

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 18th 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
Mr. Oliver McMullan 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

The Committee commenced in public session at 10.06am

1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 11th February 2016.

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2016 were agreed

William Humphrey declared an interest as an IFA 'Block-booker'
David Hilditch declared an interest as a member of IFA Council

3. Briefing from IFA

The following witness joined the meeting at 10.09am

Patrick Nelson	Chief Executive, IFA;
Jim Shaw	President, IFA and
Heather Wright	Sales and Marketing / Ticketing Coordinator

A question and answer session followed.

Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.15am
Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.50am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to IFA to ensure they communicate to supporters the information that has been shared with the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to IFA ensuring they examine with UEFA the issue of compensation for those having to pay for a more expensive ticket than that for which they originally applied.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to IFA to ensure they pursue the issue of tickets for carers to accompany those with disability.

4. Clerks briefing on BBC Charter Renewal

The Committee agreed to return to this issue in Closed Session.

Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.12am
Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.15am
Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11.16am
Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11.22am

5. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to reissue any outstanding correspondence.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from DCAL regarding a Fan Embassy at the Euro 2016 Championships.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for details as to why a meeting with Dominic Walsh ahead of his briefing to the Committee was refused.

Noted: The Committee noted the figures provided by UTV regarding stakeholders.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to seek further clarification on meetings between the Minister and Dominic Walsh.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Department for information regarding the Minister's diary commitments on Fridays in 2012.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Department for a copy of their policy for holding meeting notes and minutes.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Department for details of individuals who had previously sought access to papers relevant to the Committee's Casement Park Inquiry prior to briefing Members, and whether or not this had been facilitated.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask for details of, and any accompanying notes/minutes, of any meetings between Rosalie Flanagan and Dominic Walsh in 2012.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Dominic Walsh to give evidence under oath, once the Department facilitates his access to any papers that he requires.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request that Peter May returns to give evidence with respect to the Casement park Inquiry to clarify issues around the nature and substance of the update meetings he received from the Stadium Programme Team.

6. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the RaISe paper on UNESCO recognition of hurling.

Noted: The Committee noted the OFMDFM correspondence regarding the Pilot Project Evaluation of the Cross Community Youth Sports Programme.

7. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from DCAL to the Minister's reception to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the NI Women's Football Association.

8. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme subject to changes highlighted by the Clerk.

Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.10pm

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 25th February 2016 at 10.00am in Room 30.

The meeting continued in Closed Session at 12.17pm

11. Inquiry into issues around emergency exit plans, including their impact on stadium capacity, for the redeveloped Casement Park.

Agreed: The Committee agreed a response to a solicitor's letter.

Agreed: The Committee agreed a response to Sport NI regarding a data protection issue.

4. Clerks briefing on BBC Charter Renewal

The Committee had agreed to return to this item in the Closed Session.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the DCAL Minister to endorse her draft revised Memorandum of Understanding regarding the BBC Charter Renewal, and for her to raise issues around BBC Charter renewal directly with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.30pm

William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.34pm

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.35 pm

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

Thursday 25th February 2016