



**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr David Hilditch MLA  
Mr William Humphrey MLA  
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA  
Mr Basil McCrea MLA  
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

Apologies: Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Ms Ciara McKay (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

*The Committee opened in public session at 10.15am.*

**1. Apologies**

The apologies are noted above.

**2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**3. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted the Business Case for the advertising spend for Líoífa.

The Committee noted an Interim Evaluation of the Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme (Year 2) and the Post Project Evaluation for the Líoífa Birthday Party 2013.

*Agreed:* The Clerk agreed to ascertain a breakdown of the Líoífa Birthday Party for 2013.

The Committee noted the response from the Minister regarding issues raised by the Lough Neagh Fisherman's Association regarding eel licences and agreed to keep a watching brief.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Employment and Learning regarding the Performing Arts, Technology and Innovation Centre at Bangor.

The Committee noted memos from the Environment Committee; Finance and Personnel Committee; and the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee regarding the inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite Greater Shantallow Community Arts to provide a written submission to the Committee's inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to defer consideration of Sport NI's response to DCAL's Stage 2 Review of its functions until next week's meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to endorse NI Screen's revised submission to OFCOM's consultation on Out of England Production Quota as part of Channel 4's Licence.

#### **4. Briefing from Sport NI on NIAO Report on Sport NI's Project Management and Oversight of the St. Colman's Project**

*The following officials joined the meeting at 10.30am:*

Chief Executive, Ms Antoinette McKeown; and  
Director of Participation and Facilities, Mr Nick Harkness.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

*Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 10.57am.*

*Mr Dominic Bradley returned to the meeting at 11.02am.*

*Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 11.22am.*

Mrs Karen McKeivitt declared an interest as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Newry and Mourne District Council during the duration of the St. Colman's project.

*Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.39am.*

*Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 11.48am.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite the Minister, Permanent Secretary and other DCAL officials to brief the Committee on the Audit Office's reports on both Sport NI's project management of the St. Colman's Project and DCAL's Capital Project Management.

*Officials left the meeting at 11.53am.*

## **5. SERC briefing on its Plans for a Performing Arts, Technology and Innovation Centre in Bangor**

*The following officials joined the meeting at 11.55am:*

Principal and Chief Executive, Mr Ken Webb;  
Head of School of Performing and Creative Arts, Ms Shiona Croft; and  
Assistant Head of School of Performing and Creative Arts, Ms Corrine Courtney-Lee.

The officials briefed the Committee.

*Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.17pm.*

A question and answer session followed.

*Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.30pm.*

*Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 12.36pm.*

*Officials left the meeting at 12.46pm.*

*Mr Dominic Bradley returned to the meeting at 12.48pm.*

*Mr William Irwin left to the meeting at 12.48pm.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Ministers for Employment and Learning and Culture, Arts and Leisure to encourage them to work to develop of a framework / strategy for the Performing Arts; and to express concerns to the Minister for Employment and Learning regarding the lack of recent consultation around the PATIC project and to ascertain the origins of the funding.

*Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.54pm.*

## **6. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the memo from the OFMDFM Committee enclosing the Northern Ireland Executive EU Priorities 2013-14 mid-year report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward information from the OFMDFM Committee regarding Competitive European Funding to DCAL for comment in relation to drawdown of funds for the culture, arts and leisure sectors.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the Terms of Reference of the Finance and Personnel Committee's Inquiry into Flexible Working in the Public Sector to DCAL for comment on its own and its ALB's practices.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding the Spring Supplementary Estimates 2013-14.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the BBC Trust regarding the operating licence for the BBC World Service.

#### **7. Chairpersons Business**

The Committee noted the Invitation Tracker.

The Committee noted the letter from Libraries NI regarding National Libraries Day.

#### **8. Forward Work Programme**

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme

#### **9. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

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

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 10.00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.56pm.

**Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**  
**13<sup>th</sup> February 2014**