

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 12th March 2015
Room 30 Parliament Buildings**

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA
Ms. Rosaleen McCorley MLA

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr. David Hilditch MLA
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance: Mr. Paul Carlisle (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr. Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)
Mr. James Hurley (Bursary Student)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:02 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 5th February 2015 meeting were agreed.

3. DCAL Paper Casement Park Update

Noted: The Committee noted the Clerk's Memo and briefing paper from the department regarding the Casement Park Redevelopment update.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to reschedule a briefing from DCAL Officials on these issues when the information became available.

4. Briefing from Ulster-Scots Agency Savings Delivery Plans

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:05 am.

Mr Ian Crozier, Chief Executive, Ulster-Scots Agency
Mr David McCallum, Director of Corporate Services, Ulster-Scots Agency

The officials briefed the committee.

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley joined the meeting at 10:10 am

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey declared an interest as a former Board Member of The Ulster-Scots Agency.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:20 am
Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:48 am
Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:23 am
Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:31 am
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:34 am
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:34 am
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:36 am
Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:42 am
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:44 am
Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:51 am

Noted: The Committee noted the role that tourism bodies could play in promoting the Ulster-Scots Culture both locally and abroad.

Agreed: That the Committee would consider how to take this issue forward.

Agreed: Officials agreed to supply additional information to the Committee.

5. Briefing from IABA 6 Month Review

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:52 am

Mr Fergal Carruth, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Amateur Boxing Association
Mr Sean Canavan, Vice President, Irish Amateur Boxing Association
Mr Steven Mills, former Operations Manager, Irish Amateur Boxing Association

The officials briefed the Committee.

Mr. Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12:07 pm
Mr. Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:10 pm

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:49 pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:55 pm

Agreed: Officials agreed to supply the Committee with the Audit Report of Boxing Facilities.

6. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite DCAL Officials to brief the Committee regarding the Consultation on Proposals for an Irish Language Bill later in the year.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from DCAL regarding NI Publication Resource (NIPR).

Noted: The Committee noted the Minister's response regarding the Boxing Strategy and related issues.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request a briefing from the Department's Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretary regarding funding governance.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from DCAL relating to Arm's Length Bodies using PEDU.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from the Minister regarding Ardoyne Youth Club.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re EU Issues.

7. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee approved the Retention and Disposal Schedule for Employee Records issued from DCAL.

Noted: The Committee noted the Memo from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the Civil Service Voluntary Exit Scheme.

Noted: The Committee noted the e-mail regarding the appointment of a new acting Permanent Secretary to DCAL.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Department to brief Members on the Cultural Awareness Strategy which is due to end this financial year.

8. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted invitations issued to Members.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

10. AOB

A Member returned to correspondence discussed during the Ulster-Scots Agency briefing and highlighted that there was a lack of clarity surrounding a number of issues.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek clarification regarding these issues during the briefing session with the Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretary regarding funding governance.

11. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take in Room 30, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 10.00am.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 13:10 pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

19th March 2015