

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 24th September 2015

Room 30, Parliament Buildings

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

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

Apologies: Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA

The Committee opened in public session at 10.09am

1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10.10am

2. Draft Minutes of meeting on 17th September 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 17th September 2015 were agreed.

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 10.10am.

3. Legal Advice

Noted: The Committee noted legal advice regarding inescapable pressures.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10.19am.

4. DCAL Briefing on UK City of Culture Funding

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.20am

Dr Denis McMahon	DCAL Permanent Secretary
Ms Cynthia Smith	DCAL Deputy Secretary
Ms Joanna McConway	Director of Capital Portfolio, DCAL

Mr. William Humphrey joined the meeting at 10.38am.

Ms. Rosie McCorley joined the meeting at 11.29am.

Agreed: The Department would provide a breakdown of what organisations fund which festivals within NI and how much funding is provided.

Agreed: That the Committee would be informed of correspondence between the Department and the Londonderry Bands Forum regarding legacy funding provided.

5. Matters Arising

There was no Matters Arising raised.

6. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee would seek to be kept informed of the response given by the Department regarding safety concerns raised about the SSE Arena.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission a research paper regarding licencing laws affecting sports stadia.

Noted: The Committee noted the OFMDFM Committee report on the NI Human Rights Commission.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.18pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.21pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to host an event for the UK Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.

7. Chairperson's Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to hold an engagement event with the Arts Sector.

Noted: Members noted the invitation from Colleges NI to the 'Further Education – Key driver of the NI Economy'.

Noted: Members noted the invitation from the Arts Council 'How the Arts can help Councils deliver successful Community Plans' event.

Noted: Members noted that invitation from the Belfast International Arts Festival to ‘The Kitchen’ event.

8. North South Ministerial Statements

Noted: Members noted the Inland Waterways statement.

Noted: Members noted the Language Sectoral Format Statement.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed that Mr. Basil McCrea should propose the Committee motion on the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games Bid and that Mr. Dominic Bradley would wind on the debate on behalf of the Committee.

10. Any Other Business

Agreed: Members agreed to write to the Minister seeking a reception is held for Jonathan Rea who recently was won the World Superbike Championship.

11. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 1st October 2015 at 10.00am in Room 30.

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 12.02pm.

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 12.05pm

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12.07pm

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting at 12.10pm

12. BBC Charter Renewal

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 12.11pm

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite BBC Northern Ireland to brief Members on the implications that the BBC Charter Renewal may have on Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee would hold a stakeholder event regarding the BBC Charter Renewal Process.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.18pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.21pm

Agreed: That the Committee would write to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport indicating that they would write directly to the Secretary of State with the Committee’s BBC Charter Renewal recommendations.

Mr Cathal ÓhOisín left the meeting at 12.44pm
Mr Cathal ÓhOisín re-joined the meeting at 12.48pm
Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.48pm

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.54pm

13. Inclusion to the Arts Inquiry

Agreed: Members agreed a number of recommendations and made amendments to other recommendations.

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 1.01pm
Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 1.04pm

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.07pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

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