



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

Thursday 24 January 2019 at 2pm  
Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

Councillors/Members Present	Officials Present
Cllr Vincent Jackson (Chair) Lord Mayor Nial Ring Cllr Patrick McCartan Cllr Cieran Perry Cllr Micheal MacDonncha Cllr Mannix Flynn	Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (A) Tara Doyle, DCPL

1. Apologies – none
2. Minutes of the meeting of 22 November 2018 approved.
3. Matters arising
  - a. Officials reported that the War of Independence exhibition is now scheduled for August, September and October 2019 at Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street. The Liffey Swim exhibition has been moved to July 2020 which is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first swim.
  - b. Officials reported that the Historians in Residence free book *History on Your Doorstep – six stories of Dublin History* was published in December 2018 and is being re-printed due to popular demand. The book is available free-of-charge in all libraries.
  - c. A Commemorative booklet on the First Dáil was published for distribution at public open days in the Mansion House on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January: 5,000 people attended. Councillors congratulated Lord Mayor and staff for this successful event which the Lord Mayor plans to replicate later in the year. Cllr. Flynn pointed out the importance of the Lord Mayor's coach and that it should be on permanent display and suggested that public open days in Mansion House should be on a statutory basis.
4. Correspondence: none
5. Expert Advisory Group/DCHG – The Government's *Decade of Centenaries Second Phase Guidance 2018–2023* was circulated. Officials noted that that DCC has taken account of the

events/themes listed in Appendix A. Cllr MacDonncha suggested including the topic of the 1920 Local elections.

6. Markievicz Statue – The Chair reported that a new statue of Countess Markievicz is to be commissioned for O’Connell Street. The Committee agreed not to support the proposed 3D printing statue.

7. Leo Rowsome memorial – It was agreed that this should be referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee.

8. Commemorations Programme 2019 – A draft programme was tabled, discussed, and agreed.

9. Historians in Residence – Officials reported that the Donal Fallon has left the project and a new historian for North West area is being recruited from the panel. Cllr Perry suggested that the HIRs promote the Decade of Commemorations grants scheme. Officials will create a grants “pack” for them to give to community groups. A short video to promote the grants scheme will be commissioned.

10. A.O.B. – Officials reported that, in co-operation with the EU Lab office, libraries are submitting an application for an EU project under the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme, using HIRs, Dublin Festival of History and Richmond Barracks as a public history model of democratic engagement with history.

11. Date of next meeting: 28 March 2019 at 2pm in the Richard O’Carroll Room, City Hall.

**COMMEMORATIONS & HISTORY PROGRAMME  
PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2019**

Budget = €667,500

<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Support for community groups to mark their continuing engagement with Decade of Commemorations events and support local initiatives (Grants)	€75,000
Commemorative Plaques Scheme - support to erect further plaques consistent with DCC naming policy	€20,000
Continue Historians in Residence project (*6) one in each DCC Area and one in Dublin City Library & Archive Pearse St. to incl publication "History on Your Doorstep" Vol 2	€160,000
Exhibition: War of Independence incl launch and seminar	€80,000
Exhibition: Evil Literature: Censored books	€25,000
Irish language classes in 3 branch libraries	€6,000
100th anniversary of St Ultan's Hospital oral history project	€4,000
Commemoration of the First Dáil	€2,000
Public realm projects	€8,000
Publications: Directory of Historic Dublin Guilds (2nd edition) Letters from the Little Famine 1880 Archives of the Tholsel Court, Dublin Vindicating Dublin: The Story behind the controversial dissolution of the Corporation in 1924	€25,000
Continuing digitisation of photographs and other material from Jacob's Archives	€30,000
Continuing digitization of Dublin City historic photographic collections into DRI	€30,000
Continuing digitization of the Fáilte Ireland photographic Collection.	€50,000
Cataloguing of "Not Forgotten Society" records from WWI	€21,000
Dublin Festival of History 2019	€80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€616,000</b>