

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 22nd 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
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA

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

Apologies: Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA

The Committee commenced in public session at 10.10am

1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

Agreed: Members agreed to offer their condolences to Mr McMullan following a family bereavement.

2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 15th October 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 15th October 2015 were agreed.

4. Libraries NI Briefing on Review of Opening Hours, the Impact of In-Year Cuts and their Engagement with Local Councils.

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.11am.

Ms Irene Knox	Chief Executive
Ms Helen Osborn	Director of Library Services
Terry Heron	Director of Business Support

A question and answer session followed their briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek further information on the number of hours lost and the reduction in stock due to budget cuts.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a further briefing from Libraries NI in the New Year regarding Transfer of Functions.

5. Matters Arising

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Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Judith Cochrane MLA regarding her Private Members Bill on Liquor Licencing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to provide the Social Development Committee with information.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to inform Ulster Rugby of its actions.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the remaining Matters Arising to the meeting on 22 October 2015.

7. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer all items of Correspondence to the meeting on 22 October 2015.

8. Chairperson's Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer all items of Chairperson's Business to the meeting on 22 October 2015.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL Minister regarding the recent success of Michael Conlan.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to congratulate the Manager and Captain of the NI Football team.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL asking for a “tie up list” of their outstanding initiatives and schedule a briefing from the Department on these initiatives and the Transfer of Functions Order.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the consideration of Inclusion in the Arts recommendations to the meeting on 22 October 2015.

11. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 10.00am in Room 30.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.11pm.

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

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