAL Briefing Stadia Development

The following DCAL officials joined the meeting at 11:26:

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| Mr Rory Miskelly | Stadium Programme Director |
| Mr Ciaran McGurk | Stadium Programme Manager |
| Mr Steven Trainor | Stadium Programme Development Officer |

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting attendance figures for the Kingspan Stadium.

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:07

Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:10

5. DCAL Briefing – Learning and Participation (Claire’s) Awards

The following DCAL official joined the meeting at 11:10:

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| Mr Stephen McGowan | Director of Strategic Delivery |
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Mr McGowan agreed to supply the Committee with further details of DCAL’s outreach figures for these awards.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:40 am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:44 am
Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11:46 am

Mrs Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 11:51 am

6. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding the Boxing Investment Programme.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from Sport NI regarding the IABA Governance management Report.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the IFA regarding kick off times.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the BBC regarding ongoing commitment to the Ulster Orchestra.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the minister for Employment and Learning regarding his Department's ongoing engagement with the Sign Language Review.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:55 am
Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 11:58 am

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the latest forecast and actual outturn figures for DCAL

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Investment Strategy Investing Activity Report for November 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the December issue of EU Matters.

Noted: The Committee agreed that the Chairperson and Ms Karen McKeivitt should represent the Committee at a stakeholder meeting with Sport NI regarding the Sports Facilities Strategy Project.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to contact the Ulster Orchestra for additional information regarding its new business plan.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward documents relating to the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill to the Minister for her attention.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12:15 pm

8. Chairs Business

Agreed: The Committee noted the invitation to hold a Committee meeting at the premises of Brain Injury Matters.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation to the Arts Council launch of the Creative Europe desk event at QUB.

Noted: The Committee noted the summary of the meeting of the Chairpersons' Liaison Group on 9th December 2014.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme

10. AOB

There was no other business.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place at the Linenhall Library, Belfast on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 10.00 am.

The meeting opened in closed session at 12:25 pm

Mr. Nelson McCausland