



Comhairle Cathrach
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Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
21st February 2022
Item No. 15

MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022

Members:

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha (Chairperson)
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

Apologies:

Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Julian Dé Spainn, Conradh na Gaeilge

Officials present:

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

Denice Kirwan - Minutes

Others present:

Cllr Deirdre Heney

1. Minutes of meeting 25th November 2021

Action: Agreed.

Matters Arising:

- Add Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll to attendance.
- Brendan Teeling has contacted the TII in relation to the Liam Whelan Statue. It has been referred to their Operations Department and Brendan will report to the next meeting.
- Policy document was circulated as requested. There was a discussion regarding the values contained in the document and the attitude to applications. It was suggested that the Terms of Reference be reconsidered by the committee. It was also suggested that future meetings be recorded but there may be issues in relation to GDPR.

2. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mac Donncha:-

“That the public park at Mount Pleasant Square, Ranelagh Road, be named The Four Masters Memorial Park in honour of Padraig and Willie Pearse, Thomas Mac Donagh and Con Colbert, the four teachers of Cullenswood House executed for their part in The 1916 Rising.”

It was noted that there is a Four Masters park on Berkeley Road. Given that the Council's policy is that parks should be named after the locality, it was suggested that a memorial bench or memorial garden could be installed on the site. Members asked if there had been a change in policy to prohibit the installation of memorial benches in parks and noted some confusion about this.

Action: The City Parks Superintendent to be invited to the next meeting to provide clarification.

3. Quaker Burial Grounds, Cork Street – Discussion

No formal application has been received yet.

Action: Noted

4. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals and Plans for 2022

a. Fire Brigade Plaques

A document was circulated. Members agreed with the proposal, noting that Individual applications will have to be submitted for each site. It was agreed that the plaques should be in keeping with the existing plaque layout and design, but that a visual reference to the DFB might be incorporated..

Action: Brendan Teeling to propose potential designs and liaise with the Historian and the Chairperson.

b. Pdraig Pearse, Kingfisher Restaurant - Plaque Application

Wording to be agreed. It was noted that Elizabeth O'Farrell should be included.

Action: Brendan Teeling will liaise with the applicant regarding the wording.

c. Transfusion Positive Organisation (request for a park bench)

Members expressed their support for the proposal and asked that this be communicated to Parks.

Action: The City Parks Superintendent to be invited to the next meeting to provide clarification as to the policy on memorial benches in parks.

d. Bloody Sunday Bridge – Update

A link to the preview of the public consultation was circulated. The possibility of asking people responding to indicate where they live was discussed. The consultation will be advertised on social media. It was suggested that posters including a QR code link to the consultation be displayed at the bridge.

Action: B Teeling to investigate the possibility of incorporating a question about the area in which respondents live. Councillors to be notified when the consultation goes live.

e. Stolperstein Memorial – Update

Awaiting technical details. Stones will be embedded into a paving stone which will be embedded into the footpath. School principal would like the children to be involved in the project. Unveiling will be held in June when the artist can visit Dublin.

Action: Report to next meeting. Spelling to be confirmed.

f. Plaques approved – 2022 schedule

Thomas Bryan to be included on the list. A preference was expressed for an Irish supplier using Irish stone when the new tender is prepared.

Action: B. Teeling to draft a schedule for the unveilings.

5. Park at Pinebrook Estate

B. Teeling reported that there was no record of the park having been officially named. It was noted that some local residents wanted the park to be named 'Oratory Park', a name which has been used for some years, including in Council documents. The Council's policy that parks be named for their location was noted.

Action: Brendan Teeling will liaise with Charles Duggan and the resident's committee. Suggested name to be confirmed for next meeting so a recommendation can be forwarded to Parks.

6. Commemorations programme – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

History on your Doorstep, Volume 4 will be launched soon. A copy will issue to all members.

Action: Written report to be circulated.

7. Markievicz Statue & Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Update - Ruairi O Cuiv, Public Art Manager

It was noted that original motion was for a Markievicz statue only. The Working Group agreed that the most appropriate approach would be to reflect the role of women during the revolutionary decade leading to the creation of the state, rather than focus on the commemoration of any individual.

Action: Report noted.

8. Commemoration of Kay Mills

No proposals received yet.

Action: Retain on agenda for next meeting.

9. A.O.B.

The issue of the OPW submitting planning applications for the erection of commemorative plaques was raised. It was noted that the Committee has no role in the planning process.

Action: B. Teeling to discuss with the Planning Department.

Date of next meeting: 31st March 2022 at 2.30pm – Location TBC

Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha

Chairperson