



Miontuairiscí – Dé hAoine, 7 Deireadh Fómhair ag 2.30i.n ar Zoom

I Láthair: An Comhairleoir Mícheál Mac Donncha (Cathaoirleach), An Comhairleoir Nial Ring, An Comhairleoir Deirdre Heney, An Comhairleoir Naoise Ó Muirí, Julian de Spáinn (Ard-Rúnaí, Conradh na Gaeilge), Ray Yeates, Orla McMorrow, Donncha Ó Cathasaigh.

Ag glacadh na miontuairiscí: Orla McMorrow

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Rinne an Comhairleoir Nial Ring comhghairdeas leis an gCuideachta as ucht an ghradaim a bhain siad amach le cúpla lá anuas [*the Global Award for Culture Engagement*].

Thug Iseult Byrne & Darragh Doyle an cur i láthair le chéile. Rinne siad cur síos ar obair an Chuideachta Chultúir, arna bhunú ag an gComhairle Cathrach in 2018. Thug siad sonraí ar chuspóir Bunreachtúil, Misean, agus Cur Chuige na Cuideachta:

Soláthraíonn siad an clár i dtimpeallachtaí éagsúla le comhpháirtithe cultúrtha ar nós 14 Sráid Henrietta, Dún Richmond agus Cultúir Club. Tugann siad faoi thionscadail ar nós Iniúchadh Cultúir / Cultúr Near You, Culture Connects agus Creative Residencies

Rinne siad mion chur síos ar 3 cinn de na tionscadail seo: 14 Sráid Henritta - samhail oibriúcháin neamhthraidisiúnta do mhúsaem; Iniúchadh & Léarscáil Chultúrtha Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath - cultúr in aice leat foinsí eolais atá ar fáil don phobal; Clár Cónaitheachta Cruthaitheach – King's Inns, Sports & Wellbeing.

Tá sé mar aidhm acu níos mó bealaí a aimsiú agus a aibhsiú le dul i ngleic le cruthaitheacht agus agus úsáid a bhaint as cur chuige cruthaitheach chun tionchar a imirt ar a ndéanann

an Cuideachta Cultúrtha agus an Chomhairle Cathrach agus ar an mbealach a dhéanann siad iad.

Ionas go mbeidh rannpháirtíocht chultúrtha níos leithne sa chathair tá sé mar aidhm ag an gCuideachta cabhrú leis an bpobail díriú ar an gcultúr sa tsúil go leanfaidh daoine / an pobal ag cur suime agus ag glacadh sásaimh as an gcultúr.

Maidir le húsáid na Gaeilge in obair Chuideachta Chultúir Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath:

Tá foilsíúcháin mar shamplaí straitéis na Cuideachta sa dá theanga oifigiúla.

Bheidís ag iarraidh láithreach mhaith a bhaint amach ar Shuímh Ghréasáin (tá leaganacha Gaeilge acu de 3 shuíomh Gréasáin a thagann faoi churam an CC).

Bheidís ag déanamh leagannacha dátheangacha nuair is cuí in ábhar clóite do scoileanna agus do theaghligh, mar shampla tá pacáiste dátheangach ag Uimh. 14 Sráid Henrietta do scoileanna.

Tá foireann acu a bhfuil Gaeilge fheidhmeach acu agus cuirtear tacaíocht ar fáil don bhfoireann a cuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó feabhas a chur uirthi.

Tá cláir, turais agus imeachtaí déanta acu trí Ghaeilge, cé gur mhaith leo níos mó a dhéanamh. Bíonn siad ag streachailt áfach go rialta le teacht ar an lucht éisteachta agus is cúis imní dóibh go mbíonn an tinreamh lag.

Labhair Darragh Doyle faoi mhargaíocht, cumarsáid agus forbairt lucht féachana. Tá súil aige go mbeidh an Ghaeilge fite fuaite tríd na cláir agus laistigh de na foirgnimh. Bhuail Darragh le Micheál (Ó Nualáin) agus Orlagh (Nic Gearailt) ó Chonradh na Gaeilge, i rith na seachtaine agus ba mhaith leis go mbeadh an Cuideachta Chultúir páirteach le BÁC le Gaeilge.

Mhol Darragh, go gcuirfí fáilte roimh daoine nach bhfuil Gaeilge líofa acu, nach gcaitheann an fáinne ach ar mian leo a gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh agus sa tslí sin go bhféadfadh an Comhlacht Cultúir cur leis an lucht éisteachta Gaeilge a fhreastalaíonn ar a gcuid clár Gaeilge. Gaeilge friendly “Is fearr Gaeilge Bhriste ná Béarla Cliste”.

