



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
22nd November 2021
Item No. 11

MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 29TH JULY 2021

Members:

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha (Chairperson)
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
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:

Cllr. Larry O'Toole
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Grainne Kelly, Administrative Officer

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian

Denice Kirwan - Minutes

1. Minutes of meeting 27th May 2021

Action: Agreed

Matters Arising: It was noted that the proposer is liaising with the Parks Department in relation to an agreeable design for the memorial. The descendants were not consulted and it was agreed that they should be involved in the process. History signboards were suggested as an appropriate way to tell the story of the memorial.

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

Contract has been signed by DCC and the Artist. Delivery is expected in the first half of 2022.

Action: Noted

3. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

a. Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith – Plaque Application

Some of the historical information in the application is inaccurate. Also, the wording is too long for the plaque. The location of the plaque needs to be discussed with the proposer as it needs to be visible to the public. It was agreed that it would be more appropriate to mark this location as the office of Eamonn de Valera for that period of time.

Action: Brendan Teeling to discuss these issues with the proposer. Report to next meeting.

b. Kathleen Lynn – Plaque Application

Proposal meets the criteria. It was suggested that Madeleine French-Mullen be included on this plaque as they both founded the hospital.

Action: Agreed. Brendan Teeling to contact the proposer regarding the inclusion of the second name.

c. Lady Jane Wilde, ‘Speranza’ – Plaque Application

All criteria has been met and Brendan Teeling has met with the proposer. Wording has also been discussed.

Action: Agreed. Brendan Teeling to circulate the application to the committee.

d. Leo Rowsome – Update

Plaque was unveiled on the 4th June. There was a large attendance and community involvement.

Action: Noted.

e. Margaret Keogh – Update

Plaque was unveiled on the 11th July. It was very successful with a very large attendance particularly from the local community. The use of the Irish language was particularly welcomed and appreciated.

Action: Noted.

f. Guinness Barge Plaque – update

Plaque was unveiled on the 23rd July. There was a small attendance but the proposer and Guinness were happy to have the plaque in place.

Action: Noted.

g. Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown/Detective Garda Richard Hyland – update

Plaque will be unveiled on the 16th August at 11am. Garda Commissioner will be in attendance. A road closure will be organised. The maximum attendance is 200 due to the public health guidelines.

Action: Noted.

h. Frederick Douglass – Update

IFC has given permission for the plaque to be placed on the building. Wording to be finalised. Unveiling will take place in September and it was agreed that it was important that the Lord Mayor should do the unveiling. Other appropriate speakers to be decided and invited.

Action: Noted.

i. Violet Gibson – Update

An appropriate date for the unveiling is 31st August as it is her birthday.

Action: Agreed. It was also noted that the plaque for Anna Parnell will be unveiled on the 20th September. Brendan Teeling to circulate a list of outstanding plaques to be unveiled.

4. Liam Whelan Statue

Brendan Teeling to make initial contact with TII.

Action: Noted. Report to next meeting.

5. Commemorations programme – verbal update

Irish speakers to be encouraged at events.

6. A.O.B.

- Naming process for developments: Report to next meeting.
- Plaquesofdublin.ie is in process and will hopefully be launched before the end of the year.
- Bloody Sunday Bridge renaming to be included on the next agenda.
- Plaque for train ambush Ballyfermot: It was agreed that a blue plaque should be used.
- The committee was informed that Tara Doyle was moving on to a new role and would no longer be involved in the CNC. They wished to thank her for all her hard work and contributions over the last number of years and wished her well in her new role.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 30th September at 2.30pm – Location to be confirmed.

Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha
Chairperson