



**Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee**

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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.00pm  
Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

1. **Apologies** – Lord Mayor Micheal MacDonncha
2. **Minutes** of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September approved with one amendment to remove “Also in attendance: Cormac Moore, Historian-in-Residence, North Central area; Dr Darragh Gannon, Historian-in-Residence, Central area”
3. **Matters arising:** Cllr. Flynn requested update on Tenement Museum as it was funded as 1916/2016 permanent reminder project. DCC Heritage Officer will be asked to report for next meeting. Boland's Mills 1916 Plaque – new building development at Clanwilliam House maybe ready after 2020. Cllr. Ring will communicate this to Convenor of Boland's Mills Garrison Group.
4. **Correspondence:** email from Decade of Centenaries/Commemoration Unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with invitation to contribute to public consultation process for commemorations in 2018-23.
5. **Commemorations programme 2017 and 2018:** B. Teeling gave an update on 2017 programme: Dublin Festival of History featured talks on many significant 2017 anniversaries including Irish and international events. The 2017 Festival was the most successful to date with 7,700 attendances at 90 free events.

The exhibition *Jacob's Biscuit Factory and Dublin: an assorted history* on display in City Hall from 27 November until end of March 2018 to include free tours on Saturdays with the exhibition researcher Wendy Williams.

B. Teeling reported on projects for 2018 commemorations including exhibitions on:

- *Suffragist City: Women and the Vote* in January and February (to include seminar on 17<sup>th</sup> February)
- *Irish women and the Great War* in March and April.
- Armistice/Returning home in November and December

City Archivist is working with Ardmheara on seminar on Conscription crisis for 18 April 2018 in the Mansion House.

Cllr Ring enquired about Bliain na Gaeilge 2018. M. Hayes reported that libraries will focus on developing Irish language book collections and language exchanges.

**Update on Decade of Commemoration grants:** Grants awarded as follows -

Central Area: €8,500; North West Area: €3,485; North Central Area: €1,800; South Central Area: €11,700; South East Area: €10,350

Workshops in each area in New Year on grant application process and HIR project.

6. **Historians-in-Residence programme:** historians continuing to work with groups across the city and have been focusing on Men's Sheds and secondary schools. They have set-up new local history/heritage groups in Liberties and Coolock; delivering Irish Revolution lecture series in Wheatfield prison; Donal Fallon working on project with Tenement museum. **History on Your Doorstep** will launch in New Year. Darragh Gannon and Brian Hanley have resigned and Bernard Kelly has joined the team. An event will be held soon to highlight their work and the work of DCC Decade of Commemorations.

7. **A.O.B.** New exhibition in DCLA on *Patrick O'Connell – the man who saved FC Barcelona* on display until 20 December.

Cllr Flynn raised problem of inaccurate information on city walking tours and need to address this. B. Teeling will review and report back.

Cllr. Flynn pointed out that City Hall plaque is inaccurate as references "Republic of Ireland", should be Irish Republic.

8. Date of next meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at 2pm.

<b>Councillors/Members Present</b>	<b>Officials Present</b>
Cllr Vincent Jackson (Chair) Cllr Paddy McCartan Cllr Cieran Perry Cllr Nial Ring Cllr Mannix Flynn	Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Margaret Hayes, City Librarian Tara Doyle, Dublin City Public Libraries