Dheimhnigh Darragh freisin go bhfuil go leor ball foirne nua acu agus gur léirigh siad uile gur mian leo feabhas a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge agus go n-éascóidh an Comhlacht Cultúir iad.

Luaigh sé freisin úsáid a bhaint as Tik Tok chun lucht féachana nua a thabhairt isteach agus a gcuid scileanna Gaeilge a léiriú.

Bhí pléigh in ndiaidh an cur i láthair. Seo a leanas roinnt de na tuairimí & ceisteanna a d’eascair ón léiriú thuas:

Mhol an Cllr. Naoise Ó Muirí an Forbhreathnú maith ar na rudaí a d’fhéadfadh siad a dhéanamh. Mheas sé gur rud maith é díriú ar dhaoine ar bheagán Gaeilge agus suim acu sa teanga, leniad a mhealladh. Dúirt sé gur seo rud a luaigh an coiste seo go minic agus gur mhaith leis an fhochoist go bhféadfaí freastal ar na daoine sin a bhfuil suim acu sa teanga freisin.

Dúirt an Cllr. Deirdre Heney gur thaithin an coincheap de “Ghaeilge Bhriste seachas Béarla Cliste” léi. Dúirt sí gurb é ceann amháin de chúiseanna go bhfuil sí féin agus na Comhairleoirí eile ag obair ar an gcoiste seo agus gur mian leo go mbeadh an Ghaeilge

le cloisteáil sa Chathair agus go mbeadh deis ag daoine a bheith i spás ina bhfuil an Ghaeilge á húsáid gan a mothú go bhfuil siad faoi chigireacht nó á mheas. Tá sí ag tnúth le bheith ag obair leis an gCuideachta Cultúir chun úsáid na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn sa chathair.

Mheas Julian de Spáinn go raibh an cur i láthair spéisiúil. Dúirt sé go raibh sé go maith gur bhuaill Micheál agus Orlagh leo i rith na seachtaine agus bhfuil siad ag tnúth leis an méid a thiocfaidh as sin, a fheiceáil, 'sé sin cad a dhéanann agus a dhéanfaidh an Cuideachta Chultúir amach anseo le / trí Ghaeilge.

Dúirt sé go mbreathnófar air seo mar obair idir lámha. Luaigh sé go bhfuil cúpla cheist dhifriúil faoi úsáid na Gaeilge ardaith ag cruinnithe an CBS agus go mbeidh sé an-suimiúil an plean don Ghaeilge a fheiceáil agus conas a oibreoidh an plean sin amach anseo agus cén sórt imeachtaí, rannpháirtíochtaí agus comhráite a bheidh i gceist.

Cheistigh Julian cé hiad na grúpaí nó na ndaoine a rinneadh tagairt dóibh sa chur i láthair, 'sé sin nuair a labhair siad faoi easpa fáilte roimh na daoine sin nach bhfuil ach ar bheagán Ghaeilge. Dúirt sé nach mbeadh sé sásta le dearcadh criticiúil mar sin. "Táimid go léir ag foghlaim an t-am ar fad" a dúirt sé. Mar sin féin, dúirt Julian go mbeadh imní air agus imeachtaí á n-eagrú go mbeadh daoine líofa sa Ghaeilge, nó tógtha le Gaeilge, ag súil le caighdeán inghlactha Gaeilge a bheith curtha os a gcomhair. Dúirt sé go gcaithfear ár ndícheall a dhéanamh chun barr feabhais a bhaint amach sa Ghaeilge. Ciallaíonn sé sin gur chóir go mbeadh láithreoirí nó teoraithe turais in ann comhrá a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge ar bhealach nádúrtha le caighdeán maith Gaeilge. Níor mhaith leis go mbeadh aon cur i gcéill i gceist agus Gaeilge á n-úsáid in imeachtaí. Cé nár cóir Gaeilge daoine a cheartú, ba cheart dúinn i gcónaí a bheith ag spreagadh daoine le chaighdeán ard Ghaeilge a úsáid inár gcur chuige.

D'ardaigh Iseult Byrne ceist maidir le cúnaimh a bheith ag teastáil chun teacht ar lucht féachana Gaeilge do na himeachtaí a eagraíodh i nGaeilge agus thug sí sampla de na turais in 14 Sráid Henriette atá ar fáil uair sa mhí agus gur beag duine a fhreastailíonn orthu lasmuigh de SnaG.

