

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015**

**Room 30 Parliament Buildings**

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

Apologies: Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley 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 closed session at 10.04am*

### **1. Renewal of BBC Charter**

The Committee considered the Clerk's memo regarding the upcoming renewal of the BBC Charter.

*The meeting moved into public session at 10.24am*

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

### **3. Draft minutes**

The draft minutes for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 meetings were agreed.

### **4. DCAL briefing on Internal Governance**

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.26am

Dr Denis McMahon                      Acting Permanent Secretary, DCAL  
Ms Cynthia Smith                      Deputy Secretary, DCAL  
Mr Rory Miskelly                      Stadium Programme Director, DCAL.

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

*Mr David Hilditch declared an interest as Chair of Carrick Rangers and a Member of the IFA.*

*Mr Cathal Ó hOisín declared an interest as a member of the GAA.*

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10.41am  
Mr Dominic Bradley joined the meeting at 10.55am  
Mr Gordon Dunn re-joined the meeting at 10.55am  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.55am

*Agreed:* The Department agreed to provide the Committee with information regarding the procurement exercise, consultants and contractors that tendered for, and those who were awarded, the contracts in relation to the stadia project.

*Agreed:* Members requested a full report on the events at Windsor Park is forwarded as soon as it was made available.

*Agreed:* The Department agreed to provide the Committee with the Outline Business Case and the Final Business Case for Casement Park redevelopment programme.

*Agreed:* The Department agreed to forward information pertaining to meetings held regarding Casement Park including the minutes of meetings.

*Agreed:* The Department agreed to forward financial information regarding the exact cost of the Casement Park Redevelopment including a breakdown of how this figure was arrived at.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to ask for further information on capital funding outside of monitoring rounds.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Acting Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretary should return to further brief Members on other issues that were not discussed during this meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to start the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.40am.  
Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11.42am.  
Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.50am.  
Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.55am

## **5. NI Screen briefing on renewal of BBC Charter**

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.55am

Ms Rotha Johnston	Chairperson, NI Screen
Mr Richard Williams	Chief Executive, NI Screen

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.02pm  
Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.15pm  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12.25pm  
Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.27pm  
Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.27pm  
Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.45pm

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the Clerk's paper on BBC Charter renewal to NI Screen in confidence for consideration and comment.

## **6. Matters Arising**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to pursue the responses from the Church Leaders in relation to defibrillator provision in Church premises.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding the Community Resuscitation Strategy.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from the Department of Finance and Personnel regarding the Arm's Length Bodies use of the Public Sector Reform Division Unit (formerly known as PEDU).

## **7. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel paper regarding sickness levels within the NI Civil Service.

## **8. Chairperson's Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invite from Colleges NI to the BEST Awards 2015.

*Noted:* Members noted the Clerk's Memo regarding the International Dance Day performance due to take place in the Great Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.45pm

## **9. Any Other Business**

No AOB was raised.

Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12.50pm

**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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 9.30am.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2015**