



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION SPC MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017**

**Members:**

Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair)  
Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan  
Cllr. Emma Murphy  
Cllr. Greg Kelly  
Cllr. John Lyons  
Cllr. Séan Paul Mahon  
Cllr. Claire Byrne  
Cllr. Mary Freehill  
Cllr. Aine Clancy  
Cllr Gary Gannon  
Cllr Claire O'Connor  
Cllr Anne Feeney  
Cllr Séamas McGrattan  
Cllr Damien O'Farrell  
Gerry Kerr, National Council for the  
Blind of Ireland  
Sarah Costigan, The Little Museum of  
Dublin  
Conor McQuillan, Public Partnership  
Network  
Ciara Higgins, Royal Irish Academy of  
Music

**Others Present:**

Cllr. Mannix Flynn

**Apologies:**

Elaina Ryan, Children's Books Ireland

**Officials present:**

Declan Wallace, Assistant Chief  
Executive  
Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief  
Executive  
Margaret Hayes, City Librarian  
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian,  
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
Barbara Dawson, Director, Dublin City  
Gallery, The Hugh Lane  
Alison Lyons, Director of Dublin  
UNESCO City of Literature  
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer  
Donncha O' Dulaing, Senior Executive  
Officer  
Ruairi O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager  
Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer  
Minutes by Paula Ebbs

The Chair welcomed two new sectoral members. Sarah Costigan, The Little Museum of Dublin who replaced Simon O'Connor. Conor McQuillan, Public Partnership Network replaced Sarah O'Neill.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Action:** Agreed.

2. Presentation on the UNESCO City of Literature – Alison Lyons, Director of Dublin UNESCO City of Literature.

Alison gave an overview of the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature's office. Dublin is one of 28 cities of literature whose mission is to support, animate and develop Dublin as a UNESCO City of Literature, reflecting a capital city where the literary ecosystem is creative, dynamic and sustainable – and positioning Dublin as a valued partner, actively contributing to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

**Action:** Presentation welcomed and noted. Cllr. Moynihan was thanked for her support and attendance at the annual UCCN Conference.

3. Presentation on the Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane Draft Strategic Plan 2018 - 2023 – Barbara Dawson, Director.

**Action:** Presentation welcomed and noted. The Assistant Chief Executive advised that additional funding was approved for capital works in the Gallery over the next 3 years.

a) Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane Draft Strategic Plan 2018 - 2023

The Strategic Plan sets out in detail the scale of the ambition and how to deliver it. By the end of the five years, this plan will deliver an outstanding and acclaimed Education and Outreach programme, impressive and enviable Acquisitions to the Collections, an outstanding Conservation Department that is expert in contemporary media and compelling and exciting Exhibitions which will attract record audiences.

**Action:** Noted. Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane Draft Strategic Plan 2018 – 2023 to be submitted to the full City Council for approval.

Cllr. Clancy requested an update on the five year strategic plan in 18 months once approved by City Council.

4. Report of the Chief Executive, Owen Keegan, on the establishment of a Dublin City Council Cultural Company – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Following discussion members proposed that two elected members from the Arts SPC should take up positions on the Board. Members requested that employment contracts of the new company should be in line with best practice

**Action:** Report Noted. It was agreed to recommend to the City Council to have two elected members of the Arts SPC take up positions on the Board of the Company. Regular reports on the new Company to be brought to this SPC.

5. Review of the Passport for Leisure and Over 65's Scheme – Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer

Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer outlined the Proposals for the Passport for Leisure Scheme, Old Age Pensioners (Over 55's) Review and Proposals for OAP Schemes to come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Members raised concerns with regard to the price increase and the consultation with PPN.

Management stated that we needed some level of sustainability in the terms of the format we put forward and the increases proposed were reasonable.

It was agreed to proceed with 2 proposals from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018:

- a. The Passport for Leisure Scheme will only be available to individuals who can provide proof of address of living or working in the Dublin City administrative area.
- b. The age requirement for availing of the Passport for Leisure Scheme will be raised to 60 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**Action:** Report to be submitted to the January SPC following consultation with the PPN.

6. Report on George Bernard Shaw House - Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian.

City Architect's Division has carried out a feasibility study, including a preliminary schedule of works, into the adaption of the house as a residence for writers.

The study concludes that the proposed interventions and the reinstated use are appropriate to, and will enhance the Heritage significance of the house as a Protected Structure.

The feasibility report sets the timetable for the programme of works which is estimated at 32 to 38 weeks.

A title search on the property was undertaken by the Law Department and a report was received late last week.

**Action:** The Assistant Chief Executive advised we will proceed with plans to adapt the house as a residence for writers with immediate effect. The process is estimated at 38 weeks. Reports to be brought to the SPC.

7. Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy – Arts Education and Learning – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

**Action:** Report Noted

8. Verbal update on the New City Library at Parnell Square – Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian.

The City Librarian informed the members that the project is proceeding well and the architects have been instructed to prepare a planning application for submission in the first half of 2018.

The Chair informed the members that the Assistant Chief Executive had resigned from the Board of Kennedy Wilson and was replaced by the Chair of this SPC.

**Action:** Keep on Agenda for regular updates.

9. Management Update.

**Action:** Report noted.

10. Proposed Dates for the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC 2018 meetings

**Action:** Agreed

11. Approved Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Action:** Agreed

12. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Action:** Agreed

13. Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Action:** Agreed

14. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Action:** Agreed

15. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Action:** Noted

16. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Action:** Noted

17. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Sub-Committee on Artists Workspace meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Action:** Noted

18. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Action:** Noted

19. Breviate of Draft Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Action:** Noted

20. A.O.B.

There was no business under A.O.B.

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**Cllr Vincent Jackson,  
Chairperson.**