



COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 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 Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr Basil McCrea 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 10.16am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 12th December 2013.

3. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft press release launching its Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to notify all Statutory Committees of the Committee's Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to clarify the options identified in the draft report of its review of Sport NI.

The Committee noted correspondence from NILGA advising that it is collating the information requested regarding projects between local councils and Sport NI.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department clarifying the details regarding pressures, easements and revaluations in the January Monitoring Round.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for the Department's response to the Committee's Investigation into Gaps in Child Protection and Safeguarding across the CAL Remit until 27th January 2014, as requested.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Minister's letter advising of her officials' meeting with the Ulster Sports Academy to the Academy, and to seek the Academy's views.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to keep a watching brief on the forthcoming Post Project Evaluation for the Sports Events Funding Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ascertain definitive timescales for the completion of two outstanding Post Project Evaluations.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment confirming availability of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board officials to brief the Committee on the Events Strategy 2020.

Mrs Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.24am.

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding potential plans to promote Northern Ireland before and during the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Mr Dominic Bradley joined the meeting at 10.26am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to keep a watching brief on plans to promote Northern Ireland before and during the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from Sport NI regarding preparations in advance of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games to the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council; and to seek information from the Council regarding the proposed route of the Commonwealth Games.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of NI Screen and BBC Trust's responses to the Select Committee's Inquiry into the Future of the BBC until responses from BBC NI and local producers are received.

The Committee noted correspondence from Libraries NI on the Mobile Library Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to liaise with Libraries NI regarding the promotion of poetry on mobile libraries and schools.

The Committee noted correspondence from OFCOM regarding its further consultation on the relicensing of Channel 4 and the out of England production quota.

4. DCAL Oral Briefing on Sign Language

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.32am:

Mr Jerome Dawson, Head of Languages and Waterways Ireland Branch; and
Mr Tommy McAuley, Sign Language Partnership Group.

The officials briefed the committee

Mr William Irwin joined the meeting at 10.34am.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting at 10.44am.

Mr Cathál Ó hOisín made a declaration that he has previously worked for and with main partners within the deaf community, specifically Hands for Talk.

Mr William Irwin left the meeting at 10.55am.

Mr William Irwin returned to the meeting at 11.05am.

Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11.10am.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.14am.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.15am.

Agreed: Official's agreed to provide a memo to the Committee on the Interim Report of the Sign Language Partnership Group, when available.

Officials left the meeting at 11.19am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission research on any policies and legislation regarding the provision of sign language within the UK and Ireland.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 11.20am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ascertain the work of other government departments in relation to sign language; and to invite representatives of the deaf organisations on the Sign Language Partnership Board to brief the Committee.

5. DCAL Briefing on SL1 - Salmon Conservation Regulations 2014

The following official's joined the meeting at 11.23am:

Mr Aidan Cassidy, Head of Policy and Admin, Inland Fisheries;
Mr Seamus Connor, Chief Fisheries Officer; and
Mr Liam Devlin, Deputy Principal, Inland Fisheries Group.

The officials briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: Officials agreed to update the Committee on their discussions with the netsmen regarding compensation.

Mr Cathál Ó hOisín made a declaration as an angler and Chair of the All Party Group on Angling.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.37am.

Mr Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11.40am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.40am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content that the Department proceeds to make the Statutory Rules in relation to Salmon Conservation.

6. Briefing from Ards and Down Salmonid Enhancement Association (ADSEA)

The following official joined the meeting at 11.41am:

Mr Philip Johnston, Chairman of Ards and Down Salmonid Enhancement Association.

The official briefed the committee.

A question and answer session followed.

The Chairperson, Miss Michelle McIlveen, made a declaration that the Lough Cowey project discussed by ADSEA is located in her constituency.

Mr Michael McGimpsey returned to the meeting at 11.53am.

Mr Cathál Ó hOisín made a declaration as an angler and Chair of the All Party Group on Angling.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.01pm.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.00pm.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 12.04pm.

Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 12.05pm.

Mr Cathál Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.07pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to visit Lough Cowey and invite a DCAL official to attend the visit with the Committee.

The official left the Committee at 12.13pm.

7. RAISE Briefing on Governance Models for Sport across the UK and Ireland

The following official joined the meeting at 12.14pm:

Dr Dan Hull, Assembly Researcher.

The official briefed the Committee.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.14pm.

A question and answer session followed.

The official left the meeting at 12.19pm.

8. Correspondence

The Committee noted DCAL's Investing Activity Report.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Department outlining the Actual Outturn for November and December.

The Committee noted DCAL's report 'Your School Your Club'.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider DCAL's report 'Your School Your Club' at next week's meeting, alongside previous correspondence from Further and Higher Education providers regarding the use of their facilities for sport.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding an advertisement for an appointment to the Board of the Arts Council for Northern Ireland.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Environment Committee on its Inquiry into Wind Energy.

The Committee noted the following publications:

- NI Screen Commission Directors Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 March 2013; and
- World Police and Fire Games Annual Report and Financial Statements for year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward correspondence regarding an historical cycling anniversary to Sustrans, Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Belfast City Council.

The Committee noted Save the Children's 'Too Young to Fail' report.

The Committee noted Ulster Orchestra's Business Plan.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Regional Development Committee should undertake an inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Northern Ireland Economy. The Committee agreed to notify the relevant Committees of this decision; and to contribute to the inquiry outlining the work it has undertaken to promote cycling in Northern Ireland.

9. Chairs Business

The Committee noted the invite tracker.

The Committee noted all invites received.

Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 12.28pm.

10. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft Forward Work Programme.

11. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission research on comparisons of fee structures for coaching badges within IFA, GAA, Ulster Rugby and other sports governing bodies, across the UK and Ireland.

12. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2014 at 10.00am at the Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm.

Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
23rd January 2014

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____