



Northern Ireland Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2014

SENATE CHAMBER PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Dominic Bradley 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)
Ms Megan Ward (Bursary Student)

The Committee opened in public session at 10.09am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 6th March 2014.

3. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward DCAL's response to the Finance and Personnel Committee Inquiry into Flexible Working in the Public Sector to that Committee; and agreed that it would not submit its own response.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of Sport NI's correspondence regarding its handling of correspondence to the journalist who raised issues regarding St. Colman's until the briefing by the Department on the NIAO Report on St. Colman's later that morning.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 10.14am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.15am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider a draft response to the Select Committee Inquiry into the Future of the BBC at next week's meeting.

Mr David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10.20am.

4. DCAL briefing on NIAO and PAC Reports on DCAL's Management of Major Capital Projects and NIAO Report on Sport NI's Oversight and Project Management of the St. Colman's Project

Agreed: The Clerk agreed to liaise with the Clerk of the PAC Committee regarding its report on the Department's Management of Large Capital Projects.

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.22am:

Interim Permanent Secretary, Mr Peter May;
Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Ms Deborah Brown; and
Head of Sports Branch, Ms Sinead McCartan.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt made a declaration as a Member of Newry and Mourne District Council at the time of the St. Colman's project.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín returned to the meeting at 10.35am.

Agreed: Officials agreed to write to the Committee on: the envisaged timescale for the Post Project Evaluations of the Stadia Redevelopment; and whether Sport NI's Audit Committee was sufficiently trained at the time of the St. Colman's project.

Officials left the meeting at 11.28am.

5. RaISE Briefing on Cost of Coaching Badges

The following official joined the meeting at 11.29am:

Assembly Research Officer, Dr Dan Hull.
The official briefed the Committee.
A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to return to the paper to address further issues at a later date.

The official left the meeting at 11.39am.

6. Briefing from IFA, Ulster Rugby and Ulster GAA regarding their work to Tackle Social Exclusion and Poverty

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.40am:

IFA Community Relations Manager, Ms Claire Adams;
GAA Head of Community Development, Strategy and Public Relations, Mr Ryan Feeney; and
IRFU Domestic Rugby Manager, Mr Chris Webster.

The officials briefed the Committee.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11.51am.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.51am.

Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 12.07pm.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The GAA official agreed to provide additional information on GAA ASAP and Community Engagement programmes.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.23pm.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.27pm.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 12.28pm.

Mr Basil McCrea returned to the meeting at 12.29pm.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín returned to the meeting at 12.38pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister of Health to ask that he accept responses from GAA, IFA and IRFU to his Department's consultation on a Community Resuscitation Strategy for Northern Ireland.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.59pm.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 1.03pm.

Officials left the meeting at 1.06pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding her plans to continue funding beyond 2015 for tackling social exclusion and poverty in sport.

7. Correspondence

The Committee noted correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding outstanding departmental Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for an update on outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee enclosing a copy of the Carnegie Trust UK Report on Measuring Wellbeing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Carnegie Trust UK report on Measuring Wellbeing to the Department for information.

The Committee noted the Press Release from OFCOM regarding the Channel 4 licence.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to raise the following issues with OFCOM: broadband issues and the proposed move of BBC3 to an online only service.

The Committee noted the Summary Equality Scheme for the North South Language Body.

8. Chairperson's Business

The Committee noted the invite tracker and all invites received.

9. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Clerk agreed to provide an itinerary for the Committee visit to Lough Cowey on 27th March 2014 at next week's meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to get information regarding the Northern Ireland Assembly Cycle to Work Scheme for Members.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1.12pm.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

20th March 2014