



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure  
and Recreation SPC**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Item No. 15**

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

**HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**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 Dé Spainn

**Apologies:None**

**Officials present:**

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Grainne Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian  
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer  
Donncha O'Dúlaing, Senior Executive  
Officer  
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

Others present: Cllr. Máire Devine

Denice Kirwan - Minutes

**1. Minutes of meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Action:** Agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

- Killester Memorial: Proposal was agreed in principle by the CNC but the design in its proposed format is unacceptable – this position needs to be conveyed again to the committee. CNC remains very supportive of a memorial.
- Stardust Proposal: CNC is supportive of a monument as long as the design and family involvement is agreed. CNC and NCAC has agreed a total contribution of €50,000 – this item should be referred to the NCAC for progression.
- The committee expressed condolences to the Barron family on the passing of Donal Barron, DCC staff member after a bravely fought illness. Donal was a very valued member of staff and will be missed by many. As a tribute to Donal it was suggested that the plaque to James Kinsella, a relative of Donal, be moved forward as quickly as possible.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h'anam dílis.

**2. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Máire Devine:- (Referred from the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021)**

*“This Area Committee agree that following on from the agreed motion regarding commemoration for those we have lost in this pandemic at last month’s Area Meeting, to ask the Manager to consider the site for this remembrance, be at the old Fever Hospital, Cork Street?”*

Committee agreed that it was too early to decide any definite details for a memorial to those lost in the on-going pandemic.

**Action:** Motion was agreed in principle.

**3. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Carolyn Moore:- (Referred from the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021)**

*“That this area committee recognises the work and contribution to Irish society of Dr Dorothy Stopford Price, who pioneered the use of the TB vaccine in Ireland, and whose life and work were inextricably linked to the communities of the South East Area.*

*As a child, Dorothy Stopford lived at 28 Highfield Road, and later in the townland of Terenure. She studied at Trinity College, completing part of her training working as a clinical clerk at the Meath Hospital. As a qualified doctor worked at St Ultan’s Hospital, Charlemont Street while residing on Fitzwilliam Place.*

*Dorothy Stopford Price pioneered the use of the TB vaccine in St Ultan’s in 1937, making it the first hospital in Ireland or Britain to use the BCG. She was nominated for plaquemedicine, and was appointed head of the national vaccination programme by Noel Browne in 1949.*

*Her work was pivotal in ending the Tuberculosis epidemic in Ireland and in recognition of her contribution to Ireland’s public health system, this area committee will write to the Commemorative & Naming Committee seeking to memorialise Dr Dorothy Stopford Price as a timely reminder of the importance of vaccines and in recognition of a trailblazing woman in science.”*

Suitable location to be specified. Not enough details supplied.

**Action:** Cllr. Moore to be contacted to clarify if a plaque application should be submitted.

**4. Verbal update on the Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian**

8 proposals were received. The selected artist Gareth Reid has given an assurance that the portrait will be ready for the anniversary of the death next year. The committee expressed its gratitude to all Councillors and Officials involved in the process, in particular, Cllr. Anne Feeney.

**Action:** Inform committee of any further updates.

**5. Richard O’Carroll Room photograph – verbal update**

Family has supplied the original photograph which has been deemed suitable for scanning and requires some further digital work. The committee expressed gratitude to the family for supplying the picture and to Brendan Teeling and Ruairi O Cuiv for their efforts in this project.

**Action:** Date for hanging of picture to be agreed.

#### **6. Update report on a Proposal for a Statue to Countess Markievicz – Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer**

It is proposed to feature Countess Markievicz as the central element of the monument but to widen the scope for artists to consider the inclusion in the monument of other women from the Revolutionary decade. In order to progress this commission it is proposed to establish a Working Group and that it be composed of the following: Chair of the Working Group Cllr Vincent Jackson, second Member from the Commemorations Committee, Chair of the Arts Culture Leisure and Recreation SPC, Ray Yeates (City Arts Officer) Brendan Teeling (Deputy City Librarian) Donncha Ó Dúlaing (SEO Parks and Landscape Services) Margarita Cappock (Assistant Arts Officer) Ruairí Ó Cuív (Public Art Officer) and Prof Paula Murphy (Art Historian). O'Connell Street is the agreed location and the working group will have responsibility for agreeing the artists brief. Cllr Donna Cooney, Cllr Mannix Flynn and Cllr Mary Callaghan expressed an interest in joining the working group which was agreed by the committee.

**Action:** Noted

#### **7. City Hall Council Chamber proposal – Cllr Mac Donncha, Chairperson**

The British military authorities took over City Hall in December 1920 after the City Council. During the first half of 1921 City Hall was used by the British Army to carry out court martials of prisoners. Location for memorial to be agreed. It was also suggested that the proclamation should be hung in the rotunda. When memorial is decided there should be a presentation to the City Council as well as an event that would make the story available to visitors.

**Action:** Brendan Teeling to liaise with the Chairperson so a report can be submitted to the Protocol committee.

#### **8. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals**

##### **a) Frederick Douglass – Plaque Application**

Wording to be agreed.

**Action:** Agreed

##### **b) Lady Jane Wilde, 'Speranza' – Plaque Application**

Original application was misplaced. Brendan Teeling to liaise with application and refer to committee to agree the final wording.

**Action:** Agreed.

**c) Leo Rowsome – Update**

Plaque will be unveiled on the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. A maximum of 15 people can attend in accordance with the guidelines.

**Action:** Noted.

**d) Guinness Barge Plaque – update**

Wrong date was supplied by the applicant. Plaque to be re-ordered. It is hoped that the plaque can be erected on the anniversary of 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Action:** Noted.

**9. North Strand Bombing, 1941 – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – verbal report**

Anniversary will occur next week and a number of events have been organised by the CAC office and local community groups. An oral history project will relaunch the website northstrandbombings.ie and a film will be released tomorrow. 100 posters with the names of the victims have been hung in the local area. ON the day, the Lord Mayor and German Ambassador will lay wreaths, 100 paper boats will be released on the canal, a newspaper of the day will be delivered to every home in the local area and a talk will take place which will include 2 ladies evacuated from the area.

**Action:** Noted. Brendan Telling to circulate the press release to committee members.

**10. Round Room – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – verbal report**

Staff are currently preparing an exhibition which will be overseen by Library staff. An exhibition will open in the summer months which will allow for visitors in accordance with the guidelines.

**Action:** Noted.

**11. A.O.B.**

- Liam Whelan Statue: Update to next meeting
- Tom Clarke House Richmond Road: Concerns noted regarding the ongoing preservation.
- Motion: That this committee puts on record the appreciation of Dublin City Council of the commitment, dedication and work of Kevin C. Kearns, Ph.D., in the recording, preservation and promotion of the social history of Dublin, through his many research papers and publications. This committee further requests the Lord Mayor to recognise, on behalf of the citizens of Dublin, Kevin's many years of dedication to Dublin's social history by presenting him with a Lord Mayor Scroll – Agreed.

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