

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Room 30, Parliament Buildings

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

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Assistant Clerk)  
Ms. Gillian Kirk-Lyness (Assistant Clerk)  
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA

*The Committee commenced in public session at 10.14am*

### 1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

### 2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed

### 3. Draft Executive Budget 2016/17

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 10.16am

David Carson,	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Michael O'Dowd	Head of Finance Branch
Joanna McConway	Director of Capital Portfolio

*Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.19am*

*Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.29am*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to ask the Department for more details on a number of issues raised during the briefing.

*William Humphrey left the meeting at 10.58am*

*William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.00am*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI and to ACNI for a confirmation of the number of organisations that are currently primarily funded by Lottery funding.

**4. Inquiry into issues around emergency exiting plans, including their impact on stadium capacity, for the redeveloped Casement Park stadium.**

*William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.39am*

*William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.41am*

*Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11.52am*

*Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12.01pm*

*Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12.07pm*

*Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12.13pm*

*Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12.14pm*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to return to Mr McMullan's proposal to request that the Committee Chairperson, Mr McCausland, give evidence as part of the Casement Park Inquiry.

*The meeting moved to Closed Session at 12.31pm*

*Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12.36pm*

**5. Inquiry into issues around emergency exiting plans, including their impact on stadium capacity, for the redeveloped Casement Park stadium.**

It was proposed that the Committee should begin to publish the evidence that it has received for the Inquiry, subject to relevant data protection and confidentiality issues.

Ayes – 6

N McCausland

G Dunne

L Cree

D Hilditch

W Humphrey

B McCrea

Noes – 0

Abstentions – 0

Three Members did not vote:

K McKeivitt  
R McCorley  
C Ó hOisín

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to publish on its website evidence received for the Inquiry, subject to relevant data protection and confidentiality issues.

*The meeting continued in Public Session at 12.45pm*

*David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.48pm*

*David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.54pm*

*Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.59pm*

*Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 1.00pm*

*William Humphrey left the meeting at 1.06pm*

*William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 1.10pm*

## **6. Matters Arising**

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department regarding the façade of the MAC and agreed to include this issue in the Legacy Report.

## **7. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence regarding the Cultural Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to respond to OFMDFM Committee regarding the T:BUC programme.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the report from the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee regarding the Fisheries Bill.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Supply Resolutions debate correspondence from the Finance Committee.

## **8. Chairperson's Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invitation to the Ulster Orchestra's event to launch its 'Music Room' programme, scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Parliament Buildings.

## **9. Forward Work Programme**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to cancel the planned visit to the Belfast Metropolitan College's Titanic Quarter campus scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, and agreed to write to the Chief Executive offering its apologies for the cancellation.

**10. Any Other Business**

There were no items of Other Business.

**11. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 10.00am in UTV Headquarters.

**12. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 1.11pm*

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

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**