

**Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC
Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March 2017
9:30 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall**

Present: Deputy Lord Mayor Rebecca Moynihan in the Chair

Councillors:

**Aine Clancy, Anne Feeney, Mary Freehill,
Greg Kelly, John Lyons, Sean Paul Mahon,
Seamas McGrattan, Emma Murphy,
Claire O'Connor, Damian O'Farrell,**

Sectoral Members:

Simon O Connor, Sarah O'Neil, and Willie White

Also in Attendance:

**Councillor Mannix Flynn, Iseult Byrne, Project
Director, Culture Connects**

Officers:

**Declan Wallace, Margaret Hayes, Jim Beggan, Brendan Teeling,
Ray Yeates, Ruairí Ó Cuív, Mary Foley, Jackie O Reilly, Antonia Martin,
Paula Ebbs**

Apologies:

Cllr. Vincent Jackson, Ciara Higgins, Elaina Ryan and Gerry Kerr

Chairpersons Business:

The Chair updated the Committee in relation to George Bernard Shaw House. Site visits and meetings have taken place and a report will be brought to this SPC in the coming months.

1 Minutes of meeting held on 16th January 2017

Action: Agreed.

2 Presentation on the Terms of Reference for Luke Kelly Working Group

Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer outlined the history regarding the proposed statue of Luke Kelly and the dilemma which has arisen in relation to the commissioned statue of Luke Kelly (Vera Klute was selected and her design approved) and the privately commissioned statue which was completed and offered to Dublin City Council. Following discussions the Committee agreed to the Advisory Group Process outlined in the City Arts Officer's presentation and recommendations will be brought to the July SPC meeting.

Action: Report and recommendations to be brought to the July SPC meeting.

3 Report on Molly Malone Statue

Action: It was agreed that the statue remain at its present location outside St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's Street
Report Agreed

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

Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian informed the Committee that site investigations works on the new City Library at Parnell Square commenced on 20th February and will continue for 6 to 8 weeks. Additional works in relation to security and safety on site have been carried out since the handover of Coláiste Mhuire to Dublin City Council from the OPW. The project will be one of the first city council projects to use a BIM (Building Information Modelling) approach which offers the potential for a smoother handover of the facility post construction as well as proven savings in building maintenance, energy usage and facilities management.

The City Librarian stated that the project timeline for submission of planning permission is 2017 with consequential building works to commence in 2018 with full opening in 2021.

A discussion took place regarding public representation on the board of the Parnell Square Foundation. Members stated that agreement had been reached previously at this forum that the Chair of this SPC should become a member on this board. The Chair requested management to obtain clarification from The Foundation partners in this regard.

Action: Management to present an update to the next meeting of the SPC.

5 Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy - Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer updated the Committee on the delivery of the Dublin Culture Connects programme in particular the delivery for the National Neighbourhoods programme which was particularly successful. An event took place in each of the 8 national cultural institutions and in surrounding neighbourhoods. Over 50 artists and thousands of people from the city celebrated creativity locally in their national cultural institutions.

There will be a period now of reflection by each of the advisory committees in each of the 5 administrative areas, he commended all Departments and Area Offices involved for their support in delivering the programme.

The Cultural Audit and Mapping is proceeding well. The proactive part of it, what culture people desire in their neighbourhood, will come later in the year.

Fundraising Fellowships have been awarded to 4 companies and interviews are taking place at present.

EU Funding Applications – Project Manager informed the Committee that they are working on gathering more themes of relevance and interest from the various sections within DCC to develop more applications going forward. The Chair stated that it was important now to maintain the momentum that has been created and that it is embedded into activities into the future.

Action: Report Noted

6 Report on Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021

The Chair outlined the background to the LECP (Local Economic and Community Plan) which sets out 12 high level goals for the six year period of the plan. The monitoring and review of the action plan is the responsibility of the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee) and Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

The LCDC have asked each SPC to examine the goals and actions that relate to them. This is an opportunity to prioritise some of the action points in the plan. The Chair suggested that we focus on the delivery of infrastructure for cultural space in the city. Members proposed that this SPC form a link with the Planning and Development Department to work together to achieve the objectives as set out in Goal 6 of the LECP.

The Chair agreed that in order to have a more in depth look at this goal, interested parties could come together to ensure that actions are carried through and report back to the SPC.

Action: Set up Focus Group and report back to the July SPC.

7 Management Update

Action: Report Noted

8 Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 7th November 2016

Action: Agreed

9 Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 16th November 2016

Action: Agreed

10 Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 16th November 2016

Action: Agreed

11 Approved Minutes of Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 21st November 2016

Action: Agreed

12 Breviate of Draft Minutes of Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory board meeting held 16th January 2017

Action: Agreed

The Chair congratulated the Sports and Wellbeing Partnership team on the launch of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership STRIDE 2017 2020, which took place in the Mansion House on 20th February.

13 Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub Committee meeting held 18th January 2017

Action: Agreed

14 **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 18th January 2017**

Action: Agreed

15 **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held 1st February 2017**

Action: Agreed

16 **A.O.B.**

A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of setting up a working/focus group to examine the goals set out in the LECP.

The Chair stated that as this SPC would normally have a very full Agenda and a broad focus it would be necessary for a working/focus group to examine the actions and objectives in detail and bring recommendations to the SPC.

Cllr. McGrattan requested a review of opening times in parks and requested the protocol regarding flying of the national flag at night time.

Action: Management to examine the parks opening times and will report back to this Committee.

Management to circulate guidelines in relation to flying of the National Flag.

Cllr. Clancy sought clarification regarding opening times of Tolka Valley Pitch and Putt.

Action: Management to clarify opening times and report back to Councillor.

Cllr. Flynn raised the issue of 21 Aungier Street which is a listed building and is now to become a homeless hostel.

The Chair stated that this issue would be more appropriate to the Housing SPC and the Planning and Development SPC.

The Chair asked members to contact her if they wish to have items included on the next agenda.

**Councillor Rebecca Moynihan,
Chairperson.**

Duration of the meeting: 9.30 - 11.30 am