

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 19th November 2015

Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mr. David Hilditch MLA
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt 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 11.40am

1. Committee Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities – consideration of recommendations.

Agreed: The remaining recommendations and the new recommendations were agreed subject to minor amendments which were discussed.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley joined the meeting at 11.59am

The Committee continued in public session at 12.07pm

2. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

3. Draft Minutes of meetings on 5th and 17th November 2015.

Agreed: The minutes of the meetings on 5th and 17th November 2015 were agreed.

4. Inquiry into Issues Around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park Stadium – inquiry papers.

Noted: The Committee noted the written submission from the Moorelands and Owenvarragh Residents Association.

Mr Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 12.10pm

Mr Gordon Dunne took the chair at 12.10pm

Mr Nelson McCausland re-joined the meeting at 12.14pm

5. RaISe Briefing on Public-Funded Building Liability.

The following official joined the meeting at 12.10pm

Mr Colin Pidgeon, Assembly Research Officer.

A question and answer session followed the briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek a briefing from Central Procurement Division around procurement processes with respect to The MAC and other public funded buildings.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek information from the Department in relation to the form of contract used in relation to the construction of The MAC.

6. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's response regarding a reception for Michael Conlan.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.21pm

Noted: The Committee noted the Department's response regarding the NI Fly Fishing Association and the Stillwater International Festival.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the correspondence from Sport NI regarding the Sport NI Boxing Investment Programme to next week's meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the correspondence from Sport NI regarding Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club to next week's meeting.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from Libraries NI regarding its response to Ms Emma Dunbar.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the correspondence from DCMS regarding the Irish Language and Ulster-Scots Broadcast Funds to next week's meeting.

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.38pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed write to the Department to highlight correspondence it has received from the Ulster Scots Agency regarding the Ulster Scots Broadcast Fund.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.41pm

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from Libraries NI regarding the reduction in their opening hours and actual spend to date on stock.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek written briefing from the Department in the first instance regarding issues around the November Monitoring Round and issues outstanding from 5th November; and then, on consideration of this, whether to seek an oral briefing.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.52pm

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12.55pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to seek information on what was said about years two and three of the Cultural Programme in the final five of the list of thirteen briefings that the Committee received around the World Police and Fire Games.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the GAA and Loyal Orange Lodge to seek their views on the value of the Cultural Awareness Programme and whether they wish the Committee to pursue its re-instatement.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer correspondence from the Department regarding the Bands Forum/Sentinel article issue until next week.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from ACNI regarding in-year budget cuts and their Sustainability Fund.

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence regarding departmental sickness levels.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from DCAL regarding the appointment of the new Chairperson of the Safety Technical Group.

Noted: The Committee noted the October edition of the Investment Strategy Report for October 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed write to RTE regarding radio broadcasting.

Noted: The Committee noted the Ofcom correspondence regarding the development of the Ofcom Annual Plan for 2016/17.

Noted: The Committee noted and correspondence from DCAL regarding the Committee's review into Gaps in Child Protection across the Department's remit.

Noted: The Committee noted the latest edition of EU Matters.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from Employment and Learning Committee regarding their inquiry into post-school special needs provision for those with learning disabilities.

Noted: The Committee noted the monitoring of savings delivery plans correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Noted: The Committee noted the Salmon and Inland Fisheries Report 2012-13.

8. Chairperson's Business

Agreed: The Committee noted the invite from Ulster University and agreed to invite them to an informal meeting to discuss their work.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer the Committee Motion regarding funding cuts to the arts sector organisations to next week for further consideration.

9. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NI Football League, Belfast City Council and Windsor Park Safety Management Group regarding health and safety issues at Windsor Park.

David Hilditch declared an interest as a member of the Irish Football Association.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding the reinstatement of the funding for the Musical Instruments for Bands programme.

11. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 26th November 2015 at 10.00am in Room 30.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.38pm.