

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 30th 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. Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley 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 public session at 9.35am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft minutes

The draft minutes for meeting on 23rd April 2015 were approved.

3. Sport NI briefing on Savings Delivery Plans

The following officials joined the meeting at 9.36am

Mr Andrew Sloan	Director of Sports Management Services, Sport NI
Dr Shaun Ogle	Director of Performance, Sport NI
Mr Nick Harkness	Director of Participation

The officials briefed the committee.

Mrs Rosaleen McCorley joined the meeting at 9.48am

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín joined the meeting at 10.10am

Mrs Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.12am

Agreed: To write to DCAL and National Lottery Fund to seek clarity on issues around the provision of funding for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London from Northern Ireland sports and arts lottery funding.

Agreed: To seek dates from Sport NI on their planned roadshows.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10.34am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 10.38am

4. Queen's University of Belfast Briefing on Future of Belfast Festival

The following official joined the meeting at 10.40am

Professor Tony Gallagher Pro Vice Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast

The official briefed the committee.

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 10.42am

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 10.45am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 10.48am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 10.50am

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 10.58am

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11.03am

A question and answer session followed.

5. Safety Technical Group briefing regarding Casement Park

The following official joined the meeting at 11.10am

Mr Paul Scott Chairperson, Safety Technical Group

The official briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Oliver McMullan and Mr Cathal Ó hOisín declared interests as members of the GAA.

Mrs Karen McKevitt declared an association with the GAA.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.25pm
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.30pm
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.31pm
Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12.30pm
Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12.31pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.40pm
Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.40pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12.43pm
Mrs Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 12.50pm
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 1.00pm
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 1.01pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 1.01pm
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 1.02pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 1.02pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 1.04pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 1.05pm
Mrs Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 1.25pm
Mrs Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 1.33pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 1.46pm

The meeting was temporarily suspended at 2.00pm

The meeting reconvened at 2.15pm

Noted: Members noted additional information provided by MORA in relation to the Casement Park redevelopment.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward documents provided by the official to the Department for comment (IN CONFIDENCE).

Agreed: The official agreed to forward outstanding documents to the Committee for consideration.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL Permanent Secretary for clarification on a range of issues around the management structures of the stadia redevelopment project.

6. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the DCAL correspondence regarding EU drawdown targets to the Arm's Length Bodies to note.

Noted: Members noted the research paper relating to the NEC 3A contracts.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence following a recent Fisheries briefing and the Committee agreed to write to DCAL seeking clarification on the additional and new reservoirs listed; Members asked for information regarding the sale of Knockbracken Reservoir

7. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to return to the April 2015 Investment Strategy at the meeting scheduled for 14 May 2015.

Noted: Members noted the latest edition of EU Matters.

8. Chairperson's Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the DCAL and Arm's Length Bodies responses regarding defibrillators to the Assembly Library for inclusion into a Motion calling for an interactive map of defibrillator locations.

9. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL (IN CONFIDENCE) seeking the report into the change of personnel at NMNI.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NMNI seeking clarification following recent newspaper reports that collections are not be correctly stored.

Noted: The Committee noted the publication of the Dolloghan Trust Survey of Brown Trout and wished to congratulate the author, Kevin Keenan, on this report.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 2.40pm

10. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in South East Regional College, Bangor on Thursday 14th May 2015 at 10am.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.44pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

14th April 2015