Dúirt Orla McMorro go mbuailfeadh sí le Darragh an tseachtain seo chugainn agus dúirt sí go bhfeicfeadh sí ar chonas go bhféadfaí cabhrú leo na turais atá ar fáil acu a chur chun cinn.

Luaigh Donncha Ó Cathasaigh go mbíonn sé i mbun Pop-up-Gaeltacht i gCois Bá agus bhfuil breis agus 200 ball / teagmhálaí aige. Ní raibh a fhios aige faoi na turais i 14 Sráid Henrietta . Dúirt sé go mbeadh an-suim aige sa turas agus go gcuirfeadh sé fáilte roimh a thuilleadh eolais futhu nó faoi ócáid ar bith eile a bhí ar fáil agus mbeadh sé sásta cabhrú le cibé clár / gníomhaíochtaí atá ar fáil acu a chur chun cinn.

Dúirt an Cllr. Deirdre Heney dá ndéanfaí na Comhairleoirí ar an bhFochoiste a chlibeáil ar aon fhógraíocht go bhféadfaidís an scéal a fhógairt i measc a lucht leanúna féin ar Twitter. Anuas ar sin, mhol sí go gcuirfí liosta le chéile d'imeachtaí Gaeilge a bhíonn ar siúl sa chathair chun an pobal a chur ar an eolas futhu.

Luaigh Julian de Spáinn go bhfuil ceist ann maidir le conas is fearr áiseanna Gaeilge a fhógairt agus a chur chun cinn. Dúirt sé go bhfuil gá seans le feachtas feasachta a chur ar bun chun an méid atá ar fáil agus á dhéanamh a chur chun cinn. Feachtas ar nós "*an bhfuil a fhios agat gur féidir cúirt a thabhairt ar... trí Ghaeilge*". Luaigh sé go bhféadfaí leas a bhaint as na háiseanna fógraíochta atá ar fáil don Chomhairle a úsáid lena léithéid a dhéanamh. Dúirt sé freisin go léiríonn torthaí ón suirbhé a rinne Orla McMorro níos luaithe i mbliana go bhfuil suim agus fonn i measc an phobail freastal ar imeachtaí i nGaeilge.

4. Féile na Staire 2022 – Gearán

D'ardaigh an Cllr. Mícheál Mac Donncha an ghearán faoin bhFéile Staire (agus an easpa Gaeilge ann) le Coiste Cuimhneacháin an Chomhairle. Bhí Donall Fallon i dteagmháil leis an gComhairleoir mar thoradh ar sin agus bheartaigh siad go dtabharfadh an Cllr. Mícheál Mac Donncha léacht trí Ghaeilge mar chuid den Fhéile Staire [Teach an Ardmhéara agus Réabhlóid na hÉireann (Online), 13 DF @7pm, Saor in Aisce].

Mar aon leis na Comhairleoirí eile a fuair cóip den ghearán, dúirt an Cllr. Mícheál Mac Donncha go raibh an-díomá air nár cuireadh imeachtaí ar bith i nGaeilge ar siúl mar chuid den Fhéile. Dúirt sé gur admhaigh Breandan Teeling (Leabharlanna Poiblí BhÁC) gur botún é gur fágadh an Ghaeilge ar lár ó chlár an Fhéile agus nach raibh imeachtaí Gaeilge curtha san áireamh sa chlár. Ach gheall sé go ndéanfar é seo a cheartú amach anseo.

Dúirt an Cllr. Naoise Ó Muirí, go raibh sé tábhachtach go mbeadh na Labharlanna Poiblí ar an eolas ar an tábhacht a bhaineann leis an Ghaeilge a bheith lárnach agus san áireamh agus go mbeidh sé mar chuid den chlár agus iad ag pleanáil don fhéile i 2023.

Is é Julian de Spáinn a d'ardaigh an ghearán leis an bhfochoiste lené a plé. Dúirt sé gur léiriú é ar an éileamh atá amuigh ansin d'ábhar agus imeachtaí Ghaeilge agus nuair nach bhfeictear go bhfuil ard á thabhairt ar an éileamh sin go dtagann frustrachas as dá bharr. Tá sé tábhachtach go mbeidh sé ar an gclár don fhéile in 2023. Mhol Julian go gcuirtear le líon na ndaoine atá ar an bhfochoiste agus dtugtar cuireadh do daoine eile ó Ranna eile lastuigh den Chomhairle bheith ar an gCoiste ionas go dtuigfidh siad an cineál obair atá ar siúl agus chun cosc a chur ar ghearán mar seo teacht chun cinn arís sa toadhcháil.

