



**MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**Members:**

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

**Apologies:** Ruairí Ó Cuív.

**Officials present:**

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Grainne Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer  
Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer  
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer  
Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian

Minutes by Denice Kirwan

**1. Minutes of meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Action:** Minutes agreed.

**2. Motion referred from the North Central Area Committee:-**

*"That this Committee agrees that the new cycleway park and walk area at Spencer Dock to North Strand, be named after the late local man, Stephen Gately, former Boyzone member. The family are in support of the naming."*

**ORDER:** Agreed. Motion to be sent to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

**Action:** This motion cannot be facilitated as it fails two criteria in the City Council's *Policy for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques*, adopted at the Council meeting of 12th June 2017

- Section 15.6: Proposals to commemorate living persons will not be considered. Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth whichever is earlier.
- Section 16.2: City parks, Fire Brigade stations, public libraries, civic offices and utility facilities will not be named after individuals or events. Names of parks, Fire Brigade stations and other infrastructure will reflect the locality or townland.

It was noted that the Policy (section 19.1) does allow for the installation of community memorials, such as a bench or tree, in a City park or public space, this being a matter for Parks and the relevant area committee.

**Action:** It was agreed that this motion would be referred to the City Parks' Superintendent who can liaise with the relevant Area Manager to agree a suitable memorial within the park. It was also noted that the Commemorative Naming Policy and procedure should be circulated to the full City Council.

**3. Motion referred from the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC:-**

"This committee recognises the efforts of the Tom Clarke memorial committee to have a statue of him erected in a prominent location in Dublin and further acknowledges that the committee has been in contact with DCC in relation to this project many times over the past 5 years. This committee fully supports the provision/location of a suitable site in the city for a statue of Tom Clarke and requests that DCC revisit and appraise the locations previously suggested but put on hold due to other developments in the areas suggested i.e. Parnell Square, Parnell Street, and O'Connell St."

**Action:** Motion noted. It was noted that submission dates for Sculpture Dublin have already closed and agreed that the motion be forwarded to Sculpture Dublin and the City Parks superintendent for consideration in the future.

**4. Verbal update on the Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Ruairi O Cuív, Public Art Manager**

It was reported that an update had been circulated to the Selection panel on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The expert panel is to meet to draft a shortlist for consideration by the Selection Panel.

**Action:** Further update at next meeting.

**5. Verbal update on the Sean Russell Memorial**

It was reported that Margarita Cappock (Arts Office) will work with one of the historians-in-residence on this.

**Action:** Full report to next meeting.

**6. Verbal update on Michael Collins Statue - Ruairi O Cuív, Public Art Manager**

Officials noted that the Arts Office is drafting a policy on the acquisition by the City of gifts and artworks, and that any offer of a memorial or statue would need to be evaluated under such a policy in due course.

Officials recommended that the Council should in the first place consider if a statue of Michael Collins is warranted and, if so decided, a commissioning process would be required.

**Action:** Consideration should be given to time as anniversary is due in 2022. Offer of any gift cannot be agreed until DCC has agreed an acquisitions policy which is currently being drafted.

**7. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals**

**a) William O'Connell, Irish Solider – Proposal**

It was reported that the applicants have been unable to obtain permission from the owner of the property and would like to lay the plaque on the footpath.

Officials noted that Roads & Traffic are reluctant to grant permission for these types of plaques due to trip hazards. Cllr McGrattan reported that the plaque has been manufactured and the anniversary is the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action:** It was noted that the committee have no objection to this plaque which is outside the DCC plaque scheme and in an area with low footfall. It was suggested that the applicants should proceed with a ceremony on the selected date and then remove the plaque until the process has been completed and the plaque can be laid in the footpath permanently.

**b) Jack Charlton – Proposal**

It was noted that this cannot be facilitated for the reasons stated in relation to items 2 and 6 on agenda.

**Action:** Applicants to be advised that they could seek a suitable relevant location on private property which would not be subject to the Council's policy.

**c) Leo Rowsome – plaque – Application**

Officials reported that the owners of the property would only grant permission for the plaque to be fitted on the front pillar of the garden, and only if Dublin City Council gives written confirmation that it would take responsibility for the maintenance of the plaque. Having viewed a photograph of the location, members considered that erecting the plaque on a pillar so close to the footpath would be inappropriate and disrespectful to the memory of Leo Rowsome and to the dignity of the plaques scheme.

**Action:** Officials to revert to applicant/family to explore the possibility of other suitable locations. Report to next meeting.

**d) Anna Parnell – plaque – Update**

It was reported that application has been agreed in principle, but that final permission of the property owners is awaited.

**Action:** Awaiting final permission from the property owners.

**e) Rotunda Lying In Hospital – plaque – Update**

Officials reported that the surface of the wall at the agreed location is in need of repair and that the property owner has agreed to carry out some repairs.

**Action:** Date for unveiling to be agreed once repairs completed.

**f) St. Olave's Church - plaque – Update**

Officials reported that the previous Norwegian ambassador was one of the proposers, but has now moved to Estonia.

**Action:** City Archaeologist to discuss a suitable date for unveiling with the new Norwegian Ambassador. Report to next meeting.

**g) Inchicore Volunteers Memorial – Update**

Two proposers have been advised to submit a joint proposal.

**Action:** Applicants will need to engage in the consultation process for Saint Michaels Estate.

**h) Thomas Bryan, Irish Volunteers – Update**

Officials gave an overview of the report from the Planning, Conservation & Heritage Officers. It was noted that all plaques are subject to planning permission when in an area of conservation. The report opposed the fixing of any plaque to the front façade of 14 Henrietta Street. Several Councillors expressed their disagreement with this report.

**Action:** Planning report to be circulated to the committee. Permission for plaque to be requested from CRES Senior Management – report to next meeting.

**i) Garda Richard Fallon – Update**

It was reported that the plaque was erected on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July with a small number of family members in attendance.

**Action:** A formal unveiling will be held next year.

**j) Phil Lynnott – plaque – Application**

It was reported that this application was submitted after the agenda had been circulated and was added to the agenda with the permission of the Chair. Officials reported that the application is in order and meets the criteria set out in the policy.

**Action:** Approved in principle pending written submission of permission from family and house owner.

**8. Commemorations Programme 2020 – Update - Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian**

Officials reported that the Historians in Residence have been proactive in organising online courses and talks. Volume 3 of History on your Doorstep will be dedicated to Bloody Sunday. An event will be held in City Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in accordance with COVID guidelines. An exhibition has also been organised in conjunction with Dublin GAA and image panels will be distributed to clubs as well as being available online.

**Action:** Report noted.

**9. A.O.B.**

- It was suggested that the Historians do some research regarding the occupation of City Hall in 1920 with a view to developing an exhibition.
- Cllr. Cooney to submit an application for a plaque for Dunsink Observatory.
- Commemorations Grants Process – Report to next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm.

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**Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha**  
**Chairperson**