



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 30th JANUARY 2014

ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Rosaleen McCorley 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 10.11am.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Ministerial Briefing on Legacy Plans for UK City of Culture and Stadia Redevelopment

The following joined the meeting at 10.12am:

Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA;
Interim Permanent Secretary, Mr Peter May; and

Head of the North West Office, Ms Joanna McConway.

The Minister and her officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10.18am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10.24am.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.27am.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 10.30am.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to write to the IFA to assess whether any work is being undertaken to find an alternative football ground from Windsor Park during the Euro qualifiers in September.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín returned to the meeting at 10.54am.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to raise with her Executive colleagues operational issues around the Giro d'Italia; and to provide to the Committee details of the Business Case regarding legacy plans for the North West, once available.

The Minister and her officials left the meeting at 11.12am.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.12am.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: Minutes were agreed for the meeting held on the 23rd January 2014.

4. Matters Arising

The Committee noted the correspondence tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Minister's response to its Investigation into Gaps in Child Protection and Safeguarding across the Culture, Arts and Leisure remit until the following week.

Mr Oliver McMullan returned to the meeting at 11.15am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward its report on Track Cycling Facilities to the Minister.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding her Department's position in relation to Exploris.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 11.18am.

5. Correspondence

The Committee noted DCAL's Investing Activity Report.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.20am.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Environment, enclosing correspondence from the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland regarding archaeological archives.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer its visit to the Resource Collections Centre in Swords until after Easter. The Committee agreed to invite the Environment Committee to accompany it on the visit, and to also arrange a meeting with the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland as part of the visit.

Mr William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 11.23am.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Employment and Learning on its Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Employment and Learning on their Inquiry into post-school provision for individuals with learning difficulties.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel, enclosing information from DFP on departmental Savings Delivery Plans.

The Committee noted correspondence regarding the decision of Newtownabbey District Council in respect of the Reduced Shakespeare Company's play.

6. Chairpersons Business

The Committee noted the invitation tracker.

The Committee noted all invites received.

7. Forward Work programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission research into the legislation regarding theatre provision in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Committee moved into closed session at 11.28am.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt made a declaration that she was a Member of Newry and Mourne District Council during the duration of the St. Colman's project.

9. NIAO Briefing on its Report on Sport NI's Project Management and Oversight of the St Colman's Project

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.29am:

Comptroller and Auditor General, Mr Kieran Donnelly;
NIAO Official, Ms Joan McClelland;
NIAO Official, Ms Suzanne Walsh; and
Assembly Liaison Officer, Mr Richard Emerson.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr Michael McGimpsey returned to the meeting at 11.43am.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.06pm.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.14pm.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín returned to the meeting at 12.19pm.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.21pm.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12.42pm.

Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting at 12.42pm.

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.45pm.

Mr David Hilditch returned to the meeting at 12.51pm.

Officials left the meeting at 12.56pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerk should summarise the key issues raised during the evidence session with NIAO and to provide a structured note at next week's meeting, in advance of Sport NI's briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to hold a stakeholder event as part of its inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities at Flowerfield Arts Centre.

10. Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 6th February 2014 at 10.00am in Room 21 Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.06pm.