

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 29th January 2015
Room 30 Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA

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

The Committee opened in closed session at 10:10 am

The Committee opened in public session at 10:15 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 10:17 am
Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 10:18 am
Mr. Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:20 am

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 22nd January 2015 meeting were agreed.

Agreed: Members agreed to invite Officials from the Ulster Scots Agency to a briefing to update the Committee.

The following motion was proposed by Ms. Rosie McCorley:

That the Confederation of Ulster Bands is asked to return to the Committee to allow Members to continue with the line of questioning that they previously proposed.

Ayes - 3
Noes - 4
Abstentions - 1
Non-Voters - 0

Ayes:
Ms. Rosaleen McCorley
Mr. Oliver McMullan
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín

Noes:
Mr. William Humphrey
Mr. Leslie Cree
Mr. David Hilditch
Mr. Nelson McCausland

Abstentions:
Mr. Basil McCrea

The motion fell.

3. DCAL Briefing on Community Festivals Fund

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:34 am

Ms. Angela McAllister, Head of Arts Branch, DCAL
Ms. Patricia McCann, DCAL Official Arts Branch

The officials briefed the Committee.

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 10:47 am
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 10:51 am
Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 10:54 am
Mr. Gordon Dunne joined the meeting at 10:55 am
Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 10:58 am

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The witnesses agreed to supply the Committee with further information regarding the Community Festivals Fund.

4. DCAL Briefing- Update on Casement Park

The following official joined the meeting at 11:10 am

Mr Rory Miskelly, Stadium Program Manager, DCAL

The official briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request financial details of legal costs concerning Casement Park and also the final capacity figures.

Mr. David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:58 am

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 12:01 pm

5. Matters Arising

Mr. David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12:04 pm

Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12:09 pm

Mr. David Hilditch left the meeting at 12:11 pm

Mr. David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12:15 pm

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the BBC Director General regarding Radio Foyle FM Coverage.

Noted: The Committee noted the Economic and Social Impact Study for the 2013 All Ireland Fleadh.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Ulster Scots Agency for a copy of the original letter issued to all departments regarding funding.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence regarding the January Monitoring paper.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to arrange to visit the Beat Carnival Project.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12:20 pm.

6. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Press release.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Outturn figures.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL asking if these figures could be formatted differently in future for ease of understanding.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Investment Strategy Report.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL Capital Projects Report.

Noted: The Committee noted the EU Matters Newsletter.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 12:27 pm

Noted: The Committee noted the Sport NI correspondence regarding the Equality Screening process for new/revised policies.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation to visit local libraries on National Libraries Day on the 7th March 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Libraries NI regarding World Poetry Day 2015.

Noted: The Committee noted the consultation paper regarding Lough Erne Bye-Laws.

7. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee agreed to note the invitation from the OFMDFM Committee to attend the Landscape Institute Seminar.

Agreed: Following a discussion held in closed session, the Committee agreed to write the Department and to individual Arm Length Bodies to obtain updates on their Savings Delivery Plans.

8. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

9. AOB

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister asking for assurance that the Community Festivals Fund will work closely with the new supercouncils.

A Member highlighted the omission of AOB at last week's meeting.

10. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Sport NI's Headquarters on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 10.00 am. A bus will leave Parliament Buildings at 9.15am.

11. Presentation from Special Olympics Ulster

The Committee received a presentation from the Special Olympics Ulster Team ahead of the Special Olympics World Games 2015 in LA.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.38pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
5th February 2015**