



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
21st February 2022
Item No. 13

MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 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

Apologies:

Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Julian Dé Spainn, Conradh na Gaeilge
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Gráinne Kelly, Administrative Officer

Denice Kirwan - Minutes

Others present:

Cllr Mary Freehill

1. Minutes of meeting 30th September 2021

Action: Agreed

2. Motions from the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC held on Monday 22nd November

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".

It was noted that all shortlisted nominations and the families were treated with respect at all times and the Committee put in a lot of time and effort when selecting the successful nomination as all were very worthy.

Action: Agreed. Item to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

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.”

A lengthy discussion took place. A majority of members expressed opposition to this motion. It was noted that a formal application had not been submitted.

Action: CNC policy document to be circulated to all members. If a formal application is submitted it will be considered in accordance with the policy.

Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mary Freehill:

“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?”

Brendan Teeling has contacted the Heritage Office so the process can commence.

Action: Agreed. Cllr Freehill to liaise with Brendan Teeling and the Heritage Office.

3. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

a. Jane Lady Wilde, ‘Speranza’ – Verbal Update

Plaque was unveiled on the 19th November.

Action: Noted.

b. Violet Gibson – Verbal Update

Ownership of building has since changed.

Action: Brendan Teeling will follow up with new owner of building.

c. Site of Conciliation Hall – Verbal update

OPW is happy to proceed.

Action: Wording to be agreed.

d. Bloody Sunday Bridge – Verbal Update

Consultation document has been prepared and it will be circulated on the website and social media when agreed by the Members.

Action: Brendan Teeling to circulate the draft consultation document.

e. Stolperstein Memorial – Verbal Update

A site meeting will take place on the 7th December.

Action: Report to next meeting.

f. Pinebrook Estate park – for discussion

Proposed name to be confirmed.

Action: Report to next meeting.

g. Killester First World War proposal – Verbal Update

Brendan Teeling is meeting the proposer on site with staff from the Parks Department.

Action: report to next meeting.

4. Commemorations programme

Report was circulated. Brendan Teeling gave an update on the following:

- Community funding
- Staffing levels
- Historians in Residence
- Event listing 2022

Action: Report noted. 2022 Event listings to be circulated to members.

5. Meetings in 2022 – proposed dates

Action: Agreed.

6. A.O.B.

The following issues were raised:

- Liam Whelan Statue: Brendan Teeling to make contact with **TII** – report to next meeting.
- Formal application will be submitted for a plaque for the musician John Kelly in Capel Street

Date of next meeting: Thursday 27th January 2022 at 2.30pm – Location tbc.

Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha

Chairperson