



**MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE & RECREATION SPC MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021**

**1 Minutes of Meeting held of 20th September 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

Cllr. Jackson was appointed Deputy Chairperson for this meeting in case there was any issues with technology.

**2 Presentation on the Cultural Impact Study 2021 - Iseult Byrne, Dublin City Cultural Company.**

An overview of the impact study on demonstrating the impact of cultural participation in the work of Dublin City Council and information provided on the following:

- New research study that was commissioned
- Reasons for this impact study
- The various participants and projects
- The impact on the participants
- Challenges and opportunities
- Key findings

Bruce Philips provided an overview of a successful project which took place in the South Central Area.

It was noted that the Dublin City Council Culture Company has engaged in qualitative research and best practice particularly regarding accessibility.

**Action:** Noted. The Dublin City Council Culture Company will report to this committee again in 2022.

**3 Presentation on the Biosphere Partnership - Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent**

An overview was provided on the Biodiversity of Dublin Bay including:

- The functions of a Biosphere Reserve
- Three zones of biospheres
- Range of activities available
- Governance structure
- Potential opportunities

- Webinar series
- Youth webinars
- Sustainable Development Goals

It was noted that a new project with Failte Ireland will be launched in 2022. A Licence is required for all events taking place on Bull Island. The water quality reports are available on the DCC website. It is planned to restart the school programmes as soon as it is safe to do so. Any interested group can contact Dean Eaton or Lorraine Bull in relation to any area specific events or participation in same.

**Action:** Link to videos to be circulated to members. A special meeting of this committee to be arranged to discuss the Biosphere and related matters. Lorraine Bull to organise.

4 **Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Nial Ring:-**

**Action:** Agreed. Refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

5 **Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mannix Flynn (referred from the South East Area Committee dated 13th September 2021)**

**Action:** Agreed. Refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

6 **Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mary Freehill (referred from the South East Area Committee dated 8th November 2021)**

**Action:** Agreed. Refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

7 **Motion submitted in the name of Sunil Sharpe of Give us the Night**

**Action:** Agreed. Refer to Arts & Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG).

A further motion in relation to the staff library was submitted but it was deemed to be an operational so it was stated by the Chair that the issue will be discussed as part of the Management Update.

A 15 minute extension to the meeting was sought and was agreed.

8 **Report on the public consultation process for the Draft Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan (2021-2025) - Lorraine Bull, Biodiversity Officer**

**Action:** Noted. Report will go to full City Council in December for approval.

a **Report on the proposed changes for the Draft Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan (2021-2025) - Lorraine Bull, Biodiversity Officer**

**Action:** Noted. Report will go to full City Council in December for approval.

9 **Management Update**

**The following issues were discussed:**

- Staff Library – Staff in the library were re-assigned while the library is undergoing refurbishment. There is no withdrawal of the service and the Library is to remain located in the Civic

Offices.

- Burial Strategy: Provide Columbarium Walls - Donnybrook Graveyard Pilot Project: Pre- Part 8 application process completed, Part 8 to be submitted in Q4 2021
- Sports Facilities: Detailed report to issue to Area Committees

It was also noted that the Parks & Landscape Division have been awarded 11 Green Flags. The Winter Lights have been launched. The Miontuairiscí have secured funding for Baile Atha Cliath Gaeilge for the promotion and use of the Irish language.

10 **Proposed dates for 2022**

**Action:** Agreed.

11 **Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 29th July 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

12 **Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership meeting dated 16th August 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

13 **Approved Minutes of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG) meeting dated 30th August 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

14 **Miontuairiscí - 3ú Meán Fómhair 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

15 **Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 30th September 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

16 **Breviate of draft Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership meeting dated 18th October 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

17 **Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 1st November 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

18 **A.O.B.**

No issues raised.

**Councillor Cat O' Driscoll**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 22 November 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Cat O'Driscoll (Chairperson)  
Dearbháil Butler  
Declan Flanagan  
Adekunle Gomez  
Ross Keane  
Darragh Moriarty  
Nial Ring  
Julian de Spáinn

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Mary Freehill  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Damian O'Farrell  
Patricia Roe  
Ciaran Taylor

**Members:**

Hazel de Nortúin  
Alison Gilliland  
Vincent Jackson  
Séamas McGrattan  
Mary O'Connor  
Sunil Sharpe  
Willie White

**Officers**

Elaine Butler  
Grainne Kelly  
Donncha O'Dúlaing  
Brendan Teeling

Barbara Dawson  
Denise Kirwan  
Mairead Owens  
Ray Yeates

Anthony Flynn  
Les Moore  
Richard Shakespeare

**Apologies:**

Anne Feeney

**Non-Members:**