

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Room 30, Parliament Buildings

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

*The Committee commenced in closed session at 10.06am*

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

Members' previous declarations of interest with respect to the inquiry have been carried forward, as per the Committee's agreement.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to return to the legal correspondence at the next meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward papers to Ms Rosalie Flanagan.

Noted: The Committee noted the written submission from Antoinette McKeown.

*David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10.15am*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek legal advice on correspondence.

*The Committee continued in public session at 10.19am*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies noted above.

**2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were agreed

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

The following witness joined the meeting at 10.20am

Carál Ní Chuilín      Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure

*Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.22am*

*Basil McCrea left the meeting at 10.49am*

*Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 10.59am*

*Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11.10am*

*William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.32am*

*William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.35am*

*The meeting suspended at 11.50am*

*The meeting convened at 12.00pm*

*Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12.08pm*

*Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12.09pm*

**4. Briefing from the MAC**

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 12.39pm

*William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.39pm*

*Rosie McCorley left the meeting at 12.39pm*

Anne McReynolds      Chief Executive, The MAC

Ray Hutchinson      MAC Trustee and MD of Gilbert Ash

A question and answer session followed.

*William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.49pm*

*Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.49pm*

*David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.54pm*

It was proposed by Nelson McCausland that Leslie Cree take the Chair, and seconded by Basil McCrea. The Committee unanimously agreed.

*Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 12.55pm*  
*Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12.57pm*  
*David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 1.03pm*  
*Nelson McCausland re-joined the meeting at 1.08pm*

Mr McCausland resumed the Chair.

**5. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the list of invitees at the Minister's event celebrating sporting success in 2015..

**6. Correspondence**

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department on the draft Statutory Rules to Provide Privileged Access to Information Contained in Court and Inquest Files and agreed to return to it at the next meeting.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the submission from Arts and Business NI to the DCAL Strategy for Culture and Arts 2016-2026.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DFP response to draft budget 2016/17.

**7. Chairpersons Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invitation from Arts and Business NI.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the NMNI invite.

**8. Forward Work Programme**

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

**9. Any Other Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to congratulate Carl Frampton.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to IFA and Belfast City Council regarding a mural at Inverary playing fields.

*Leslie Cree left the meeting at 1.30pm*

**10. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 1.31pm*

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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**