



Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee

held Tuesday 28th January 2020

1. Election of Chairperson

Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh nominated Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha as Chair and Cllr Larry O'Toole seconded the nomination. Cllr Mac Donncha took the Chair.

Action: Agreed.

2. Magdalene Laundries Update – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

It was noted that this item title should have read Mother and Baby Homes / Magdalene Laundries

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian is the nominated contact person to liaise with the Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA) on this matter.

Action: Report Noted. A further update from DCYA to be provided in due course. B. Teeling to link in with K. Mitchell regarding the re-development of Sean McDermott Street site and all other relevant forums.

3. Update report on the Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager

Action: Report noted.

4. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

(a) Sean O'Casey – Plaque Application

Members were informed that there are several existing commemorations to Sean O'Casey in place. Our Policy Document (Section 18.8) states: ***“An individual should be commemorated with only plaque or memorial”***.

Action: Application was not recommended. Contact proposers to inform them of decision.

(b) Patrick Pearse – Plaque Application

The DCC's Historian's report on Patrick Pearse was circulated and discussed. There are 9 home addresses associated with Pearse, which could lead to a plethora of plaques commemorating where he lived. There is lack of clarity as to which house he lived in on Sandymount Avenue.

Action: Application was not recommended. Contact proposers to inform them of decision.

(c) Garda Richard Fallon – Plaque Application

Following discussions, it was agreed that the application and all permissions and relevant documentation were in order.

Action: Application approved. Keep members informed of details of unveiling.

(d) Anna Parnell – Plaque Application – Update

Action: Obtain owners approval and proceed. Keep members informed.

(e) Thomas Bryan – Plaque Application – Update

Following discussions it was noted that placing a plaque either externally or internally at No. 14 Henrietta Street could create an undesirable precedent, given the significant number of historical figures associated with No. 14 that might also merit commemoration. As this museum is operated by the DCC Culture Company and DCC are the owners of this property, there was a query as to who would give or not give consent to the erection of a plaque at this property.

Action: Application on hold until there is more clarity around this issue.

(f) SS Hare & SS Adela Memorial - Proposal

Action: A further memorial to commemorate the SS Hare and SS Adela was not recommended. Contact proposers to inform them of decision.

(g) Inchicore Volunteers Memorial - Update

Action: Recommend to the two applicants to participate in the public consultation for the St. Michael's Estate Regeneration and re-submit one agreed application for consideration.

Cllr. Gannon enquired about a commemorative plaque for Flann O'Brien.

Action: Send application form to Cllr. Gannon.

5. Plaques, Photographs & Maps 2020 – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

A brief presentation on the plaques, photographs and mapping project was presented to the Committee which shows the production of a photographic record of each plaque currently in situ. It is proposed to develop an interactive map of the plaques. Jpg versions of photographs of the 30 plaques erected to date have been uploaded to Wikimedia Commons – https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Dublin_City_Council_commemorative_Plaques

Action: Internal project to develop a mapping App. This will include a brief description / detail of each plaque.

6. Update on Commemorations Programme 2020 - Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

A brief outline of the programme was provided. This includes the centenary of Bloody Sunday, 21st November 2020. Councillors requested a single item agenda meeting on the Commemorations Programme in mid-February for their input into the Programme.

Action: Brendan Teeling to circulate the 2020 programme to all members of the committee. Meeting to be arranged for mid-February to discuss the 2020 programme.

7. Historians in Residence (HIR) - Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Provision has been made in the 2020 estimates and recruitment of five historians – one for each administrative area – will get underway shortly.

Action: Noted.

8. Dublin Festival of History 2020 – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Dates: 7th – 27th September 2020, Big Weekend in Printworks is 26th and 27th September. Planning underway, Partners meeting on 30th January.

Action: Noted.

9. Dates for future meetings

Action: Change time of meeting on the 19th March and inform members. All other dates agreed.

10. A.O.B.

- **Naming of new streets/developments:** Process to be confirmed at next meeting.
- **40th anniversary of Stardust in 2021:** Parks and the Area Office are making preparations/plans to mark the anniversary. Suggestions from the committee would be welcomed.
- **Miami showband:** Inspection has been carried out and further action to clean up the area will be taken.
- **Hanbury Lane;** Area around the plaque to be tidied up. Arts Office is liaising with the Area Office in relation to this.

<p>Members: Cllr. Gary Gannon Cllr. Seamus McGrattan Cllr. Vincent Jackson Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha Cllr. Larry O'Toole Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh Cllr. Mary Callaghan Cllr. Paddy McCartan Apologies: Julian de Spáinn</p>	<p>Officials present: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Jackie O'Reilly, A/Senior Executive Officer Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer Minutes by Denice Kirwan</p>
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**Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha
Chairperson.**