



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

HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JULY 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
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr Michael Mac Donncha
Cllr Darragh Moriarty

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

Officials present:

Anthony Flynn, A/Assistant Chief Executive
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Mairead Owens, City Librarian
Barbara Dawson, Director, HLG
Donncha O'Dulaing, Senior Executive Officer
Kieran O'Neill, Senior Executive Landscape Architect
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Ruairí O'Cuiv

Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Others present:

Cllr John Lyons
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Alison Gilliland
Cllr Janet Horner

1. Draft Minutes of Meeting held of 23rd May 2022

Action: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

2. Presentation on an Audit of Public Green Spaces – Kieran O'Neill, Senior Executive Landscape Architect

2022 census information will be incorporated into any future reports. Review of the Parks Strategy will include a breakdown of green spaces in each electoral ward.

Action: Noted. Additional information was requested in relation to the LRD at St. Anne's Park.

3. Motion on behalf of the members of the Services to Older People Working Group

“That this SPC agrees to ensure that public seating is designed in a manner that is appropriate to meet the needs of persons with mobility difficulties; namely that seating provided is of a design allowing for varying heights and constructed with arm rests to facilitate standing up”.

- Councillor Mary Freehill, Chairperson
- Councillor Alison Gilliland, , Chairperson Housing SPC
- Councillor Mary Callaghan,
- Councillor Anne Feeney

Action: This Motion was broadly supported. Agreed.

4. Motion submitted by Cllr Gilliland:-

“The SPC commends the wide variety of Dublin City Council and Dublin City Council supported events and cultural programmes across the city. In particular it recognises the need to ensure all cultural programmes and events across the city that represents the diversity of its people and communities in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, LGBT+ identities. The SPC therefore requests that the following events in particular be actively considered and supported for the coming year:

- *the continuation of the Brigit: Dublin City Celebrating Women Cultural Programme marking Brigit's/St. Brigid's Day 1st Feb and the establishment of a Women's Heritage Trail and to support and recognise women's contribution to our city*
- *the establishment of a Rainbow Mile/LGBT+ Heritage Trail to recognise our LGBT+ heritage and social history across our city*
- *an expansion of our Lunar New Year, Africa Day and India Day celebrations/events to include events across all local areas so as to recognise that all communities within the city are home to people of South East Asian, African and Indian heritage”*

Reply to Motion:

In April 2022 the Arts Office asked Dublin Pride to convene the LGBTQI+ community through its representative organisations in a facilitated session at The Lab. The purpose of this meeting was to respond to Pride's and Cllr Lyons' request to discuss the potential commissioning of an inclusive work of Art that celebrated the LGBTQI+ community's key contribution to Dublin. The report by the facilitator Rita Burtenshaw is attached.

I also wish to report that with ongoing engagement with Pride, the idea of a 'Pink Trail' for Culture Night 2022 is being explored and may serve as a pilot approach to Cllr Gilliland's motion of establishing streets as an LGBTQI+ trail.

The implementation of these laudable initiatives will be complex so that a unified outcome executed to high standards is achieved. It is notable that the facilitated session with Pride also referred to space and streets. As with all cultural initiatives in the Public Realm this will involve multiple stakeholders and different sections of Dublin City Council. It has been agreed by the group assembled by Pride to discuss Public Art that their community would engage in extensive consultation to develop a unified brief that Artists could respond to. This approach

will also be crucial to establishing an LGBTQI+ trail. It is also important to stress the budgetary requirement and that the feasibility study approach is advisable.

Ray Yeates,

City Arts Officer

Action: Agreed.

5. Update Report / Consultation Workshop on the LGBTQ Engagement. – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Action: Noted.

6. Artists Workspaces Update – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

The possibility of long term leases was discussed. Building at 8 / 9 Merchants Quay has been designated as a cultural space and is currently undergoing Fire Assessment and remedial works to allow meanwhile use later this year

Action: Noted.

7. DRAFT Policy for Development of Changing Room Facilities/Pavilions by Community Clubs on Public Open Space – Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent

Members discussed the process, criteria and guidelines. Members were advised to submit any suggested amendments to Les Moore. Accessibility issues will be taken on board. Ensure Bi-lingual signage is in place.

Action: Noted. The Policy will be presented to the September SPC meeting for approval. If approved it can go to the fully Council for adoption.

8. Update Report on the Parnell Square Library – Mairead Owens, City Librarian

Action: Noted. Report to every second SPC meeting.

9. Management Update

The following issues were discussed:

- Libraries: Socially inclusive and further training programmes to be organised with attention to be given to assist the elderly, particularly on I.T. issues. Summer programme requires the inclusion of Irish events/publications. Festival of History: Effort will be made to produce more publications in the Irish language.
- DCSWP Virtual Hub: Irish language required as well as the inclusion of the Irish in the logo
- Events: Family film days: Films in the Irish language to be considered for inclusion in the programme.
- Meeting House Square: Report/ update to be provided to Committee before the end of the year.

Action: Report Noted.

10. Approved Minutes of the DCSWP Advisory Board meeting dated 8th February 2022

Action: Noted.

11. Miontuairiscí - 29ú Aibreán 2022 ag 2.30i.n (Irish and English version)

Action: Noted.

12. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations & Naming Committee meeting dated 12th May 2022

Action: Noted.

13. Breviate of draft Minutes of the DCSWP meeting dated 8th June 2022

Action: Noted.

14. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 4th July 2022

Action: Noted.

15. A.O.B

- Curfew times on DCC owned spaces: Are considered on a case by case basis while taking any Event licensing conditions into consideration.

In advance of the next meeting, the Chairperson will contact members to enquire what their preferred format of meetings are i.e. Remote / Hybrid

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th September 2022 at 9.30 a.m. Location TBC

**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll
Chairperson**