



MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE AND RECREATION SPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

Members:

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)
Cllr. Claire Byrne
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Dearbhal Butler
Cllr. Darragh Moriarty
Cllr. Patricia Roe
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Declan Flanagan

Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre
Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project
Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport

Apologies:

Cllr. Anne Feeney

Officials present:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive
Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager
Mairead Owens, City Librarian
Barbara Dawson, Director, HLG
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Ruairi O Cuív, Public Arts Manager
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Donncha O'Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer
Iseult Byrne, CEO, Dublin Culture Company
Tracy Geraghty, Dublin Culture Company
Bruce Philips, Assistant Area Manager
Shane Casey, Executive Parks Superintendent
Gráinne Kelly, Administrative Officer
Elaine Butler, Administrative Officer

Minutes by Denice Kirwan

Others present:

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Donna Cooney
Cllr. Mannix Flynn
Dean Eaton, Biosphere Partnership
Co-ordinator

1. Minutes of Meeting held of 20th September 2021

Action: Agreed.

Cllr. Jackson was appointed Deputy Chairperson for this meeting in case there was any issues with technology.

2. Presentation on the Cultural Impact Study 2021 – Iseult Byrne & Tracy Geraghty, Dublin City Cultural Company & Bruce Philips,

An overview of the impact study on demonstrating the impact of cultural participation in the work of Dublin City Council and information provided on the following:

- New research study that was commissioned
- Reasons for this impact study
- The various participants and projects
- The impact on the participants
- Challenges and opportunities
- Key findings

Bruce Philips provided an overview of a successful project which took place in the South Central Area.

It was noted that the Dublin City Council Culture Company has engaged in qualitative research and best practice particularly regarding accessibility

Action: Noted. The Dublin City Council Culture Company will report to this committee again in 2022.

3. Presentation on the Biosphere Partnership – Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent & Dean Eaton, Biosphere Partnership Co-ordinator

An overview was provided on the Biodiversity of Dublin Bay including:

- The functions of a Biosphere Reserve
- Three zones of biospheres
- Range of activities available
- Governance structure
- Potential opportunities
- Webinar series
- Youth webinars
- Sustainable Development Goals

It was noted that a new project with Failte Ireland will be launched in 2022. A Licence is required for all events taking place on Bull Island. The water quality reports are available on the DCC website. It is planned to restart the school programmes as soon as it is safe to do so. Any interested group can contact Dean Eaton or Lorraine Bull in relation to any area specific events or participation in same.

Action: Link to videos to be circulated to members. A special meeting of this committee to be arranged to discuss the Biosphere and related matters. Lorraine Bull to organise.

4. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Nial Ring:-

"That this committee notes the commitment, given at the time of the naming of the Rosie Hackett Bridge, that DCC would facilitate the naming of a suitable infrastructure after Dublin Camogie Player, Kay Mills who was a close second in the naming vote (192 to 176 votes), and asks this committee to keep this issue on our agenda".

Action: Agreed. Refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

5. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mannix Flynn (referred from the South East Area Committee dated 13th September 2021)

“That this committee of DCC call on the Commemorations committee of Dublin City Council to consider erecting a plaque in the honour of the first DMP Dublin Metropolitan policeman to be killed during 1916 rising at Dublin Castle Gates on Castle Street. (Constable James O Brien, from Limerick). In recent years there has been a wreath laying process here on Cork Hill. It would now be appropriate that a permanent marker would identify this person. It is also important to note that many in the RIC worked as secret agents for the cause of Irish freedom and the Irish Republic. Many of these individuals were unknown and unidentified for various reasons. It is time to honour all of our dead and those who died in the conflicts.”

Action: Agreed. Refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

6. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mary Freehill (referred from the South East Area Committee dated 8th November 2021)

“Quite some time ago I got agreement that the sole remaining bollard marking the Swan now under-ground river be designated a protected structure. May I have an up to date report on progress and plans to erect a plaque at the site which is on the corner of Rathmines Road and Rathgar Road?”

Action: Agreed. Refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

7. Motion submitted in the name of Sunil Sharpe of Give us the Night

“For this SPC to establish clear definitions for a cultural space, with the agreement of relevant government departments and stakeholders, in liaison with council management and planners. By identifying what a cultural space is, this will lead to a specific inclusion in the City Development Plan, protecting existing buildings of merit and enabling the creation of more cultural spaces in the new built environment. To be completed in advance of our first SPC meeting in 2022”.

Action: Agreed. Refer to Arts & Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG).

A further motion in relation to the staff library was submitted but it was deemed to be an operational so it was stated by the Chair that the issue will be discussed as part of the Management Update.

A 15 minute extension to the meeting was sought and was agreed.

8. Report on the public consultation process for the Draft Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan (2021-2025) – Lorraine Bull, biodiversity Officer

Action: Noted. Report will go to full City Council in December for approval.

8 (a) Report on the proposed changes for the Draft Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan (2021-2025) – Lorraine Bull

Action: Noted. Report will go to full City Council in December for approval.

9. Management Update

The following issues were discussed:

- Staff Library – Staff in the library were re-assigned while the library is undergoing refurbishment. There is no withdrawal of the service and the Library is to remain located in the Civic Offices.
- Burial Strategy: Provide Columbarium Walls - Donnybrook Graveyard Pilot Project: Pre- Part 8 application process completed, Part 8 to be submitted in Q4 2021
- Sports Facilities: Detailed report to issue to Area Committees

It was also noted that the Parks & Landscape Division have been awarded 11 Green Flags. The Winter Lights have been launched. The Miontuairiscí have secured funding for Baile Atha Cliath Le Gaeilge for the promotion and use of the Irish language.

10. Proposed dates for 2022

Action: Agreed.

11. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 29th July 2021

Action: Agreed.

12. Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership meeting dated 16th August 2021

Action: Agreed.

13. Approved Minutes of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG) meeting dated 30th August 2021

Action: Agreed.

14. Miontuairiscí - 3ú Meán Fómhair 2021

Action: Agreed.

15. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 30th September 2021

Action: Agreed.

16. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership meeting dated 18th October 2021

Action: Agreed.

17. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 1st November 2021

Action: Agreed.

18. A.O.B

No issues raised.

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st February 2022 at 9.30 a.m. Location TBC

**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll
Chairperson**