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COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 16th April 2015

Room 30 Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA
Mr. David Hilditch MLA
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA
Ms. Rosaleen McCorley MLA

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr. Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:06 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 26th March 2015 meeting were agreed.

Mr Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.
Ms Rosaleen McCorley joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.
Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

3. Chairperson's Business

The Committee considered recent concerns regarding Windsor Park Stadium and Casement Park Stadium.

Mrs Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Mr. William Humphrey declared an interest as a block booker at Windsor Park.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward questions to the DCAL Permanent Secretary regarding the redevelopment of Windsor Park and Casement Park ahead of their briefing next week

Agreed: That the Stadium Programme Director attends the briefing with the Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretary regarding these issues.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking more information regarding the role and remit of the Safety Technical Group (STG).

Agreed: The Committee agreed that IFA officials should be invited to attend an additional Committee Meeting to discuss concerns regarding Windsor Park.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to contact the IRFU (Ulster Branch) seeking clarification if the Kingspan Stadium can be used for non-rugby events.

The Committee discussed that the Committee meeting on Thursday 7th May was the date set for the UK Westminster Election.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the business already scheduled for this Committee meeting should be rearranged and that this meeting is cancelled.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

4. Briefing from ACNI regarding Savings Delivery Plans

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:38 am.

Ms Nóirín McKinney, Director of Arts Development, Arts Council NI
Ms Lorraine McDowell, Director of Operations, Arts Council NI
Ms Shauna McNeilly, European Engagement Officer, Arts Council NI

The officials briefed the committee.

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.
Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.
Ms Rosaleen McCorley re-joined the meeting at 11:34 a.m.
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.
Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11:41 a.m.
Ms Rosaleen McCorley left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

A question and answer session followed.

5. Briefing DCAL from NI Screen re Savings Delivery Plans

The following officials joined the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Mr. Richard Williams, Chief Executive Officer, NI Screen
Ms. Linda Martin, Head of Finance, NI Screen

The officials briefed the Committee

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12:43 p.m.
Mrs Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín declared an interest as a former board member of the Irish Language Broadcasting Fund.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the relevant Executive Departments for clarification around the final budget for NI Screen taking into account all funding sources.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NI Screen to ask what Department it will sit under following the restructuring of Departments in 2016.

6. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding an update on the involvement of the ALB's in the Department's EU Feasibility Study.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking for a copy of the PRONI Post Project Evaluation; Members also requested details of the estimated figures compared to the final figures.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to contact the Lagan Canal Trust seeking an update on the restoration of the Lagan Canal System.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from Libraries NI regarding TRPSI Funding and the update on Belfast Central Library.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department regarding the Strategic Angling Review Briefing.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister regarding the Cultural Awareness Strategy briefing.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding Creativity Month.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the Investment Strategy Report from DCAL.

Noted: The Committee noted the Actual Outturn.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the official reports of the Arts Council NI and the NI Screen's briefings to Equity.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from DCAL regarding the Sports Matter Mid-Term Review.

8. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

9. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed that they would seek information following the Creative Europe Breakfast event held on the 8th April.

10. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Room 30, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 10.00am.

11. Sport NI

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 1.26pm.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Minister regarding Sport NI.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:36pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

23th April 2015

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____