

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 5th February 2015
House of Sport, Sport NI Headquarters

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

Apologies: Ms. Rosaleen McCorley MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr. Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)
Mr. James Hurley (Bursary Student)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:13 am

The Committee was welcomed to the House of Sport, Sport NI Headquarters by the Director of Participation and Facilities, Mr. Nick Harkness.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 29th January 2015 meeting were approved subject to amendment.

3. Briefing from Defibs 4 Kids

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:18 am

Mr. Art Kernan, Chairperson, Defibs4kids
Ms. Lynda Donaldson, Witness
Ms. Martina McConville, Witness
Mr. Conall Jemfrey, Volunteer, St Johns Ambulance

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:12 am
Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:14 am

Mr David Hilditch declared an interest as a Health and Safety Official for a sports club.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to a number of Departments requesting information on a variety of issues around the promotion, provision and use of defibrillators.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to ALBs, NILGA, Sporting Bodies and Community Groups requesting information on a variety of issues around the promotion, provision and use of defibrillators.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to contact Politics Plus regarding CPR training for Members.

4. Sport NI Briefing on Sport Matters Mid-Term Review and Sport NI Briefing on Facilities Strategy Project

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:19 am.

Mr. Fergus Devitt, Director Sports, Museums, and Recreation, DCAL
Mr. Robert Heyburn, Senior Sports Development Officer, DCAL
Dr Paul Donnelly, Policy, Planning, and Research Manager, Sport NI
Mr. Nick Harkness, Director of Participation and Facilities, Sport NI

The officials briefed the Committee.

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:21 am
Mr Dominic Bradley re-joined the meeting at 11:25 am

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Committee Office would follow up with Sport NI officials around Commonwealth Games participation issues.

Agreed: Sport NI will forward information regarding training schemes for stewards to the Committee Office.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11:59 am
Mrs Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 12:02pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:02 pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:05 pm
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:12 pm
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:20 pm

5. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence received from NI Screen to NVTV.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing on the recent Angling Review and asked that this briefing considered tourism and the Loughs Agency.

6. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee noted the Irish Language and Ulster Scots Language, Heritage and Culture Strategies and agreed to return to them in due course.

Agreed: The Clerk would forward further Budget information to Members ahead of the Spring Supplementary Estimates Debate on 9th February.

7. Ministerial Statements on NSMC Inland Waterways and NSMC Language Body

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister regarding the Statements on NSMC Inland Waterways and NSMC Language Body.

8. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from Audiences NI.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from NICEM.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding the consultation on proposals for an Irish Language Bill.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation to the launch of a consultation on proposals for an Irish Language Bill.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation to MusED.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation to the Innovation Boost event.

Noted: The Committee noted the gift presented by the Special Olympics Ulster team.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

10. AOB

Noted: The Committee noted a request from a Member to ensure that the consideration of issues around disability remain a priority for the Committee.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Parliament Buildings, Room 30 on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 10.00 am

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Members were invited to view the Dub and Newforge Sports Grounds following the meeting.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
12th February 2015**