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COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 15th January 2015

Linen Hall Library, Belfast

Present: Mr Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Leslie Cree MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mrs Karen McKevitt MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)
Mr James Gilsenan (Assistant Clerk)
Ms Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

The Committee was welcomed to the Linen Hall Library by the Director, Julie Andrews.

The Committee opened in closed session at 10.12 am

The Committee opened in public session at 10:25 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 11th December 2014 meeting were approved.

3. Ofcom briefing on Community Broadcasting and the Public Service Broadcasting Review

The following Ofcom officials joined the meeting at 10:28 am

Mr Jonathan Rose	Director, Ofcom NI
Mr James Thickett	Director, Nations and Market Development

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

The officials agreed to provide the Committee with further details of FM coverage in the North West.

4. NVTV briefing re Community Broadcasting

The following witness joined the meeting at 10:56 am

Ms Marilyn Hyndman	Programme Director, NVTV
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The witness briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal Ó hoisín declared an interest in Irish Language Broadcasting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NI Screen regarding funding criteria for both the Ulster Scots Broadcast Fund and the Irish Language Broadcast Fund.

5. RaISE paper on Community Broadcasting

Noted: The Committee noted the research paper.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:04 am
Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:06 am
Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:07 am

6. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider correspondence regarding: stadia; Waterways Ireland and DCAL's response re Liofa, at its meeting on 22nd January 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to follow up outstanding correspondence from DFP.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding youth club funding.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek clarification regarding Audience NI correspondence on rural engagement.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding the composition of Ministerial Arts Advisory Forum with respect to the planned Arts and Culture Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward DCAL's response regarding funding the Ulster Scots Agency.

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:34 am

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 11:41 am

7. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek an update on stadia development.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-Operative Society Rule Book to the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Association.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding outstanding PPEs.

Agreed: The Committee agreed inform Equity that it has no authority to advise Local Authorities regarding their responsibilities.

8. Chairs Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the IFA regarding the development of Midgley Park and voting for a Ballon d'Or recipient.

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 in Room 30, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 22nd January 2015 at 10.00 am.

The meeting ended at 12:25

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
22nd January 2015**