

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday 8th March 2016

Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

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

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)
Ms. Gillian Kirk-Lyness (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jim Nulty (Clerical Supervisor)
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA

The Committee commenced in closed session at 10.08am

1. Inquiry into Issues around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park Stadium.

Members' previous declarations of interest with respect to the inquiry have been carried forward, as per the Committee's agreement.

It was proposed by the Chairperson that the Committee agree to forward a suggested response to a solicitor.

It was seconded by William Humphrey.

Ayes – 5
N McCausland
G Dunne
L Cree
D Hilditch
W Humphrey

Noes – 3
C ÓhOisín
R McCorley

O McMullan

Abstentions – 0

Did not vote - 0

The proposal was passed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to send a response to a solicitor's letter.

Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 10.13am

Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 10.14am

Noted: The Committee noted an addendum to the written evidence provided by Antoinette McKeown.

The meeting continued in public session at 10.15am

Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 10.16am

2. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

3. Draft Minutes of meeting on 3rd March 2016.

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 3rd March 2016 were agreed.

4. Inquiry into Issues around Emergency Exiting Plans, Including their Impact on Stadium Capacity, for the Redeveloped Casement Park Stadium.

The following witness joined the meeting at 10.27am

Rosalie Flanagan former Permanent Secretary, DCAL.

A question and answer session followed.

Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.29am

William Humphrey left the meeting at 11.31am

William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11.32am

Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11.33am

Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11.33am

Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 11.34am

5. Briefing from ACNI on Transfer of Functions

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11.35am

Roisin McDonough Chief Executive,
Noirin McKinney Director of Arts Development
Damian Smyth Head of Drama & Literature.

A question and answer session followed.

The Arts Council undertook to send further information to the Committee regarding royalties.

Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.40am
Rosie McCorley left the meeting at 11.40am

Nelson McCausland left the meeting at 11.41am
Leslie Cree took the chair at 11.41am

Rosie McCorley re-joined the meeting at 11.45am

Nelson McCausland re-joined the meeting at 11.52am
Cathal Óhóisín left the meeting at 11.52am
David Hilditch left the meeting at 11.54am
Cathal ÓhOisín re-joined the meeting at 11.55am
William Humphrey left the meeting at 12.00pm
William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 12.03pm
David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12.05pm

5. Statutory Rules – The Court Rules Privileged Access (NI) 2016

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek legal and procedural guidance regarding the Statutory Rule and to request copies of the responses to the consultation on the SR.

It was proposed by Leslie Cree to invite the Permanent Secretary to brief the Committee on the Statutory Rule.

It was seconded by David Hilditch

Ayes – 4
N McCausland
Leslie Cree
William Humphrey
David Hilditch

Noes – 2
C ÓhOisín
R McCorley

Abstentions – 0

Did not vote – 0

The proposal was passed.

6. Matters Arising

Noted: The Committee noted the Welsh Assembly's Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee report on the BBC Charter Renewal.

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the OFMDFM Committee correspondence from the office of the NI Executive Brussels report for November 2015 to February 2016.

Noted: The Committee noted the Environment Committee correspondence regarding their stakeholder event on river pollution.

8. Chairpersons Business

There were no items of Chairpersons Business.

9. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

9. Any Other Business

There were no items raised.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.14pm

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

Thursday 10th March 2016