



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**Members:**

Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair)  
Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan  
Cllr. Emma Murphy  
Cllr. Greg Kelly  
Cllr. Séan Paul Mahon  
Cllr. Claire Byrne  
Cllr. Mary Freehill  
Cllr. Aine Clancy  
Cllr. John Lyons  
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell  
Cllr. Séamas McGrattan  
Gerry Kerr, National Council for the  
Blind of Ireland  
Sarah Costigan, The Little Museum of  
Dublin  
Conor McQuillan, Public Participation  
Network  
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival

**Officials present:**

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief  
Executive  
Margaret Hayes, City Librarian  
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian,  
Barbara Dawson, Director, Dublin City  
Gallery, The Hugh Lane  
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer  
Donncha O' Dulaing, Senior Executive  
Officer  
Ruairi O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager  
Iseult Byrne, Director, Culture Connects  
Minutes by Paula Ebbs

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Anne Feeney  
Jenny Murray, Children's Books  
Ireland  
Ciara Higgins, Royal Irish Academy of  
Music  
Maurice Ahern, Irish Sports Council

The Chair remembered Margaret Byrne, former DCC employee who passed away.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

**Action:** Agreed

2. Presentation on the Draft Creative Ireland Dublin City – Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018 – 2022, Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Brendan Teeling gave an overview of the Creative Ireland Strategy which is a culture based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing, an all of Government five year initiative, which places creativity at the centre of public policy.

**Action:** Presentation Noted

3. Presentation on UNESCO Dublin Bay Discovery Centre – Donncha O’Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer

Donncha O’Dúlaing gave an update on the current status of the UNESCO Dublin Bay Discovery Centre and informed members of the design concept. Members were informed of the timeframes which are – Design and Planning Development – Q1 & Q2 2018, Submit Planning – Q3 2018, Construction Start – Q2 2019, Discovery Centre in Operation – Q3 2020. Construction costs are estimated at €10m.

**Action:** Presentation Noted. Members will be kept informed of progress

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

The Senior Executive Officer reminded members that a proposal to replace part of the Passport for Leisure Scheme which is a scheme offered by a private company with a range of services which DCC has proposed to take the services that are offered on its behalf out of the scheme and offer them directly to members of the public. The Passport for Leisure Scheme as it exists can still operate with the private company but not offer the City Council services. The Scheme as presented at the November SPC was accepted with 2 issues raised. One was the cost of the Pay As You Go rate which was proposed to move from €2.75 to €3.50. The second issue raised was in relation to the communication of information to existing Passport for Leisure members with regards to events in Dublin.

A meeting with Gerry Kerr and a representative from the PPN took place and it was agreed that the Pay As You Go rate would be reduced to €3.00.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that the second issue regarding communication/information could not be agreed. What DCC can offer, is that if Passport for Leisure members agree and allow their e-mail address to be made available, DCC can inform members of events such as the Walk and Talk event.

**Action:** Establish a Consultation Group with various partners to work through the communication issue. Invite all members of this SPC to this meeting for their input and bring a proposal back to the May SPC meeting for final approval.

5. Update Report on the George Bernard Shaw House – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Brendan Teeling gave an update on the current status of the George Bernard Shaw house. He informed members that Valuers have begun the process of acquiring the leasehold. A Valuer has been assigned to the project and is in the process on conducting an inspection of the property and is preparing a report which will include a measuring survey and will then be in a position to open up the negotiations process. City Architects have assigned a person to work on the project and will prepare the Part 8 application drawings and the tender documents.

**Action:** The Manager will inform members of the timeframes when he gets an indication from the Valuer and the City Architects.

6. Report on Street and Mural Art for the City – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer.

The City Arts Officer was unavailable to attend the meeting. Ruairí O’Cuiv, Public Art Manager gave a report on street art.

**Action:** Report Noted. It was agreed to set up a forum as soon as possible to include the Arts Office, Area Offices, Public Realm, Planning and Development and City Councillors. Members requested that Dublin Beta should also be included on this forum.

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

The Public Art Manager informed members that this strategy is focussing on the Art, Education and Learning elements. It is proposed to hold a day long conference in June this year to showcase the many Arts and Cultural programmes that DCC support for young people aged 0 – 18 years throughout different Departments and Sections. This conference is timed to coincide with a new initiative of Creative Ireland led by Libraries to showcase children’s creativity in Dublin.

**Action:** Report noted

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

The City Librarian gave an update on the current status of the Library. Following remobilisation, the multidisciplinary design team are working to meet the requirements of a July 2018 planning submission. Aspects of the design, including the mechanical, electrical fit-out, structural considerations, adjacencies and food service requirements are being further developed as part of this process. The project Environmental Impact Statement is also being developed as part of the design to planning process.

The Manager informed members that the Board are endeavouring to raise 51% of the funding and are confident this will be achieved.

**Action:** Keep members informed

9. Management Update

Cllr Moynihan requested a comprehensive report on the progress of artist’s studios to include sites that have been visited and considered.

**Action:** Include on the next Agenda

Cllr O’Farrell requested that the Contract for Grass Cutting and the commitment to cut grass verges be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Action:** Include on the next Agenda

All other queries raised were addressed by Management.

10. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

**Action:** Agreed

11. Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

**Action:** Agreed

12. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

13. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Action:** Agreed

14. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Action:** Agreed

15. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**Action:** Agreed

16. Breviate of draft Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Action:** Agreed

17. A.O.B.

There was no business under A.O.B.

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**Cllr Vincent Jackson,**  
**Chairperson**