

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 1st October 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. David Hilditch MLA
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA

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

Apologies: Mr. Leslie Cree MLA
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA

The Committee opened in public session at 10.10am

1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

Mr. David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10.12am

2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 24th September 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 24th September 2015 were agreed.

3. DCAL Briefing on Irish Language Consultation

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.17am

Dr Michael Willis Head of Irish Language Bill & Language Strategies
Team

Mr. Aidan McCann Deputy Head of Irish Language Bill & Language
Strategies Team
Ms. Patricia McAuley Director of Culture

A question and answer session followed the briefing.

Agreed: Members agreed to seek the Department's Equality Consultation list; the figures relating to the previous consultation in 2006/07 and what details of the present consultation would be published on the Department's website.

Mrs. Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.25am.

The following proposal was put by Ms. Rosaleen McCorley.

Proposed:

That the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure write to the Minister urging her to move ahead with the Irish Language Bill as soon as possible.

Ayes - 4

Noes - 4

Abstentions - 0

Non-Voters - 0

Ayes:

Ms. Rosaleen McCorley

Mr. Oliver McMullan

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín

Mrs. Karen McKeivitt

Noes:

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Mr. Gordon Dunne

Mr. David Hilditch

Mr. Basil McCrea

The motion fell.

4. BBC NI Briefing on Renewal of BBC Charter

The following official joined the meeting at 11.12am

Mr Peter Johnston Director of BBC NI

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.22am

Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11.39am.

Mr. Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.02pm

A question and answer session followed the briefing.

Officials agreed to provide the Committee with BBC NI's spend on Irish language and Ulster-Scots programming over a last number of years.

5. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the NI Screen response regarding Irish Language and Ulster Scots Broadcasting fund.

6. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the Investment Strategy report for September.

Noted: The Committee noted the email from BBFC regarding online music videos and protecting children.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence to the Acting First Minister regarding the Northern Ireland Bid to host the Commonwealth Youth Games 2021.

7. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

8. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the NI Audit Office report on NI Events Company.

Noted: The Committee noted the Linen Hall Library press release regarding their 12 hour Readathon.

9. Any Other Business

There were no items of Business.

10. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 10.00am in Room 30.

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 12.10pm.

11. Inclusion to the Arts Inquiry

Agreed: Members agreed a number of recommendations and made amendments to other recommendations.

Mr. Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12.12pm

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.18pm

Ms. Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.30pm

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12.31pm

Ms. Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 12.34pm.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12.44pm

The meeting adjourned at 12.45pm.

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

Thursday 8th October 2015

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____