Dúirt Ray Yeates go bhfuil iachall ar daoine sa Chomhaile bheidh páirteach ar shlí sa Ghaeilge de barr an Acht Teanga, agus b'fhéidir go bhfuil an brú sin le mothú anois leis na leasuithe nua ar an Acht, mar shampla an 20% de chomarsáid / fógraíocht a bheith trí Ghaeilge. Sin ráite, cé go bhfhéiceann roinnt daoine gur ualach é sin, ní mar sin a fheiceann seisean é. Dúirt sé nár comhair an milleán a chur ar lucht na Gaeilge nár fhreastail siad ar imeachtaí Ghaeilge ach dár leis, tá an fhreagracht sin ar na daoine a eagraíonn agus fhógraíonn na himeachtaí. 'Tá deacracht ann gur gá dúinn a sharú, 'sé sin an difríocht idir iachall agus dea-thoill agus conas an comarsáid sin a dhéanamh,' a dúirt sé. Is cosúil dó go bhfuil daoine báuil don Ghaeilge ach go gcaithfidimid na bainisteoir sa Chomhairle a ghríosú agus ar dóigh éigin cabhrú leo níos mó a dhéanamh ó thaobh na Gaeilge de. Luaigh sé an tabhacht a bhaineann l'obair an fhochoist agus BÁC le Gaeilge agus b'fhéidir nach mór dúinn breathnú ar an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ar nós féile Gaeilge leanúnach thar theimhse na bliana ar fad. 'Sé sin go mbeidh an Ghaeilge lárnach in imeachtaí éagsúla chuile mhí.

5. Pleanáil le Lá Mór na Gaeilge 2023

Dúirt Julian de Spáinn go bhfuil sé le buladh le Ray Yeates an tseachtain seo chugainn agus go mbeidh tuairisc le tabhairt chuig an bhFhochoist ag an gcéad cruinniú eile den Fhochoiste.

6. BÁC le Gaeilge (Julian de Spáinn)

Beidh seoladh BÁC le Gaeilge ar siúl i dTeach an Ardmhéara, Dé Sathairn 22 Deireadh Fómhair ag 6-8pm. Beidh an tAire Jack Chambers i láthair agus Cormac Ó hEadhra mar Fhear an Tí. Is deis gréasánaíochta é agus tá siad ag súil go mbeidh duine ann ó Gallaimh

le Gaeilge agus ó Cill Dara le Gaeilge. Beimid ag seoladh an suíomh idirín agus ábhar tacaíocht do ghnólachtaí atá ag iarraidh an Gaeilge a úsáid go laethúil.

7. Aon ghnó eile

D'árdaigh an Cllr. Deirdre Heney ceist faoin gcuireadh chun chur leis an baillríocht ar an gcoiste. Lorg sí soiléairiú faoi ché go baileach atá á lorg. Dúirt Ray Yeates go raibh sé ag smaoineamh ar oifigigh inmheánach, comhairleoirí nó daoine leasmhaire atá bainteach leis an nGaeilge. Aontaíodh go fearr an cheist seo a chur ar an gclár don chéad cruinniú eile le go bpléifear arís é. Idir an dá linn is féidir ainmneacha molta a sheoladh ar aghaidh chuig Ray Yeates nó chuig an gCathaoirleach.

Mhol an Cllr Nial Ring an ócáid a bhí eagraithe ag Donncha Ó Cathasaigh do ghrúpa de bhreis is 30 daoine ó Pop-Up-Gaeltacht Chois Bhá. Turas chuig Ráth Chairn a bhí i gceist agus d'éirigh go hana mhaith leis.

Dúirt Donncha Ó Cathasaigh go bhfuil deiseanna níos mó de dhíth ó dhaoine, seachas díreach bheith ag caint i gciorcal comhrá nó ag Pop-up-Gaeltacht agus go mb'fhéidir gur fiú dúinn ár ngarchomharsanacht do Ghaeltacht Chontae na Mí a láidriú agus ár gcuidreamh leo a neartú.

Chuir an Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha ceist faoi cén imeachtaí nó turasanna treoirithe atá ar fáil in sna hinstiúidí timpeall na Cathrach. Go mbeadh sé go maith iad sin a chur le chéile agus a chur ar fáil don phobal

**Comhairleoir Mícheál Mac Donncha
(Cathaoirleach),**

Minutes - Friday, 7th October at 2.30pm on Zoom

Present: Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha (Chair), Councillor Nial Ring, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí, Julian de Spáinn (Secretary General, Conradh na Gaeilge), Ray Yeates, Orla McMorrow, Donncha Ó Cathasaigh.

