



**Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee
Breviate of Meeting held on 14th May 2018**

Cllr Jackson nominated Cllr McGrattan to take the Chair as he had a prior appointment.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 12th March 2018.

Action: Agreed. Gerry Kerr wished to have his objection under item no. 4 “Review of the Passport for Leisure and Over 65’s Scheme” noted.

2. Presentation on a Community Engagement Approach to Implementing the Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan 2015 – 2020 – Niamh Ní Cholmáin, Biodiversity Officer for Community Engagement

Action: Presentation welcomed and noted

3. Verbal update on the new over 60’s Discount Scheme – Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer.

Action: Bring report to next meeting.

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

Action: Get update from Law Agents on timeline and inform Cllr. Freehill. Report Noted.

5. Verbal update on the Artists Workspaces – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Action: Noted

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

Action: Noted.

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

Action: Bring a breakdown of the latest financial statement to the next meeting.

8. Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 Culture Recreation and Economic Services Action Plan 2018.

Action: Noted.

9. Motion submitted by Cllr Mary Freehill, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Alison Gilliland and Cllr Rebecca Moynihan

“That the Arts SPC formally embark on a discussion regarding freedom and tolerance of artistic expression. Furthermore develops a review mechanism that will adjudicate on any activities or programmes where there is a divergence of views in relation to inclusion of a performance on any Programme run by DCC”

10. Motion submitted by Cllr John Lyons

“Noting with grave concern the decision taken by Dublin City Council officials to cancel a literary event in which participants had been invited to discuss the concept of protest art, their approach to writing about the body and art and the impact of the movement for reproductive rights on arts and culture in Ireland, as part of the programme of the International Literary Festival Dublin 2018;

Acknowledging also the disquiet expressed by many Dublin writers and artists that this decision sets a dangerous precedent for intellectual discourse and artistic freedom.

The elected representatives and other members of this arts committee call on Dublin City Council management to reverse the decision and immediately re-instate “The Question of the Eight” event, due to take place on May 21st”.

The Chair decided to discuss the two Motions together.

Action: Both Motions were agreed. Members were considering submitting an Emergency Motion at the City Council meeting later that evening.

11. Management Update

Action: Noted.

12. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 17th January 2018.

Action: Agreed

13. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 31st January 2018.

Action: Agreed

14. Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 31st January 2018.

Action: Agreed

15. Approved Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 5th February 2018.

Action: Agreed

16. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 29th March 2018

Action: Agreed

17. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 29th March 2108.

Action: Agreed

18. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 5th April 2018.

19. Breviate of draft Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 11th April 2018

Action: Agreed

20. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Artists Workspaces Sub-Group meeting held on 2nd May 2018.

21. A.O.B.

Cllr Flynn informed members of a document that was presented at the Housing SPC regarding social housing and the possibility of rejuvenation and potential demolition, and the implications for built heritage and the architectural merit of such buildings. He asked that this SPC take a special interest and to have a look at de-listing in order to make interventions on these buildings.

Action: Discussion paper report on Regeneration and Development Proposals for Dublin City Council apartment complexes submitted to the Housing SPC meeting on 10th May 2018 to be circulated to members. Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC may seek a presentation from Housing and Community Services if required.

Some members requested an update on Markets. The Manager addressed these queries. Cllr O'Farrell requested information / clarity on markets in parks.

Action: Bring report / presentation on markets in parks to the next meeting.

Gerry Kerr stated that with regard to a Part VIII on Cathedral Street and Sackville Place to contact him as Chairperson of the Disability Linkage Group for updates.

Members:

Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair)
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
Cllr Anne Feeney
Cllr Claire O'Connor
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
Jenny Murray, Childrens Books
Ireland

Apologies:

Cllr Rebecca Moynihan
Ciara Higgins, Royal Irish Academy of
Music

Other Members Present:

Cllr Mannix Flynn

Officials present:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief
Executive
Margaret Hayes, City Librarian
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian,
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer
Donncha O' Dulaing, Senior Executive
Officer
Ruairi O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager
Steven O'Gara, Senior Economic
Development Officer
Angela Cassidy, Divisional Librarian
Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Cllr Séamas McGrattan
In the Chair