

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 25th June 2015

Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

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

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)

The Committee opened in public session at 10.08am

1. Apologies

There were no apologies noted.

2. Draft minutes

The draft minutes for the meeting on the 18th June 2015 were approved.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.12am

3. Inquiry Papers

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include the RaISe paper on Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds and Sport NI correspondence in the inquiry.

Noted: Members noted the additional information provided by Sport NI in relation to the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that this additional information should be included as part of Inquiry evidence.

4. Inquiry into Issues around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park.

Mr. Oliver McMullan, Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín and Mr. Dominic Bradley declared an interest as members of the GAA.

Mrs. Karen McKevitt declared an interest as Associate Member of the GAA.

Mr. David Hilditch declared an interest as a member of the IFA Council.

Mr. Nelson McCausland declared an interest as Minister at the time of the Outline Business Case.

The following official joined the meeting at 10.14am

Mr. Noel Molloy Former Stadia Programme Director, DCAL

The official briefed the committee.

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 10.22am

Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 10.26am

Mr. Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.26am

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.33am

Mr. Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11.35am

Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.36am

Mrs. Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 11.45am

Mrs. Karen McKevitt re-joined the meeting at 11.46am

The Deputy Chair took the Chair at 12.12pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 12.12pm

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.14pm

Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.16pm

Mr. Nelson McCausland re-joined the meeting at 12.16pm

The Chair resumed the Chair at 12.16pm.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.27pm

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.28pm

Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.31pm

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12.32pm

The meeting suspended at 12.33pm.

The meeting reconvened at 12.58pm.

Ms. Rosie McCorley re-joined the meeting at 1.00pm
Mr. Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 1.02pm
Mr. Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 2.06pm
Mr. Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 2.12pm

5. Inquiry into Issues around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park.

The following officials joined the meeting at 2.18pm.

Dr Danny Murphy	Provincial CEO & Secretary, Ulster GAA
Mr. Tom Daly	Casement Park Project Board Chairperson
Mr. Páraic Duffy	Director General & Project Board Member, Ulster GAA
Mr. Oran McCloskey	Construction Director, HBJV
Mr. Mike Trice	Lead Architect, Populous

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 2.19pm
Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 2.22pm
Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 3.26pm
Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 3.45pm
Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 3.58pm
Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 4.03pm

A question and answer session followed.

Mr. Basil McCrea declared an interest as attending a GAA match at Clones.

The meeting suspended at 4.20pm.

The meeting reconvened at 4.30pm.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 5.28pm
Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 5.36pm
Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 5.45pm
Mrs Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 5.58pm
Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 6.02pm
Mr Leslie Cree left the meeting at 6.05pm
Mr Leslie Cree re-joined the meeting at 6.07pm

The meeting suspended at 6.10pm

The meeting reconvened at 6.20pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek copies of any relevant additional information which was referred to as part of the GAA's presentation.

6. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the majority of Matters Arising.

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's additional information relating to the June Monitoring Round.

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted DCAL correspondence regarding amendments to Lough Erne (Navigation) (Amendment) Bye-laws (NI) 1986.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the remaining correspondence.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 6.35pm

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 6.40pm

8. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation the launch of 'Celebrating the Past – Inspiring the Future' exhibition.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation to attend the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games reception.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI regarding a possible meeting with representatives of residents of the streets adjacent to Casement Park at the time of the Judicial Review of the planning approval for the proposed new Casement Park stadium.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider which further witnesses might be called to give evidence for the inquiry.

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 on Monday 29th June 2015 at 11.30am.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6.51pm

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure