



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC

30th November 2020
Item No. 13

MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2020

Members:

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha (Chairperson)
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Larry O'Toole
Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Cllr. Mary Callaghan
Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Cllr Mannix Flynn
Julian de Spáinn

Apologies: Margarita Cappock, Ruairí Ó Cuív.

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Grainne Kelly, Administrative Officer
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer

Minutes by Denice Kirwan

1. Minutes of meeting 28th January 2020

Action: Minutes agreed. Proposed by Cllr. McGrattan and seconded by Cllr. O'Toole.

2. Minutes of Commemorations Programme 2020 meeting dated 12th February 2020

Action: Minutes noted.

3. Update report on the Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Ruairi O Cuív, Public Art Manager

Action: Report noted. Meeting to be held in early September. The Councillors nominated to the selection panel are: Councillor Vincent Jackson (Chair), Councillor Donna Cooney, Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Anne Feeney and Councillor Mannix Flynn.

4. Discussion on Memorials - Sean Russell Memorial

Action: Policy was noted. At present, there is no proposal to remove the statue. The committee requested that a report be presented to the next meeting that would review the memorial as a piece of art while including historical context. It was requested that this report be prepared by Ruairí O Cuív in consultation with the Historians in Residence Team.

5. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

a) Rotunda Hospital – Plaque Application

Action: Agreed in principle pending permission from conservation.

b) St. Olave’s Church, Fishamble St.- Application

Action: Agreed in principle pending permission from conservation.

c) Patrick Pearse – Update

Action: Appeal of decision was accepted. Erection of this plaque should proceed. Contact the proposer to inform.

d) Garda Richard Fallon – Verbal update

Action: It was reported that the family of Garda Fallon has asked that the Plaque be erected as soon as possible. The family will attend the erection of the plaque. Organise an event on the anniversary next year.

e) Anna Parnell – Verbal update

Action: Agreed in principle pending permission from conservation and formal consent from the owner of the building.

f) Inchicore Volunteers Memorial – Verbal update

Action: The 2 proposers have been advised to work together on one proposal. They were also advised to participate in the public consultation for the St. Michael’s Estate Regeneration and re-submit one agreed proposal for consideration.

g) Michael Collins – Verbal update

Action: It was agreed that the Public Art Manager be asked to present a written report on the artistic merit of the statue offered to the next meeting. The committee will then decide if it should be accepted or if DCC should commission an open competition for a statue.

h) Memorialising Frederick Douglass

Action: Cllr MacDonncha to submit application for a plaque to the next meeting.

6. Plaques Photographs and maps 2020 – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Action: Brendan Teeling to circulate link to all members.

7. Update Report on Commemorations Programme 2020 – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Action: Report noted. In association with the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, the City Council will host an event to commemorate Bloody Sunday, in the Rotunda of City Hall on the 21st November. The Lord Mayor will attend. The exhibition will be on display and the formalities will be followed by a reception.

8. Report on Historians in Residence – Brenden Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Action: Report noted.

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

Action: This will proceed in adherence with Covid-19 guidelines.

10. Budgets – cap on plaques per year

Action: A cap of €15,000 per year was agreed.

11. Proposed dates for future meetings

Action: Dates agreed are the 1st October and 19th November at 2.30pm. Confirm if these meetings can be held in the Council Chamber.

12. A.O.B.

- Application for plaque for James Kinsella – this application has not been received by DCC
- Naming of new estates/roads: Report to be presented to next meeting. It was noted that this is an executive function.
- Gender balance should be considered when assessing applications for plaques/statues/monument's etc.
- Jack Charlton: The 20 year rule prevents the committee from approving any statue/plaque application. However, Cllr Mac Donnacha suggested that DCC should explore possibilities such as a perpetual trophy awarded through the exiting children's leagues or consider the most appropriate way to honour Jack Charlton. Pitches, stadiums etc. cannot be named or renamed after him as the policy states that these facilities should reflect the locality or townland.

Date of next meeting: 1st October 2.30pm.

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha
Chairperson