

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 14th January 2016

Room 30, Parliament Buildings

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

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

Apologies: none

The Committee commenced in closed session at 10.04am

Mr William Humphrey joined the meeting at 10.05am

Committee Inquiry into Issues around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park Stadium.

Dominic Bradley joined the meeting at 10.12am
Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.15am

Noted: The Committee noted and discussed the scheduling of witnesses for the inquiry.

The Committee continued in open session at 10.16am

1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 7th January 2015.

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 7th January 2015 were agreed.

3. DCAL briefing on Successful Bids in the November Monitoring Round and issues Arising from the Ministerial Briefing on 5th November.

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 10.17am

Dr Denis McMahon, Permanent Secretary;
Joanna McConway, Capital Portfolio Director; and
Patricia McAuley, Director of Culture.

A question and answer session followed their briefing.

Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.32am
David Hilditch left the meeting at 10.34am
David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 10.40am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for further information and clarification on a number of issues raised.

4. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's correspondence regarding Transfer of Functions.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.06am
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.11am

Noted: The Committee noted the DFP correspondence regarding a briefing from DFP on procurement processes.

Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.15am
Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting 11.21am

5. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from the Department on the Statutory Rules for the provision of privileged access to information.

Noted: The Committee noted the OFMDFM Committee correspondence regarding the Executive's Investment Strategy.

6. Chairperson's Business

There were no items of Chairpersons' Business.

7. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.53am
Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.54am
David Hilditch re-joined the meeting 11.56am

8. Any Other Business

There were no items of Any of Business.

Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.00pm
Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 12.04pm
Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12.10pm

9. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 21st January 2016 at 10.00am in Room 30.

The meeting moved into closed session at 12.25pm

Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.26pm
Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.26pm

10. Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Powers and Membership

Agreed: The Committee agreed the List of Abbreviations

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Executive Summary

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Summary of Recommendations

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Introductions paragraphs 1 to 21

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Context paragraphs 22 to 28

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Role Played by the Department and the Arts Council paragraphs 29 to 62

Agreed: The Committee agreed What Role can Museums Play paragraphs 63 to 68

Agreed: The Committee agreed What Role can Libraries Play paragraphs 69 to 72

Agreed: The Committee agreed What Role can other Arm's Length Bodies and Executive Departments Play paragraphs 73 to 92

Agreed: The Committee agreed What Role can Theatres and Theatre Company Play paragraphs 93 to 120

Agreed: The Committee agreed What is the Role of the Arts and Culture Centres paragraphs 121 to 130

Agreed: The Committee agreed What do Communities Need from the Arts paragraphs 131 to 137

Agreed: The Committee agreed What About the Role of Other Institutions paragraphs 138 to 148

Agreed: The Committee agreed What is the view of Umbrella Arts Organisations paragraphs 149 to 154

Agreed: The Committee agreed What View does a Playwright have paragraphs 155 to 159

Agreed: The Committee agreed Barriers and Possible Solutions paragraphs 160 to 172

Agreed: The Committee agreed The Lack of Value Placed on the Arts paragraphs 173 to 179

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Economic/Financial paragraphs 180 to 214

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Geography/Location paragraphs 215 to 232

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Education paragraphs 233 to 271

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Funding paragraphs 272 to 317

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Awareness/Information/Digital paragraphs 318 to 334

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Community, Cultural and Psychological paragraphs 335 to 408

Agreed: The Committee agreed Volunteers paragraphs 409 to 418

Agreed: The Committee agreed Local Government paragraphs 419 to 447

Agreed: The Committee agreed Council Strategies paragraphs 448 to 466

Agreed: The Committee agreed the appendices.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.35pm.

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

Thursday 21st January 2016

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____