

**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
ROOM 30 Parliament Buildings**

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

Apologies: Mr. Leslie Cree MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (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 10:04 am*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

**2. Draft Minutes**

The draft minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 meeting were agreed.

**3. Briefing from Belfast City Council on Boxing Strategy**

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:06 am

Ms Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure, Belfast City Council  
Ms Claire Sullivan, Policy and Business Development Officer, Belfast City Council

The officials briefed the Committee.

Mrs. Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10:17 am

A question and answer session followed.

*Mr. William Humphrey declared an interest as a member of Belfast City Council's Parks and Leisure Committee when the Amateur Boxing Strategy was being developed.*

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 10:47am

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 11:00am

#### **4. Briefing from DCAL on Boxing Investment Programme**

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:04 am

Mr. Fergus Devitt, Director of Sport, Museums and Recreation Division, DCAL

Mr Shaun Ogle, Director of Performance, Sport NI

Mr Tony Murphy, Head of Sports Branch, DCAL

Mr Willie Devlin, Programme Manager, Sport NI

The official briefed the Committee.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:05am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:08am

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:19am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:29am

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:32am

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 11:37am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:40am

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 11:42am

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:43am

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:47am

A question and answer session followed.

*Mr Cathal Ó hOisín declared an interest as St Canice's Amateur Boxing Club, Dungivan*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Minister around bids for Capital funding for boxing in previous monitoring rounds.

*Agreed:* Members agreed to ask the Minister if shared spaces could be used for boxing clubs or events on an ad hoc basis using portable equipment.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:10 pm

#### **5. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek research around the development of the Community Festivals Fund.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from DCAL re Casement Park.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DCAL Response re Carrick Fergus Cricket Club.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Foras na Gaeilge regarding clarification on Altram funding.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding funding for Foras na Gaeilge and the Ulster Scots Agency.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Sport NI response regarding training programmes offered by the IFA for stewards.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to return to the Committee's EU Priorities next week after Members considered the option paper.

*Noted:* The Committee noted to correspondence from the EU Manager regarding INTERREG Streams.

*Mr David Hilditch declared an interest as Vice President of Carrickfergus Cricket Club.*

*Mr Cathal Ó hOisín declared an interest as a member of Causeway, Coast and Glens Council.*

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## **6. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence from the OFMDFM Committee regarding The Children's Services Co-Operation Bill.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the EU Matters newsletter.

## **7. Chairperson's Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the University of Ulster invitation.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invitation regarding the Líofo Book Club launch.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking for the business case for the Líofo Book Club programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to hold an event celebrating International Dance Day.

## **8. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

**9. AOB**

There was no other business raised.

**10. 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10.00am.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

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

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2015**