

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 7th January 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
Mrs. Karen McKevitt 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: Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA

The Committee commenced in closed session at 10.09am

1. Whistleblowing Independent Investigation

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence regarding the Whistleblowing Independent Investigation.

Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.12am

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

Noted: The Committee noted the scheduling of further witnesses.

3. Fisheries Bill

Noted: The Committee noted the papers received in relation to the Fisheries Bill.

The meeting continued in public session at 10.28am

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.28am

Dr Dan Hull, Assembly Research Officer

A question and answer session followed this briefing.

The meeting continued in closed session at 10.49am

The following proposal was put by Mr Oliver McMullan and seconded by Ms Rosaleen McCorley

Proposed:

That the Committee agrees to proceed with the scrutiny of the relevant clauses of the Fisheries Bill.

Ayes	-	2
Noes	-	5
Abstentions	-	0
Non-Voters	-	0

Ayes

Oliver McMullan

Rosaleen McCorley

Noes

Karen McKeivitt

Nelson McCausland

Gordon Dunne

Leslie Cree

David Hilditch

The motion fell.

Agreed: To write to the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development, the consultees who provided submissions and the DCAL Minister, informing them of this decision.

The meeting moved to open session at 11.03am

2. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

William Humphrey joined the meeting at 11.10am

3. Draft Minutes of meeting on 10th December 2015.

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 10th December 2015 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response regarding Sign Language Roadmap and Consortium for Research into Deaf Education (CIDRE) Report 2014.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response regarding November Monitoring.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from DCAL regarding the Budget 2016-17 when budget figures have been produced.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response regarding the Lough Neagh and Lough Erne Management Plan Consultations.

Agreed: The Committee noted the DCAL response regarding follow up actions from the Minister's briefing on 5th November and agreed to return to these at the briefing from the DCAL Permanent Secretary.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from DCAL regarding the employment of the Casement Park Project Leader.

Noted: The Committee noted the Education Minister's response regarding the Sign Language.

David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.28am

Noted: The Committee noted the response from Sport NI regarding boxing club affiliation.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from Sport NI regarding their scheduled briefing on 18th February 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence from the Londonderry Bands Forum to ACNI to schedule a meeting, and agreed to reply to the Forum informing them of this action and thanking them for the invite to visit.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCMS regarding the funding of sports clubs.

5. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the report from the Department on Consultation on proposal for an Irish Language Bill.

Noted: The Committee noted the OFMDFM Social Exclusion and Sport in Northern Ireland report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the BECTU correspondence regarding the ITV takeover of UTV to Ofcom for comment.

David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 11.35am
Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.35am

Noted: The Committee noted the December Investment Activity report.

Noted: The Committee noted the new Board Members of Sport NI.
Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from CILIP.

Noted: The Committee noted the NI Screen correspondence regarding Irish Language and Ulster-Scots Broadcast funds.

6. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the NMNI invite to the Rembrandt's Self Portrait at 63 event.

Noted: The Committee noted the RNIB invite.

Noted: The Committee noted the Speaker's invite to the Burns Night event.

7. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

8. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to thank NMNI for the invites to the recent events.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Causeway Coast and Glens Council regarding the recent decision on funding of the Causeway Sports Village and the Dungiven Sports Facilities.

9. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 10.00am in Room 30.

The meeting moved into closed session at 11.36am

10. Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The meeting was suspended at 11.39am
The meeting reconvened at 11.41am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the inquiry report to the meeting on 14th January 2016.

Leslie Cree re-joined the meeting at 11.42am

Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11.42am

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.43am.

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

Thursday 14th January 2016