

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Bangor Campus, South Eastern Regional College

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

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA  
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr. James Hurley (Student)  
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

*The Committee opened in public session at 10.09am*

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

#### **2. Draft minutes**

The draft minutes for meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved.

#### **3. Briefing from SERC regarding the Performing Arts and Technology Innovation Centre**

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.10am.

Mr Ken Webb	Principal and Chief Executive Officer
Ms Shiona Croft	Head of School of Performance and Creative Arts

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

#### **4. National Museums Northern Ireland briefing on Savings Delivery Plans**

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.50am.

Dr Jim McGreevy     Acting Chief Executive  
Ms Jude Helliker     Director of People and Performance

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.16am.  
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.19am.  
Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.21am.  
Mr Gordon Dune re-joined the meeting at 11.23am.

## **5. Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2015**

Members considered SR 2015 No. 239 Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2015.

### **Members agreed the following:**

*That the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure has considered the Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2015 and has no objection to the rule, subject to a positive assessment by the Examiner of Statutory Rules.*

## **6. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding the procurement processes used regarding the Stadia Programme Project.

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11.35am.  
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 11.36am.

*Mr. David Hilditch declared an interest as Chair of Carrick Rangers and a Member of the IFA.*

*Mr. William Humphrey declared an interest as a block booker of Windsor Park.*

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence from DCAL regarding funding for the redevelopment of Windsor Park.

*Ms. Rosaleen McCorley declared as Casement Park is within her constituency.*

*Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín declared an interest as a member of the GAA.*

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding the redevelopment of Casement Park and agreed to discuss all documents relating to Casement Park together.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to keep a watching brief on the DCAL correspondence regarding the implementation of the 2015/16 budget and CSR process.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to keep a watching brief on the organisational redesign of the Armagh Planetarium.

*Agreed:* The Committee considered correspondence from the IFA and agreed to write to the Irish Football Association inviting them to update the Committee prior to the upcoming International Game and to seek clarification regarding the publishing of the structural engineers' report.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from NI Screen regarding their Savings Delivery Plans.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding issues relating to Casement Park.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the response from the Permanent Secretary regarding issues relating to Casement Park and agreed to discuss all prior documents relating to Casement Park that had been noted throughout the meeting.

Members discussed all documents relating to concerns raised regarding the Casement Park redevelopment project.

The following motion was proposed by Mr. David Hilditch.

That the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure hold an inquiry with respect to safety concerns around the Casement Park redevelopment.

Ayes - 5

Noes - 3

Abstentions - 0

Non-Voters - 0

Ayes:

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Mr. William Humphrey

Mr. David Hilditch

Mr. Leslie Cree

Mr. Gordon Dunne

Noes:

Ms. Rosaleen McCorley

Mrs. Karen McKeivitt

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín

The motion was passed.

*Agreed:* The Committee would meet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to consider terms of reference for this inquiry.

## **7. Correspondence**

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding the Monitoring of Savings Delivery Plans 2014-15.

## **8. Chairperson's Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to include the RaISe research paper on 'Local Council Spend on Culture and Heritage' in the 'Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities' Inquiry.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invite from the Employment and Learning Committee to their Further Education event on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invite from Collaboration NI and Volunteer Now to their event on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence received from the Nerve Centre.

Mr Leslie Cree left the meeting at 12.12pm.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.16pm.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 12.21pm.

## **9. Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised.

## **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 to consider DCAL June Monitoring.

## **11. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Room 30 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 12.30pm.

The meeting moved to Closed Session at 12.24pm.

Ms Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.24pm.

Ms Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 12.26pm.

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.26pm.

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12.30pm.

**12. DCAL Briefing on the Proposed NMNI and NIMC Merger**

The following officials joined the meeting at 12.25pm.

Mr Fergus Devitt      Director of Sports, Museums and Recreation  
Mr Alastair Hughes    Head of Museums and Libraries Branch

A question and answer session followed.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to return to issues raised at this session at a later date.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12.39pm.

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**