

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 26th March 2015

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA
Mr. David Hilditch MLA

Apologies: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA
Ms. Rosaleen McCorley 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 public session at 10:08 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 19th March 2015 meeting were agreed.

3. Briefing from DCAL regarding the Cultural Awareness Strategy

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:10 am.

Martina Campbell, Head of Languages & Waterways Ireland Branch; and
Tommy McAuley, Linguistic Operations Branch.

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.15am

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding the future funding of the Cultural Awareness Strategy.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 10.25am.

4. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from IABA regarding the audit of facilities.

Agreed: To contact Sport NI regarding the timing of the Sport Facilities Strategy Workshop.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask Dr Dan Hull to attend the event.

Noted: The Committee noted the responses from the ALBs, Departments and Sporting Bodies regarding the provision of Defibrillators.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding the Community Resuscitation Strategy and invite DHSSPS officials to brief the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to find out what impediments may relate to having defibrillators in Constituency Offices.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to follow up responses from Church organisations regarding defibrillators.

Agreed: To contact ACNI to seek assurance of local representation at the Creative Europe breakfast event in London on 08th April 2015.

Agreed: To forward the DARD Minister's correspondence regarding the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Inclusion Framework to Libraries NI.

Agreed: That the Committee would highlight to Libraries NI that they have been named a 'Statutory Partner' for the purposes of Community Planning by DCAL and DoE.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence regarding the Departmental Steering Group on the Arts and Culture Strategy.

Noted: The Committee noted the revised policy and consultation framework of the Community Festivals Fund.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from DCAL following the closing of the consultation period for the Community Festivals Fund.

5. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the Report of the Scientific committee for Assessing Salmon Stocks in the DCAL jurisdiction.

Noted: The Committee noted the NI Audit Office “Conflicts of Interest – A Good Practice” report.

6. Chairperson’s Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from Cinemagic to their event to mark the end of Creativity Month.

Agreed: To ask the Department for their evaluation of Creativity Month 2015.

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

8. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek an update from DCAL regarding the future of redundant reservoirs across NI.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL requesting a copy of the survey of Lough Neagh Dollaghan.

9. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Room 30, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 10.00am.

10. Briefing DCAL regarding Budget Consultation.

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:05 am

David Carson, Director of Finance and Corporate Services; and
Damian Brady, Equality Officer.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

The meeting moved to Closed Session at 11.55am

Agreed: To write to DCAL seeking timescales for delivery of Savings Plans, the impact to Arm's Length Bodies with the closure of the Department and for details of DCAL's CSR process.

Agreed: To invite Armagh Observatory and Planetarium to brief the Committee on their Savings Delivery Plans.

Agreed: To write to Libraries NI and DCAL regarding the position of the Business Case for Belfast Central Library.

Noted: Correspondence from NI Screen regarding the BBC Partnership Agreement.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Mr. Gordon Dunne

Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

16th April 2015