



Breviate of Draft Minutes of meeting of Commemorations Committee - Fochoiste na gCuimhneachán

Thursday 28th March 2019 at 2pm
Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

In the absence of Cllr Jackson, Cllr McCartan took the Chair.

1. Apologies – Cllr Mannix Flynn, Cllr Cieran Perry; Ms Tara Doyle
2. Minutes of the meeting of 24th January 2019 approved.
3. Matters arising - No matters arising
4. Correspondence

Management reported that a letter had been received from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht acknowledging the Council's submission under the Decade of Centenaries public consultation, and enclosing a copy of the *Decade of Centenaries Second Phase Guidance 2018–2023*.

Action: Management to circulate copies of the document.

5. Commemorations programme 2019

Management reported that Ms Doyle attended a Decade of Centenaries Local Authority Forum in the National Museum on 13th March, organised by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. €10,000 per Local Authority is available from the Department for 2019 as part of Phase II (2019 – 2023) commemorations with encouragement of a broad focus and “holistic approach to the remembrance and exploration of this period”. There was a request that activities “will connect in an appropriate, inclusive, respectful and non-partisan way”.

Speakers at the Forum included:

- Conor Falvey, Asst. Sec. in DCHG;
- Maurice Manning, Chair of the Expert Advisory Group & Martin Mansergh (deputy chair of EAG),
- Roisin Grady, Heritage Officer in Tipperary Co Co who spoke about the Soloheadbeg commemoration in January 2019 which was organised and driven by two local community organisations, supported by Tipperary Co Council

- Archivist Cecile Gordon from Military Archives spoke about the Military Service Pensions Collection including the recently released Brigade reports
- Speakers from Kerry, Cork and Kildare Co Councils, Cavan County Museum on their approach to Commemorations so far – all sharing knowledge, ideas and what has been successful for them with, overall, the importance of involving local communities highlighted.

MANSION HOUSE OPEN DAY COMMEMORATION of 1916 – 1919: 6 and 7 April, 10a.m. – 5p.m.

Remembering the 1916 – 1919 period including the First Dail

Management reported that the Lord Mayor has arranged two more open days in the Mansion House. The historians-in-residence will be in attendance, with the Lord Mayor's coach on display on Saturday. The Round Room will be included this time with a display of memorabilia and talks in the afternoon by historian Donal Fallon.

DCC Decade of Commemorations publication series:

“The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution” by Micheál Mac Donncha

Management reported that this bi-lingual book is scheduled to be launched by the Lord Mayor in the Mansion House on 11 April (TBC) .

Management reported that the **City Hall Lunchtime Lecture** series for April 2019 is on the theme “Irish Women and the Irish Revolution” and includes lectures on Constance Markievicz (by Constance Cassidy), Sarah Cecilia Harrison, Kathleen Clarke, Maud Gonne and Rosie Hackett (by HIR James Curry).

The series is organised by the City Archivist, Dr Mary Clark

GRANTS

Management presented a short video produced to promote the commemorations grants scheme. The video has been published on the Council's social media platforms. All HIRs have been given printed copies of the grant form to distribute to groups in their areas. It was suggested that the video be displayed on the Lord Mayor's social media platforms.

Action: application forms to be e-mailed to members.

Management reported that the **Dublin One City One Book for April 2019** is “The Country Girls” by Enda O'Brien with a full programme of events across the city and a new exhibition in DCLA on “Evil Literature: Banned Books” for April and May 2019.

HISTORIANS IN RESIDENCE

Management reported that Dr James Curry was appointed to North West area since 19th February 2019. Dr Curry gave a brief presentation on events planned for 1919.

HIRs are presenting a **2-part lecture series on the War of Independence** to take place in May and June in libraries across the city, full details are still being confirmed.

The series will be accompanied by a reading list of primary and secondary sources.

A.O.B.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 23rd which is too close to the local elections. A tentative date of May 1st was suggested, to be held if the Commemorative Naming Committee is meeting.

Councillors/Members Present	Officials Present
Lord Mayor Nial Ring Cllr Patrick McCartan	Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (A) Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer James Curry, Historian In Residence