



**Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee
Breviate of Meeting held on 8th May 2017**

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

Action Agreed

Cllr. Freehill requested an outline of the plan for the 2018 Good Citizens Awards

Action: To be brought to the next SPC meeting.

2. **Presentation on Parks Services in the City, Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent**

City Parks Superintendent gave an overview of parks services and projects in the city.

Action: Welcomed and Noted.
Bring the Dublin City Parks Strategy to SPC when complete. Circulate most recent draft to members.

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

The City Librarian informed the Committee that site investigations works are now coming to a conclusion and in parallel at the Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane another piece of architectural investigation work has being ongoing. This is an optimisation study which has been looking at the internal spaces of the Gallery and examining issues such as logistics, egress for delivery in conjunction with implications for the project and the potential for shared spaces such as lecture rooms education rooms etc. that piece of work has been concluded and will be taken into account in the final design.

Members requested an update on an elected representative sitting on the Board of the Parnell Square Foundation and also an update on funding for the project.

Management stated that at the next meeting of the Board, a proposal to put forward, that Cllr Rebecca Moynihan, Chairperson of this SPC should sit on that Board.

Management informed members that funding was still not finalised. A note has gone to the EU seeking guidance in terms of public procurement and whether or not it would apply in this case because of the innovative funding systems that have been put in place.

4. **Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy - Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer**

The City Arts Officer presented his report to the members.

Action: Welcomed and Noted.

Cllr Freehill asked for an update on the George Bernard Shaw House.

Management stated that a number of site meetings have taken place. Two issues that need to be examined in more detail before any final determinations are made are, the conditions in the lease relating to the ownership and operation of the house, and the condition of the house. A team of professionals within the City Council is examining these issues to ascertain what could possibly be done and what is practical and allowable within the terms of the lease.

Action: Bring a set of recommendations and proposals to a future SPC

5. **Revised Draft Policy Document for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques - Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian**

Management informed the Committee that 17 changes were made to the revised version of the policy document. The main thrust of the review has been to tighten up some of the language and to take account of some issues that have arisen over the years, i.e. practical things like how people apply and how decisions may be reached on the basis of applications made. The most substantive change, which is now Section 18 of the document, deals with the erection of commemorative plaques. Changes were introduced because, subsequent to the adoption of the policy, an official Commemorative Plaques Scheme was introduced. The document was amended to take account of the new plaque scheme. The other main addition was the section that deals with Appeals (Section 21). There was no Appeals Section in the original document. Appeals will be considered only where a claim is made, on the official form, that the Commemorative Naming Committee's consideration of a proposal was procedurally unfair, unreasonable or inadequate.

This revised policy document was agreed by the Commemorative Naming Committee on 22nd March 2017.

Following discussions, members agreed, that section 11 of the policy document (Public Consultation) be amended to clarify that "The Commemorative Naming Committee will seek comment on proposals for the naming of major infrastructure / monuments / statues via the Area Offices / Area Committees, and will engage public comment."

Action: Amend Policy Document to reflect this amendment. Put forward to the full City Council for adoption.

6. **Report on the restructuring of Sports Development Officers in the City - Shauna McIntyre A/Senior Executive Officer**

Management presented the report to members. Following discussions it was agreed to review the restructure of Sports Officers after 1 year.

Action: Review this structure after 1 year. Circulate to members a list of Sports Officers in their relevant areas.

7. **Management Update**
Action: Report Noted
8. **Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub Committee meeting held 18th January 2017**
Action: Agreed
9. **Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 18th January 2017**
Action: Agreed
10. **Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held 1st February 2017**
Action: Agreed
11. **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub Committee meeting held 22nd March 2017**
Action: Noted.
12. **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 22nd March 2017**
Action: Noted
13. **Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 5th April 2017**

Cllr Micheál MacDonncha, Chairperson of the Commemorative Naming Committee, referred to the Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group regarding the proposed memorial of Liam Mellows in Liam Mellows Park, Finglas. He expressed the concerns of the Liam Mellows Committee regarding the possible delay in progressing this project until the Government Advisory Group for the Decade of Commemorations prepares a policy document on how the War of Independence and Civil War should be commemorated.

The Public Art Manager stated that the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group would like to work with the Committee and local groups to fulfil the best possible artwork. Cllr MacDonncha suggested that the Committee make a presentation to the next SPC meeting.

Action: Cllr MacDonncha to meet with the Chairperson of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group, Cllr Aine Clancy, Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer and Ruairi O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager to discuss the way forward for the project.
The Liam Mellows Memorial Committee to make a presentation to the next SPC.

14. **A.O.B.**

There was no business under A.O.B.

Attendance:

Members:

Rebecca Moynihan
(Chairperson)
Mary Freehill
Greg Kelly
Sean Paul Mahon
Claire O'Connor
Vincent Jackson
John Lyons

Members:

Claire Byrne

Gary Gannon
Seamas McGrattan
Anne Feeney
Emma Murphy

Members:

Elaina Ryan

Willie White
Maurice Ahern
Gerry Kerr

Officers

Declan Wallace
Margaret Hayes
Ray Yeates

Jim Beggan
Leslie Moore
Brendan Teeling
Ruairí O'Cuiv

Mary Foley
Shauna McIntyre
Iseult Byrne
Jackie O'Reilly
Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Apologies:

Ciara Higgins

Sarah O'Neil

Simon O'Connor

Non-Members:

Micheál MacDonncha

Deputy Lord Mayor Rebecca Moynihan

Chairperson

Monday 8 May 2017