



Breviate of Draft Minutes of meeting of Commemorations Committee - Fochoiste na gCuimhneachán

Wednesday 22nd March 2017 at 2.00pm
Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

1. Apologies: Cllr Vincent Jackson, Cllr Mary Freehill, Cllr John Lyons Margaret Hayes.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2017 approved.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. St. Patrick's Day Festival – Cllr Perry expressed disappointment at lack of commemorations theme in the St Patrick's Festival parade 2016 and would like an opportunity to discuss future Festivals with the organisers. Management noted that, as per minutes of 18th January, the CEO of the Festival suggested that she would invite members of the SPC and Commemorations Committee to a briefing on the Festival. Management will progress.
 - b. Review of costs of poster and badges of DCC 1916 plaques: Committee decided not to proceed with production of these but may produce a badge for Boland's Mills 1916 garrison plaque.
 - c. Consultation on draft commemorations programme: it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged in April to facilitate a consultation among members about the commemorations programme, the meeting to include an overview from one of the historians-in-residence. B Teeling noted that the programme had been tabled as part of the budget process for 2017.
4. Correspondence -
5. Commemorations programme 2017.
 - a. B. Teeling reported that the form for 2017 Decade of Commemorations grants is now available online at dublincity.ie
 - b. B. Teeling reported that the programme for the lunch time lecture series in City Hall has been published and is on the theme 'The Great War: Remembrance and Commemoration' to coincide with the *Assembly Memorial Chairs* travelling exhibition in City Hall in April.
 - c. Consultation process – see 3c above
6. Historians-in-Residence programme
T.Doyle reported that 66 applications were received for historian-in-residence programme. 18 people were interviewed and 12 have been put on a panel from which posts will be offered. 6 people have been offered and have accepted the positions subject to satisfactory references, qualifications and Garda vetting with start dates expected for April. Officials will allocate the historians to each area in DCC and will arrange for the relevant historians to make a presentation to the Area Committees.

7. Motion submitted by Cllrs. Ring and Perry:

That this committee requests the Chief Executive to make whatever arrangements are necessary to ensure that the Round Room of the Mansion House is block booked for use by Dublin City Council for a period of 16 days in and around 21st January 2019 in order to facilitate centenary commemorations/celebrations of the First Dail being organised by various groups. Apart from reenactments etc. the facility should also be used for exhibitions etc. to attract schools, history groups and other interested parties and DCC should also provide funding for the Round Room to be transformed into the First Dail for the period in question.

B. Teeling reported that the Houses of the Oireachtas have booked the Round Room for the 100th anniversary of the first Dail in 2019 and DCC officials are due to attend a meeting soon with them and the company that runs the Round Room. Cllr MacDonncha raised the problem of access to the Round Room for Mansion House tours and has brought this to the attention of the Protocol Committee.

8. A.O.B.

B. Teeling reported that:

- a. DCC held a consultation in March as part of the Creative Ireland legacy project. DCC will participate in the Cruinniu event on Easter Monday,
- b. One City One Book Festival was launched on 22nd March by the Lord Mayor. *Echoland* by Joe Joyce is the featured book,
- c. The 2017 Dublin Festival of History will take place in Autumn with a living history day for families in Richmond Barracks on 7th October.

9. Date of next meeting: 26th April 2017 at 2pm.

Councillors/Members Present	Officials Present
Cllr Cieran Perry (in the Chair) Cllr Nial Ring Cllr Pat McCartan Cllr Micheal MacDonncha	Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Tara Doyle, Dublin City Public Libraries