



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

HELD ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

Members:

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Dearbhal Butler
Cllr. Patricia Roe
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Anne Feeney

Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night
Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival

Apologies:

Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport

Officials present:

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive
Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager
Mairead Owens, City Librarian
Barbara Dawson, Director, HLG
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Ruth Johnson, City Archaeologist
Christina Todd, Landscape Architect
Peter Leonard, Senior Executive Landscape Architect
Iseult Byrne, CEO, Dublin Culture Company
Gráinne Kelly, Administrative Officer

Minutes by Paula Ebbs/Denice Kirwan

Others present:

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland

1. Minutes of Meeting held of 22nd November 2021

Action: Agreed.

Matters arising: None

2. Community Monuments Fund – Introduction

Action: Noted.

2a) Presentation on Community Monuments Fund 2021 Grants Projects – Ruth Johnston, City Archaeologist & Christina Todd, Landscape Architect

A brief overview of the Community Monuments Fund and its projects was provided. Updates were provided on the 9 projects relating to Parks and the Archaeology sections as well as the community led Drimnagh Castle project. Clontarf Graveyard is included in the 2022 programme as it requires urgent works. The deadline for applications was the 15th February and no further applications can be submitted. Parks are considering options

relating to the site of a castle in Le Fanu Park Ballyfermot. A map of all monuments and archaeological sites can be found on www.archaeology.ie

Action: Noted.

3. Motion submitted by Cllr. V. Jackson:-

“Can the manager please give a full report on what efforts to date DCC have progressed to ensure the long awaiting central library for Dublin at the old Scoil Mhuire Building in Parnell Square Dublin 1 The anticipated costs, funding arrangements and commencement / completion dates”

Action: Agreed. Update to be provided to this committee at every second meeting.

4. Motion submitted by Cllr D. Moriarty:-

“That this SPC calls for a strategic audit of public green space to be conducted and broken down by square metres per inhabitant in each electoral ward. This audit should be completed and presented to the July SPC so as to inform the Executive and Elected Members prior to the adoption of the 2022-2028 Development Plan.”

Cllr. Freehill agreed to propose the motion in the absence of Cllr. Moriarty. Parks will give a presentation to this committee at its July meeting. Information requested in this motion is available at the following link:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parks/strategies-and-policies/parks-strategy>

Action: Agreed.

5. Review of Arts Grants – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

The geographic spread of grants was discussed as well as the issue of artists living and working locally.

Action: Noted. Interim findings will issue to committee in the summer.

6. Dublin City Council Culture Company – Update Report - Iseult Byrne, CEO

Irish language tour is in development. Iseult Byrne will liaise with Julian de Spáinn to identify opportunities to include the Irish culture and language.

Action: Noted.

7. Management Update

The following issues were discussed:

- 500 seater venue: 3-5 year project. It was suggested this should be a multi-purpose venue.
- Outdoor Events: A requirement for sustainable energy is included in Outdoor Events Framework-
- Chatham Street Premises: 11 month license has been granted while a permanent use for the business is investigated. The premises remains in

cultural use. This license prevents the building from becoming vacant while also catering for groups who require the use of a venue.

Action: Noted.

8. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 30th September 2021

Action: Noted.

9. Miontuairiscí - 1ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021

Action: Noted.

10. Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership meeting dated 18th October 2021

Action: Noted. Presentation from Ballyfermot Youth Service in relation to the skateboarding park to be included on the next agenda of this committee.

11. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 1st November 2021

Action: Noted.

12. Montuairiscí – 5ú Samhain 2021

Action: Noted.

13. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee dated 25th November 2021

Action: Noted. Libraries will issue a written response to query regarding the Swan bollard.

14. Montuairiscí – 3ú Nollaig 2021

Action: Noted.

15. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee dated 27th January 2022

Action: Noted.

16. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 31st January 2022

Action: Noted. New City Development Plan provides a definition of cultural space and the protection of these spaces.

17. A.O.B

The following issues were discussed:

- Lord Mayor & Chairperson to write to the Minster regarding the non-compliance of Irish Water to honour their requirement of 1% contribution to the Arts
- Liberties Creative Campus: this is a 3-5 year project.
- Chairperson to circulate information regarding a Town hall meeting to discuss cultural infrastructure similar to meetings held in Manchester. Lord Mayor will see if there is any opportunity to discuss this matter with the Manchester delegation when they visit Dublin at the end of March.

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd May 2022 at 9.30 a.m. Location TBC

**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll
Chairperson**