



**MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION SPC MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)  
Maurice Ahern  
Sarah Costigan  
Ciara Higgins  
Sean Paul Mahon  
Emma Murphy

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Anne Feeney  
Greg Kelly  
Conor McQuillan  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

Aine Clancy  
Mary Freehill  
Gerry Kerr  
Rebecca Moynihan

**Officers**

Jim Beggan  
Mary Foley  
Brendan Teeling  
Margaret Hayes

Ruairí Ó Cuív  
Richard Shakespeare  
Declan Wallace  
Les Moore

Paula Ebbs  
Donncha O'Dulaing  
Jackie O Reilly  
Ray Yeates

**Others Present:**

Liz Coman, Asst Arts Officer  
Andrew Hetherington, Chief Executive, Business to Arts

**Apologies:**

John Lyons

Jenny Murray

Willie White

The Chair remembered Brendan Lynch, a former Lord Mayor of Dublin who passed away at the weekend.

The Chair welcomed Jenny Murray, Children's Books Ireland who replaced Elaina Ryan who is on maternity leave.

The Chair also informed members that this is Declan Wallace, ACE last Arts SPC meeting as he is retiring in February, he expressed his deep appreciation to Declan for his outstanding service to this SPC and wished him well in his retirement.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 13th November 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

**2. Presentation on Business To Arts and Dublin City Council Partnership Overview - Andrew Hetherington, Chief Executive**

Business to Arts is in existence for over 30 years and its aim is to create partnerships between cultural and corporate sectors in Ireland. Dublin City Council are patrons and Partners of Business to Arts and are involved in 2

significant partnerships at present, Docklands Arts Fund and Fundraising Fellowship Dublin.

The Chair thanked Andrew for his presentation and looked forward to updates in the future and any support the Committee can give to further their aspirations would be forthcoming.

**Action:** Noted

3. **Presentation on Arts Education and Learning - Erasmus+ EU Funding and Project Implementation - Liz Coman, Asst. Arts Officer**

The Erasmus+ Permission to Wonder Project has come from the Arts, Education and Learning Policy, an overview document covering all art, education and learning, which was passed by the City Council in November 2016. This project is designed to innovate and develop the components of a methodology for educators in European partner countries to learn and use the Visual Thinking Strategies method to enhance learning with visual arts in schools and in cultural institutions.

Over the past 2 years 27 teachers in 9 schools based in the Central Area have participated in Visual Thinking Strategies training at the LAB.

Ms. Coman outlined the actions, activity inputs, outputs timeline into 2020.

The Chair thanked Liz for her presentation and congratulated the Arts Office on their successful EU funding award.

**Action:** Noted

4 **Report on the Passport for Leisure and Over 65's Scheme - Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer**

The Senior Executive Officer outlined that at the November SPC meeting the proposals in relation to the requirement that the scheme be available to over 60's and those living or working in the City Council administrative area were agreed. However further discussion/consultation was required in relation to one element of the pricing proposal and this has now been agreed. The final outstanding matter is how information pertaining to events in Dublin will continue to be made available to those members of the current Passport for Leisure scheme who may now choose not to avail of the Passport for Leisure card and will instead be dealt with directly by Dublin City Council when it provides the sports and recreation element of the service directly.

**Action:** The Senior Executive Officer to continue the consultation process with a view to bringing a final proposal to the March SPC meeting.

5 **Verbal update on the Establishment of a Dublin City Council Cultural Company - Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer**

Members of the Arts SPC requested that the Report of the CEO, of the Cultural Company be referred back to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG) for discussion at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr. Clancy, Chair of ACAG informed members of the SPC that following discussions with external experts and Councillors, the members of the sub-committee supported the establishment of the Company.

**Action:** Report on the establishment of the Cultural Company to be submitted to the February City Council meeting for noting. Regular updates to come back to the SPC.

6 **Motion Submitted by Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan**

*“Street art is an emerging form of public art which can enhance the streetscape of a city. Conscious of the lack of clarity and guidelines around the production of street art this SPC agrees to develop a 'Street and Mural Art' policy for the City”.*

**Action:** Motion agreed. It was agreed to bring together interested parties to develop a policy on street and mural art for the city. City Arts Officer to bring a report to the March SPC meeting.

7 **End of Year Report on the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021 (LECP)**

**Action:** Report Noted.

Cllr. Clancy raised the issue of cycling in parks under Goal 10:2 Action 258. The City Parks Superintendent informed the members that a review of the parks byelaws with regard to cycling and the implementation of signage to define Greenways will be undertaken in 2018.

Conor McQuillan, PPN requested further reports on Goal 5.2 Action 129. He requested that more specific provisions for accessibility sports be forthcoming. He also requested under Goal 5.3 Action 139 that further information is required regarding the 32 key actions under the five key themes of the city play plan that have been implemented.

**Action:** Future updates on these queries.

8 **Executive Summary on Creative Ireland Dublin City Programme 2017 - Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian**

Dublin City Librarian presented the Creative Ireland Dublin City Programme End of Year Report 2017 to members. Each local authority was asked to develop a Culture and Creativity Plan for 2017 reflecting the overall structure and aims of the national strategy for culture and creativity. Dublin City Creative Ireland funding was used to facilitate collaborative projects between Dublin City Council and external partners in 2017. Following on from the publication of the Dublin City Culture and Creativity Plan 2017 strategic priorities for the next five years were developed to inform a Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018- 2022 for Dublin City.

**Action:** The Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018 – 2022 for Dublin City will be brought to the Arts SPC before submission to the full City Council in 2018.

9 **Verbal Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy - Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer**

**Action:** Noted. The City Arts Officer informed members that one of the actions under the cultural strategy is to have a bi-annual conference to showcase the work we do in Arts and Culture. The first such conference will focus on the work DCC do with young people and Arts Learning Education and Play, The Conference to take place in the first half of 2018.

10 **Verbal update on the New City Library at Parnell Square - Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian**

**Action:** Update deferred to next meeting

Cllr. Freehill requested clarification regarding the delay in acquiring the George Bernard Shaw House. The Deputy City Librarian informed the members that the Department had instructed the Development Department to open negotiations with Failte Ireland to acquire the lease and we also are finalising instructions to City Architects to proceed to drafting tender documents for the works.

**Action:** Arrange an on-site visit and bring update report back to SPC.

11 **Management Update**

**Action:** Report Noted.

The Assistant Chief Executive paid tribute to the staff of the various sections for all the work being done and the projects and activities carried out throughout the year and wished Richard Shakespeare well in the future guidance of this SPC.

12 **Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 18th September 2017.**

**Action:** Agreed

13 **Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 18th September 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

14 **Approved Minutes of the Sub-Committee on Artists Workspace meeting held 25th September 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

15 **Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 28th September 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

16 **Approved Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 9th October 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

17 **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 23rd November 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

18 **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 23rd November 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

19 **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 30th November 2017**

**Action:** Agreed

20 **A.O.B.**

There was no business under A.O.B.