

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA

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

*The Committee opened in closed session at 10.07am*

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

Members discussed the dissemination of information in relation to the Inquiry papers.

**2. Departmental Business Plan**

*Noted:* The Committee noted Departmental Business Plan for 2015-16.

*The Committee moved to public session at 10.11am*

**3. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

**4. Draft minutes**

The draft minutes for the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were approved.

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

*Mr. Oliver McMullan, Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín and Mr. Dominic Bradley declared an interest as members of the GAA.*

*Mr. David Hilditch declared an interest as a member of the IFA Council from week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.*

*Mr. Nelson McCausland declared an interest as Minister at the time of the Outline Business Case.*

The following official joined the meeting at 10.14am.

Sir Nigel Hamilton	Former IRFU President and IRFU Representative on Stadia Redevelopment Sponsor Board
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The official briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

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

Mr. Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.06am

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.06am.

Dr Dan Hull	Assembly Research Officer
Ms Suzie Cave	Assembly Research Officer

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr. Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11.07am

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.07am

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.07am

Mr. Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11.15am

Mr. William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.17am

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* The Committee requested that further research was undertaken clarifying a number of points relating to planning processes and exiting strategies.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.54am

Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 12.04pm

***The meeting suspended at 12.05pm.***

***The meeting reconvened at 12.40pm.***

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

The following official joined the meeting at 12.41pm.

Mr Jim Shaw                                  President, IFA

Mr Leslie Cree re-joined the meeting at 12.41pm

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.43pm

The official briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek clarification from the Department on the ‘risks and issues’ referred to in the SRO Reports.

**8. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Department’s response regarding a possible breach of Fenton and Robinson Copyright.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Department’s response regarding EU funding streams and Sport NI.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Department’s response regarding funding of the Armagh Observatory.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from Ulster Rugby regarding their safety certificate figures for Kingspan Stadium.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from Libraries NI regarding the registration of their defibrillators.

**9. Correspondence**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Ulster Scots Agency to seek assurances that the issues outlined in the 2013 North/South Language Body Annual Report and Accounts have since been addressed.

**10. Chairperson’s Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the University of Ulster invite to the commemoration and conflict event.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the BBC NI invite to the launch of BBC Radio Foyle on DAB.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DCAL invite to the DCAL reception for 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

**11. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* Members agreed the Forward Work Programme.

**12. Any Other Business**

*Agreed:* Members discussed a newspaper article regarding the redevelopment of Casement Park and agreed to issue a clarification stating that comments made by the Chairperson were on a personal basis and were not made on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 1.35pm

**13. Briefing from IFA regarding Stadium Redevelopment**

The following officials joined the meeting at 1.47pm.

Mr. Jim Shaw	President, IFA
Mr. Patrick Nelson	Chief Executive, IFA
Dr Leslie Caul	Chairman, IFA
Mr. Maurice Johnston	Board Member

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr. Leslie Cree left the meeting at 1.59pm

A question and answer session followed.

**14. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in The Cloughmore Centre, Kilbroney Forest Park on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10.00am.

**15. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 2.13pm*

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

