

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 5th November 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
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA

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

Apologies: Mr. David Hilditch MLA

The Committee commenced in public session at 10.08am

1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 22nd October 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 22nd October 2015 were agreed.

3. Further In-Year Budget Cuts to Arts Sector Organisations – Briefing from Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.11am.

Ms. Roisin McDonough	Chief Executive, ACNI
Ms. Noirin McKinney	Director of Arts Development, ACNI
Ms. Maria McAlister	ADO Traditional Arts, ACNI
Ms. Lorraine Calderwood	Capital Projects Officer

A question and answer session followed their briefing.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley joined the meeting at 10.18am

Mrs Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.27am

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10.44am

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 10.54am

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.03am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.11am

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 11.12am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek further information from ACNI.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule an informal meeting with ACNI representatives regarding the traditional arts sector audit.

4. DCAL Briefing regarding Further In-Year Cuts to Art Sector Organisations

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.20am

Mrs. Carál Ní Chuilín Minister, DCAL

Dr Denis McMahon Permanent Secretary, DCAL

Ms. Patricia McAuley Director of Culture Division, DCAL

Ms. Joanna McConway Director of Capital Portfolio, DCAL

A question and answer session followed their briefing.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.53am

Mrs Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 12.24pm

Mrs Karen McKevitt returned to the meeting at 12.28pm

5. DCAL Briefing regarding Festival Fundings

The following officials joined the meeting at 12.40pm

Mrs. Carál Ní Chuilín Minister, DCAL

Dr Denis McMahon Permanent Secretary, DCAL

Ms. Patricia McAuley Director of Culture Division, DCAL

Ms. Joanna McConway Director of Capital Portfolio, DCAL

A question and answer session followed their briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking additional information relating to a variety of issues.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.55pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.58pm

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 1.03pm

6. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer all Matters Arising until the next Committee meeting.

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding the LCM relating to the Enterprise Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to have the link relating to the LCM forwarded to Members electronically.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer all other correspondence until the next Committee meeting.

7. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from BBC NI to attend an event in the Blackstaff Studio.

Noted: Members noted the upcoming CILIP event hosted by the Committee.

Noted: The Committee noted the Linenhall Library Readathon event.

8. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

9. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed host an event celebrating Uilleann Pipes.

10. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 12.30pm in the Senate Chamber.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.31pm.

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

Tuesday 17th November 2015