



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 13th 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
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: None

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 10.16am.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 06th February 2014.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

The Committee noted the Department's response regarding the status of outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

The Committee noted the Department's response regarding the current status of the Business Case for the redevelopment of Belfast Central Library.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding signature projects and strategic plans for tourist attractions.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from NITB on its strategic plans for tourist attractions.

4. Oral Briefing by Representatives of Irish Language Organisations in Northern Ireland on the New Funding Model

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.22am:

Director of Ultach Trust, Mr Aodán Mac Póilin;
Chairperson of Altram, Ms Áine Andrews; and
Head of Policy and Planning at Altram, Ms Pat McAlister.

Officials briefed the Committee.

Mrs Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.30am.

A question and answer session followed.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley made a declaration as an Irish Language Activist.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 11.05am.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 11.08am.

Mr William Irwin returned to the meeting at 11.15am.

Mrs Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 11.23am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 11.28am.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11.45am.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.48am.

Mr Dominic Bradley returned to the meeting at 11.52am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.59am.

5. Oral Briefing from Foras na Gaeilge on the New Funding Model

The following officials joined the meeting at 12.02pm:

Deputy CEO, Mr Seán Ó Coinn; and
Director of Development Services, Mr Éamonn Ó hArgáin.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.03pm.

The officials briefed the Committee.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley returned to the meeting at 12.07pm.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.18pm.

Mr Oliver McMullan returned to the meeting at 12.19pm.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.44pm.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 12.58pm.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 12.58pm.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 1.01pm.

Mr Dominic Bradley returned to the meeting at 1.04pm.

Mr William Irwin returned to the meeting at 1.05pm.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 1.06pm.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 1.08pm.

Officials left the meeting at 1.14pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL for: details on the risk assessment carried out by DCAL and Foras na Gaeilge regarding the Irish Language in Northern Ireland; information about Northern Ireland representation on the Partnership Forum and Language Development Forum; and details on how local organisations will combine with the six lead organisations from the points of view of ethos, policy and funding guidance and guidelines.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 1.17pm.

6. S.R. 2014/15 Salmon Netting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Question put and agreed:

The Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure has considered S.R. 2014/15 Salmon Netting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 1.17pm.

7. S.R 2014/16 Salmon Drift Net Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Question put and agreed:

The Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure has considered S.R. 2014/16 Salmon Drift Net Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

8. S.R. 2014/17 Fisheries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Question put and agreed:

The Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure has considered S.R. 2014/17 Fisheries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

9. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed its contribution to the OFMDFM Committee Report on European Priorities for 2014/15.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL for its views on the culture, arts and leisure aspects of the Reservoirs Bill; and to write the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development requesting a copy of the Hansard of the Ulster Angling Federation briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer all other correspondence until next week's meeting.

10. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed to receive a written briefing from DCAL on the evaluation of the culture programme during the World Police and Fire Games in August 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer: its consideration of DCAL's Stage 2 Review of its ALB's; and its response to the Committee's Investigation into Child Protection and Safeguarding until a later date.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 20th February 2014 at 10.00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.20pm.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

20th February 2014