

**COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Northern Ireland Science Park, Bay Road, Derry~Londonderry**

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

*The Committee opened in public session at 09:58 am*

*The Committee was welcomed to the Innovation Centre at the NI Science Park by the Director of Development, Dr Joanne Stuart OBE.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

**2. Draft Minutes**

The draft minutes for the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 meeting were agreed.

**3. Briefing from Arts and Business NI**

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:02 am

Dr Joanne Stuart OBE, Director of Development  
Mary Trainor-Nagele, Chief Executive Arts and Business NI  
Maureen McLaughlin, Operations Director Diamond Corrugated  
Cara McCartney, Sponsorship Manager, Millennium Forum

The Officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:00am  
Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:09 am

*Agreed:* The Committee would write to each of the contributors to formally congratulate them on the work they have undertaken.

*Agreed:* The Committee would issue a Press Release on how successfully businesses and art organisations can work together.

#### **4. Briefing from DCAL re North West Office**

The following official joined the meeting at 11:20 am

Joanna McConway, Head of North West Team, DCAL

The official briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr. Basil McCrea left the meeting at 11:46 am  
Mr. Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 11:48 am  
Mr. David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:58 am  
Mr Cathal O hOisín left the meeting at 12:05 pm  
Mrs Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 12:05 pm  
Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12:15 pm  
Mr Cathal O hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12:15 pm  
Mrs Karen McKevitt re-joined the meeting at 12:15 pm  
Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12:25 pm  
Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12:25 pm  
Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12:26 pm

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to OFMDFM asking for the 'One Plan' returns from all Departments regarding additional spend in North West.

*Agreed:* That the official would forward the Committee figures regarding spend per capita as a percentile across areas of the North West.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from NVTv.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from Sport NI regarding the CLIP Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward correspondence from Sport NI regarding the Commonwealth Games to Ulster Hockey and Ulster Rugby for their consideration.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence regarding The Líofo Book Club.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the correspondence from the NIA EU Affairs Manager regarding the Erasmus+ projects in Northern Ireland.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Minister seeking further clarification regarding budgetary issues concerning PRONI and Sub Regional Stadia.

Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 12:31 pm

Mr Basil McCrea re-joined the meeting at 12:35 pm

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 12:35 pm

## **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for consideration.

## **7. Chairperson's Business**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the press release issued by the Committee.

## **8. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

## **9. AOB**

Mr Hilditch asked that the Committee seeks an update on the Lagan Canal Trust.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Lagan Canal Trust asking for an update.

## **10. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take in Room 30, Parliament Buildings on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 10.00am.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2015**