



BREVIATE OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIVE NAMING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2019

In the absence of Cllr Perry, Cllr Mac Donncha took the Chair

1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 24th January 2019**

Action: Agreed

2 **Matters arising**

No matters arising

3 **Update Report on Liam Mellows Memorial – Ruairí O’Cuiv, Public Art Manager**

The meeting of the Selection Panel for the statue of Liam Mellows, composed of City Councillors, City Officials, members of the Liam Mellows Memorial Committee and artist Robert Ballagh took place on March 12th with presentations by the three short-listed artists. A discussion took place on each proposal under the criteria in the artists’ brief. The Liam Mellows Committee being given scope to consider their position and refer to the Liam Mellows Working Group in due course on the options available.

Action: Keep members informed.

4 **Magdalene Laundries – Proposed Sub-Committee**

Action: It was decided to defer this item until the new Council is formed.

5. **Update on the Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (A)**

The Selection Committee met on 26th February to review the proposed commissioning process. The Public Art Manager agreed to prepare a document setting out the rationale for the process for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Circulate report to members.

6. **Battle of Sallcocks Wood, Cabra – Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (A)**

A report on the history of the Battle of Sallcocks Wood was circulated to members. It was clarified that the Battle, although not the most important battle, did in fact take place. The placing of a plaque at the site was discussed. It was suggested that maybe the event be marked in some other way.

Action: Refer to proposer.

7. Plaques/Monuments/Infrastructure Proposals

It was decided to take the item on Martin Doherty first as the Lord Mayor had to leave early.

A letter received in the Lord Mayor's office asked if there was any commemoration / plaque to Martin Doherty, a Dublin IRA Volunteer who was shot dead as he foiled a UVF bomb attack on a function for republican prisoners at the Widow Scallans pub in Pearse Street. The pub was demolished and has been replaced with an apartment block. The plaque that had been on the pub is now erected on the apartment block to commemorate Martin Doherty.

Action: Lord Mayor to reply to the proposer to inform him that a commemorative plaque exists for Martin Doherty.

The Lord Mayor asked that the Sean O'Casey application be deferred as there are ongoing discussions relating to the property at which the plaque was to be erected.

Action: Agreed

Cabra road Bridge – “The Harry Clarke Bridge” – Update

Members were informed that the official naming of the bridge is Saturday 27th April at 2.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, Phibsborough.

Action: Invitations to issue shortly.

Iris Murdoch – Update

A tidy up of the property and the surrounding area to take place shortly. The date of July 15th is anticipated for the unveiling of the plaque.

Action: Keep members informed.

North Circular Road Bridge Plaque – Update

Members were informed that the damaged plaque was repaired but when the bolts were put into the back of the plaque it broke again and is not repairable.

Action: Refer to proposers to enquire about the type of replacement plaque and the possibility to erect the plaque at a higher level.

Benedict Kiely – Application

Members suggested that the wording should be amended to read “Writer and Broadcaster”.

Action: Proposal agreed. Cllr McCartan to talk to proposer for agreement on the wording.

Estella F. Solomons – Application

Members were informed that the proposer had withdrawn this application.

Action: Noted

Séamus Ennis – Application

Action: Proposal agreed. Unveiling of plaque to take place on Friday 3rd May. Invitations to issue.

Hirschfeld Centre – Application

Action: Agreed in principle subject to agreed wording. Circulate amended wording to members via e-mail. The date of Friday 28th June is anticipated to unveil the plaque.

8. 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.

Cllr Kennedy reminded members that the four finalists in the Rosie Hackett Bridge competition would be commemorated once applications are received. He stated an application to commemorate Frank Duff would issue shortly.

Action: Noted

Cllr Kennedy noted that he will not be a candidate for the Council in the forthcoming elections. Members thanked Cllr Kennedy for his very worthy contribution to this Committee.

Attendance:

Lord Mayor, Nial Ring
Cllr Paddy McCartan
Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha
Cllr Séamas McGrattan
Cllr Frank Kennedy

Officials:

Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (A)
Ruairí O’Cuiv, Public Art Manager
Jackie O’Reilly, Administrative Officer
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies:

Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr Cieran Perry

**Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha
In the Chair**

