

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 9th July 2015

Room 30, 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. William Humphrey MLA
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA

Apologies: Mr. David Hilditch MLA

In attendance: Mrs. Cathie White (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)
Mr. Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

The Committee opened in closed session at 10.03am

1. Apologies

The apologies were noted above.

2. Inquiry Papers

Agreed: The Committee agreed on witness information to be included in the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include information requested by Members from Sport NI as Inquiry evidence.

3. 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.

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

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.16am.

Mr. Paul Scott	Chair of Safety Technical Group
Ms Laura Strong	Technical Officer, Safety Compliance Unit, Sport NI
Mr. Jeremy Cowen	Deputy Emergency Planning Office, NI Ambulance Service
Mr. Anthony McNally	Chief Inspector, PSNI

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.21am.
Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.23am.
Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12.05pm.
Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12.15pm.
Mr. Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 12.28pm.
Mr. Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 12.36pm.

The Deputy Chair took the Chair at 12.37pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 12.37pm.
Mr. Nelson McCausland re-joined the meeting at 12.43pm.

The Chair resumed the Chair at 12.43pm.

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.55pm.
Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.59pm.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek additional information referred to by members of the STG, including a report produced by the PSNI.

The meeting suspended at 1.20pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.58pm.

4. Resignations of Sport NI Board Members

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Minister regarding the Future Leadership and Management of Sport NI.

The following officials joined the meeting at 2.00pm

Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA	Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure
Dr Denis McMahon	Permanent Secretary, DCAL
Mr. Fergus Devitt	Director of Sport, Museums & Recreation

The officials briefed the committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister seeking additional information relating to what form the Transformation Process will take.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek clarification if the recommendations made as part of the recent investigation will incorporate findings made during the ALB Review.

5. Chairperson's Business

None to consider.

6. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI regarding funding for boxing clubs not affiliated with the IABA.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to hold a Strategic Planning Session in September including site visits to the Kingspan Stadium, Windsor Park and Casement Park.

7. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 10.00am.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.47pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

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