



Approved Minutes of meeting of Commemorations Committee - Fochoiste na gCuimhneachán

Wednesday 31st January at 2.00pm
Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

Councillors/Members Present	Officials Present
Cllr Vincent Jackson (Chair) Árdmheara Micheál Mac Donncha Cllr Paddy McCartan Cllr Cieran Perry Cllr Nial Ring Cllr Mannix Flynn	Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Tara Doyle, Dublin City Public Libraries Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent

1. Apologies – Margaret Hayes
2. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd November 2017 approved.
3. Matters arising: Walking tours: not role of DCC to regulate walking tours, members referred to Fáilte Ireland website. No update received on Tenement Museum.
4. Correspondence: none
5. Commemorations programme 2018: B. Teeling reported that “History in Dublin’s Communities: a Celebration” will take place on 1st February with 150 groups invited to receive cert from Lord Mayor. *Suffragist City – Women and the vote in Dublin city* exhibition in DCLA until end of February accompanied by seminar on 17th February “New Voices in Women’s History”.
6. Draft submission for Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations 1918-23 circulated; members to respond by 9th February.
7. Historians in Residence: T. Doyle reported that the project has been extended to the end of 2018 with recruitment soon for new panel to recruit Central area historian. New Facebook page, social media presence and video created. For new contract panel, Cllrs Perry and Ring requested greater emphasis on experience above qualifications. Cllr Perry requested a 2017 report from each historian.
8. Incorporation of a 'Flanders Fields Memorial' into the re-development of the Peace Garden, Christchurch: L. Moore informed the committee of a proposal from the Flanders Government to create a memorial to the 50,000 Irishmen that died in the Flanders Fields in World War I as a partnership between Flanders and the City of Dublin.

This would involve bringing soil from Flanders to be incorporated into a landscaped feature in the Peace Garden. A discussion ensued with councillors Perry, Flynn, Ring and MacDonncha opposed to the plan. Cllr. McCartan was open to the proposal. Chair advised that it will be up to the Area Committee to ultimately decide but that the report to the Area Committee should reflect the views of the Commemorations Committee.

9. Countess Markievicz statue: Chair sent this motion to City Council agenda in Nov/Dec 2017.
10. Date of next meeting: 29th March at 2pm.