



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
22nd November 2021
Item No. 15

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

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 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
Cllr. Larry O'Toole
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
Julian Dé Spainn

Apologies:

Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Grainne Kelly, Administrative Officer
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer

Denice Kirwan – Minutes

In attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heney

1. Minutes of meeting 29th July 2021

Action: Agreed.

Matters Arising: It was noted that the Chairperson of this committee was unavailable to attend a recent unveiling for 2 Garda detectives. The media implied that this was a snub or boycott which is completely refuted by the chairperson and the Committee. It was noted that the committee agreed unanimously to erect this plaque without any controversy. It was suggested that for future unveilings a deputy will be appointed if the Chairperson cannot attend.

2. Motion in the name of Cllr Deirdre Heney (Referred from the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC dated 20th September 2021)

“That the manager, in relation to the park situated next to Pinebrook estate Artane, which was handed over to Dublin Corporation in 1982 by Powers Supermarket, and which is home to an historical burial ground and church ruin, begin the process of naming this much loved and historical place and if a detailed report can be made on the plans for same.”

Action: Agreed. Cllr Heney to submit the report prepared by the residents. Further information and historical research is required.

3. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

a. Eamon de Valera and Arthur Griffith – Update

As discussed at the last meeting the location of the plaque needs to be visible to the public and that it may be more appropriate to mark this location as the office of Eamonn de Valera for that period of time. Brendan Teeling has contacted the proposer in relation to these issues and is awaiting a response. Wording agreed and plaque has been ordered.

Action: Noted.

b. Kathleen Lynn – Update

Brendan Teeling has contacted the proposer in relation to the inclusion of Madelaine Ffrench Mullen and the proposer has agreed. Draft wording was discussed and agreed.

Action: Agreed. 4 page booklet with information and illustrations to be produced for future unveilings. Members should forward any suggestions for inclusion in the booklet in advance of the unveiling to Brendan Teeling.

c. Frederick Douglass – Update

Possible date of Thursday 21st October to be confirmed depending on the availability of the Lord Mayor.

Action: Noted. Known descendants and the writer Christine Kinneally to be invited to attend. Speakers to be confirmed.

d. Jane Lady Wilde, ‘Speranza’ – Application

Plaque will be unveiled on the 12th November. Lord Mayor will attend. President has been invited but his attendance is yet to be confirmed.

Action: Noted.

e. Violet Gibson – Update

Site visit has been carried out. Waiting approval from conservation. It was suggested that the 45cm plaque be used to ensure visibility as it is to be placed on a very large building.

Action: Noted.

f. Bloody Sunday Bridge

A public consultation is required.

Action: It was agreed that the consultation would be done on the DCC website while ensuring that the public are aware of the proposed name change and their comments are invited.

g. Site of Conciliation Hall – discussion

The Immigration Office is now based at this location. The historical significance of this site was discussed and noted.

Action: Agreed. Officials to make contact with the OPW.

4. Stolperstein Project – Cllr Dermot Lacey

This is an international project and these small plaques have been placed in footpaths all around the world. It was noted that it was important to commemorate the Irish victims of the Holocaust. Concerns regarding trips/falls were discussed. Approval would also be required from the Roads & Traffic Department.

Action: Agreed. It was noted that this was a once off participation in an international project and the committee did not favour placing plaques in the footpaths as a method of commemoration going forward.

5. Commemorations programme – verbal update

Historians in residence are currently working on the Festival of History. The 4th volume of History on your Doorstep is being prepared. 2 books have been recently published and Councillors can request a copy if they haven't already received one.

Action: Written report for next meeting.

6. A.O.B.

Killester Memorial

Little has changed in the new proposal. CNC view has not changed. Proposer to be informed that this new proposal cannot be accepted.

Action: Noted. Brendan Teeling to continue to liaise with the Proposer.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 25th November at 2.30pm – Location to be confirmed.

Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha
Chairperson