



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION SPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JULY, 2018

Members:

Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair)
Cllr. Greg Kelly
Cllr. Séan Paul Mahon
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Aine Clancy
Cllr. John Lyons
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell
Cllr. Anne Feeney
Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan
Gerry Kerr, National Council for the
Blind of Ireland
Conor McQuillan, Public Participation
Network
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival
Jenny Murray, Children's Books
Ireland
Maurice Ahern, Irish Sports Council
Ciara Higgins, Royal Irish Academy of
Music

Officials present:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief
Executive
Brendan Teeling, Acting City Librarian
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Donncha O' Dulaing, Senior Executive
Officer
Angela Cassidy, Divisional Librarian
Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Other Members Present:

Cllr Mannix Flynn

Chairpersons Business

The Chair requested the following be read into the record: "An issue arose at the last meeting under A.O.B. A request has been lodged from a third party to remove an item from the webcast from the 14th of May SPC meeting. The item was raised under A.O.B. by Gerry Kerr regarding the Sackville Place and Cathedral Street Part 8 vote. Gerry has consented to its removal. We are seeking the Committee's approval to proceed with the removal."

Action: Agreed to removal of this item from the webcast. The minutes of 14th May to reflect this decision.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 14th May 2018.

Action: Agreed, subject to agreed amendment, removal of an item from the webcast raised under A.O.B. by Gerry Kerr.

2. Presentation on Markets in Parks – Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent

Leslie gave an overview of how markets operate in Dublin City Council parks. A discussion took place around the future of market guidelines and strategies.

Action: Presentation welcomed and noted by members. Circulate presentation to members. The Dublin City Markets Action Plan which was presented to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting held on 5th September 2017 to be circulated to members.

3. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr John Lyons:

“Recognizing the LGBTQ community’s decades-long struggle to achieve full equality in Ireland, often times in the face of brutal state and non-state oppression, discrimination and violence, this City Council SPC agrees to commission a public monument/piece of art to acknowledge the proud history of struggle for full equality waged for more than four decades by Dublin’s LGBTQ community.

To bring this motion to life, a consultative forum with relevant internal and external stakeholders will be established.”

The motion was agreed. A discussion took place regarding appropriate recognition for the struggle for full equality by Dublin’s LGBTQ community. The City Arts Officer suggested that any proposals should go through the Arts and Culture Advisory Group in the first instance and be referred to the Commemorations Sub-Committee for comment. Public consultation and consultation with families is also essential in developing the proposals. Translating this process into a brief for Artists will be challenging as will budgetary considerations.

Action: Proposals on how to progress this motion to the September SPC. Proposal should also be submitted to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group/Commemorative Naming Committee and consultation with families is also essential to develop the proposals.

4. Update Report on the new over 60’s Discount Scheme – Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer

Action: Report noted. Management will again meet with Limelight to finalise an exit strategy. No new Passport for Leisure applications to be accepted. All existing membership will be honoured to end date.

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

Action: Noted. A tour of the property and a brief presentation in the George Bernard Shaw House is being arranged for the 23rd of July 2018 and local residents and thespians to be invited.

6. Verbal update on the New City Library at Parnell Square – Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (Acting)

Management informed members that the design work is almost complete and the planning submission will be sent to An Bord Pleanála in September. Members raised

issues in relation to the funding of this project. It is proposed to hold a briefing for Area Committee and SPC members before submission goes to An Bord Pleanála.

Action: Noted. The financial report to be circulated to members. Report on the New City Library at Parnell Square to be listed on Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC agenda on an ongoing basis.

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

Five different vacant sites have been identified as being potentially suitable sites for Artists Workspaces and approved by the Artists Workspaces Sub-Group of the SPC. After a further review by Planning and Development two sites will be recommended for feasibility studies and the studies will be funded by the Arts Council Dublin City Council and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Action: Noted

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

Action: Noted

Cllr. Greg Kelly took over as Chairperson.

9. Management Update

Cllr. Lyons referred to a motion that was passed by members on the 14th of November 2016 in relation to the Open Libraries Initiative and staff less libraries. Cllr. Lyons stated his opposition to this initiative as did many members of this SPC and library staff. He referred to a section “My Open Library” in the new Public Library Strategy 2018-2022 which offers extended opening hours to library members on a self service basis.

The Acting City Librarian stated that while DCC welcomes the publication of the national strategy, we currently have no plans to roll out staff less libraries, notwithstanding the fact that we are committed to using technology to provide wider access. Dublin City Council has run many competitions to hire library staff in the past year.

Action: Circulate Draft Dublin City Library Development Plan in advance of the September SPC

Cllr. O Farrell raised the issue of lifeguards on Dollymount Beach.

Action: City Parks Superintendent to issue a report on lifeguards directly to Councillor O’Farrell.

Members raised operational issues and issues relating to water quality and deposits on the dunes at Dollymount Beach. The City Parks Superintendent responded to the issues raised.

Action: City Parks Superintendent to provide a comprehensive report on Bull Island/Dollymount to the September SPC

Cllr. Freehill discussed the Good Citizens Awards and requested that they proceed.

Action: Meeting to be held in the coming weeks with the existing committee members to discuss how to progress the Awards Scheme.

Cllr. Freehill also requested the architects report on the Terenure Library to be brought to the next SPC in September.

Action: Architects report on the Terenure Library to be brought to the September SPC meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding the neglect of the Grand Canal Docks and members requested a presentation from Waterways Ireland at a future SPC.

Action: Assistant Chief Executive to write to Waterways Ireland requesting a presentation to a future SPC to discuss both the Grand Canal Dock and the Royal Canal

Cllr. Feeney commended Dublin City Council for organising the tour of the UNESCO Dublin Bay biosphere and the Tall Ships Regatta event.

10. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 29th March 2018.

Action: Agreed

11. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 5th April 2018.

Action: Agreed

12. Approved Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 11th April 2018.

Action: Agreed

13. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 30th May 2018

Action: Agreed

14. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 30th May 2018.

Action: Agreed

15. Breviate of draft Minutes of Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 28th June 2018

Action: Agreed

16. A.O.B.

Cllr. O'Farrell requested a presentation/report on the issue of Waste Management.

Action: Follow up with Parks and Waste Management

Cllr. Mannix Flynn asked how Dublin City Council is going to brand their logo on Arts institutions in its administrative area. Assistant Chief Executive has had discussions with his colleagues on this and a report will be issued.

Action: Report on branding to be brought to a future SPC meeting.

**Cllr Vincent Jackson,
Chairperson**