



**Arts and Cultural Advisory Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2017, 9.30 a.m.
Members Room, City Hall**

Attendance

Present: Cllr Áine Clancy (Chair), Cllr John Lyons, Ray Yeates, Hugh Fahey, Gerry Kerr, Róisín Kennedy, Shane de Blacam, Ruairí Ó Cuív, Brendan Teeling, Iseult Byrne.

Apologies: Elaina Ryan, Barbara Dawson, Charles Duggan

In Attendance: Vera Smyth

1. Welcome Cllr John Lyons

The Chair welcomed Cllr John Lyons to the Arts & Culture Advisory Group.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th November 2016

The minutes were approved, proposed by Gerry Kerr, seconded by Shane de Blacam.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. City Arts Officer Report

The City Arts Officer presented the report on the Arts Office activities with the emphasis on Neighbourhood, including the new Partnership Grants process involving local area offices. He reported on the events taking place through 2017. The events include the Dublin Chinese New Year Festival, International Literature Festival Dublin, Children's Art in Libraries, the current exhibition *A Different Republic* co-curated by Arts & Disability Ireland and Fire Station Artists' Studios and the forthcoming IAWATST exhibition in the LAB gallery.

He also informed the group members of EU funding and the meeting that will be hosted by the Arts Office in February 2017. This sits under the implementation of Dublin City Council's Cultural Strategy 2016-2021 and Arts, Education and Learning policy.

As a part of the City Arts Officer's report Iseult Byrne, Project Director of Dublin City Connects, advised on the activities and events developed within the project, such as *The National Neighbourhood*, *Press Play*, *It takes a Village*, *Out of the Box*, *Around the Table*, *ALIGHT!*, *(Y)our Story*, *Fundraising Fellowship* and *Cultural Adult*.

5. Public Art Report

Cecily Brennan resignation

The Group was informed of the resignation of artists Cecily Brennan as external public art advisor due to work commitments. It was agreed that Visual Artists Ireland be invited to nominate a female and a male artist so that the group can select a replacement.

Sculpture(s) of Luke Kelly

The Luke Kelly Working Group consists of Cllr Áine Clancy, Chair of Arts and Cultural Advisory Group, Cllr Rebecca Moynihan, Chair of the Arts and Culture SPC, The City Arts Officer, Roisin Lonergan, Director of Five Lamps Festival and Community Representative, Anna O'Sullivan, Director of the Butler Gallery Kilkenny and external art expert, and the Public Art Manager.

The issues were discussed in detail and it was recommended that the City Arts Officer make a presentation to the next SPC outlining the proposed terms of reference and methodology for the Group. It was agreed that it was desirable that the work of the Group would be completed as speedily as possible.

Commissions

The Housing and Residential Services Department in Dublin City Council has offered a budget to commission an artwork for a large scale curved wall on Wolfe Tone Street, as this unsightly wall and area in front of it, is a location for anti-social behaviour. It is expected that the feasibility study will be completed in early February. The Public Art Manager also reported on *The Memory Stick* by Donal O'Kelly, Kevin's Street Public Library public art commission, The Liberties Public Art commission, and *Ark* on the River Dodder by Peter Maybury and Tom de Paor.

Policy Relating to Gifts to Dublin City Council

As agreed at the last meeting regarding drafting a policy on the gifts to Dublin City Council, the City Archivist has been consulted with, who highlighted the challenges of storage in the context that Dublin no longer has a Civic Museum or Museum of Dublin. It is proposed to consult the City Archivist for an opinion before future offers are presented to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group.

Proposals for Permanent Art

Mother Earth Proposal by Barton Rubenstein

Sculptor and environmentalist Barton Rubenstein has made a proposal for the donation of a permanent sculpture titled *Mother Earth Award* which is intended to focus public awareness on environmental issues. The matter was discussed in detail.

Recommendation

It was decided not to accept the offer as the

- Offer of this gift is related to an organisation.
- Fact that this is not a unique artwork and that it is also considered as an award.
- Challenges in identification of a suitable location.
- Costs of foundations, installation and future care and maintenance.

Proposals for Temporary Projects

Flow by Jane Groves proposed by the Temple Bar Company

Flow is a light and object based installation by artist Jane Groves for Bedford Lane in Temple Bar using translucent and coloured materials.

The installation is designed to add artistic and cultural interest to the lane and also to make the space safer and to reduce the antisocial activity.

Recommendation

- To approve the *Flow* installation subject to feasibility and approval by the South East Area Office and DCC Planning and Development Department.

Care and Maintenance of Permanent Public Art

The Public Art Manager reported on issues relating to the care and maintenance of public art including:

***Cathode: Anode* by Andrew Clancy in the Ballymun Civic Centre**

A request has been received from the Valuers Office in Dublin City Council; to remove the sculpture which is in front of the Civic Offices, Ballymun.. The Public Art Manager explained that he had contacted the Area Office in Ballymun and also the artist.

Recommendation

- To approve the relocation of the sculpture to a suitable location and to keep it within the Ballymun area.

Molly Malone by Jeanne Rynhart

This statue was removed due to the LUAS Cross City works and the new location at St. Andrew's Church in St. Andrew Street proved to be very successful. It was proposed to the Group that the sculpture of Molly Malone remain at this location

Recommendation

- To retain the statue of Molly Malone at the present location outside St. Andrew's Church.

The Public Art Manager also updated on the following:

- The statue of Philip Lynott to be reinstated in a more suitable location in Harry Street, timeframe dependant on repaving works on the Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Project.
- The stone bust of Henry Grattan to be repaired by Jason Ellis, a stone expert.
- The sculpture *Trace* by Grace Weir on St Stephens Green is hoped to be reinstated at the end of the first quarter of 2017.
- Fr. Matthew statue by Mary Redmond cannot be retained in O'Connell Street due to the new layout. Discussions on relocation are on-going.
- Reinstatement of *Inverted Oil Rig* by Alan Phelan in Fr Collins Park is hoped to commence in the first half of this year.

Public Realm Project at Ranelagh Triangle

The memorial to Deirdre Kelly is being redesigned with the agreement of the family to include seating and the inscription.

Bordallo Project

This proposal was tabled as an AOB on the Public Art Report as the Events Unit stated that the project had also received BAI funding to make a film and that a decision would be helpful in meeting the time constraints of this film award. The Bordallo project is a proposal to install a temporary installation of a red squirrel made of recycled material at a derelict site on the corner of Tara Street and City Quay.

Recommendation

- The Group discussed the proposal but thought that further detail was required from the artist and that the Events Unit be asked to convey this to the artist.

6. Dublin City libraries report

Deputy City Librarian reported on new City Library in Parnell Square, Kevin Street library refurbishment, public meetings on the future of Terenure library and the changing role of libraries in the community.

New online resources are available on the premises and through library website using the membership code.

Historians-in-Residence will be involved in *Dublin Remembers: Is Cuimhin Linn* project using and promoting the extensive collections of Dublin City Library and Archives. It is hoped to appoint the historians by the end of February.

Deputy City Librarian also reported on Jonathan Swift's 350th anniversary and Dublin UNESCO City of Literature reading campaign.

7. Dublin City Gallery the Hugh Lane

Report noted.

8. A.O.B.

- Attendance at the meetings. It was proposed to remind and encourage members to attend every meeting.
- It was proposed to distribute the maps of administrative areas of Dublin.

9. Meetings schedule for 2017

It is proposed to set the dates for Thursday at 9.30. Dates to be scheduled