Taking minutes: Orla McMorrow

Agenda

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4. Festival of History 2022 - Complaint (Julian de Spáinn)
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6. AOB

1. **Minutes:** the minutes were agreed

2. **Matters arising from the minutes:** no matters arising

3. Presentation on Dublin City Council Culture Company

Councillor Nial Ring congratulated Culture Company for the award they won recently (the Global Award for Culture Engagement).

Iseult Byrne and Darragh gave the presentation together. They gave a summary of the work of Culture Company prior to being set up by the City Council in 2018. They gave details on Culture Company's Purpose, Mission and Objectives.

They deliver the programme in different locations with cultural partners such as 14 Henrietta Street, Richmond Barracks and Culture Club. They undertake projects such as Cultural Auditing/Culture Near You, Culture Connects and Creative Residencies.

They gave a brief description of three such projects: 14 Henrietta Street - a non-traditional operating model for a museum, Dublin City Cultural Survey and Map - culture near you: sources of information available to the public; Creative Residency Programme - Kings Inn, Sports and Wellbeing.

They aim to find and highlight more ways to engage with creativity and use a creative approach to influence what Dublin City Council Culture Company does and how they do it.

So that there is wider cultural participation in the City, Culture Company aims to help the community focus on culture in the hope that people/the community will continue to be interested in and enjoy culture.

With regard to the use of Irish in the work of Dublin City Council Culture Company

There are publications as examples of Culture Company's strategy in both official languages. They would like to achieve a strong presence on the web (they have Irish language versions of three websites that fall under the responsibility of Culture Company).

They would like to make bi-lingual versions available, where appropriate, in audio material for schools and families, for example there is a bilingual package on 14 Henrietta Street available for schools.

They have a team with functional Irish and support will be made available to the team to use or improve their Irish.

They have done programmes, tours and events in Irish, although they would like to do more. However, they regularly struggle to reach audiences and are concerned that attendance is poor.

Darragh Doyle spoke about marketing, communications and audience development. He hopes that Irish will be firmly linked throughout the programme and within the buildings. Darragh met with Mícheál Ó Nualáin and Orlagh Nic Gearailt from Conradh na Gaeilge during the week and he would like for Culture Company to participate in BÁC le Gaeilge.

Darragh recommended that people without fluency in the Irish language be welcomed, those that do not wear a fáinne but want to practise their Irish and in this way Culture Company could increase the Irish language audience that attends their Irish programmes. Irish friendly 'is fearr Gaeilge bríste na Béarla cliste/ Broken Irish is better than clever English'

Darragh confirmed also that they have a lot of new team members who have indicated that they would like to improve their Irish and Culture Company will try to facilitate this. He also mentioned using Tik Tok to attract new audiences and to showcase their language skills.

There was a discussion further to the presentation. The following are some of the opinions and questions that arose from the above presentation:

Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí praised the good overview of the things that they could do. In his opinion it is a good idea to target people with some Irish and interest in the language, in order to attract them. He said that this is a sentiment often expressed by this committee and the subcommittee would like to serve people that are interested in the Irish language.

Councillor Deirdre Heney said that the concept 'Broken Irish is preferable to clever English' appealed to her. She said that is one of reasons that she and other Councillors are working on this committee and they would like Irish to be heard spoken in the City and people would have an opportunity to be in a space where Irish is used without feeling that they are being inspected or judged. She looks forward to working with Culture Company to promote Irish in the City.

Julian de Spáinn said that the presentation was interesting. He said it was good that Mícheál and Orla met with them during the week and they are looking forward to see what results from this, as in what Culture Company can and will do through the medium of Irish going forward. He said that this will be considered a work in progress. He mentioned that various questions were raised at meetings of the CBS regarding the use of Irish and it will be very interesting to see the plan for Irish and how this plan will work going forward and what sort of events, participation and conversations will take place.

Julian enquired who the groups or people referred to in the presentation 'in relation to the lack of welcome for those with some Irish'. He said that he would not be satisfied with such a negative outlook. 'We are all learning all the time.' However, Julian said that he would be concerned when organising events that people fluent in Irish or raised with Irish were expecting a certain standard to be offered. He said that we should do our utmost to achieve maximum improvement in Irish. It makes sense that presenters or tour guides are able to converse through Irish in a natural way with a good standard of Irish. He does not want any misunderstanding with regard to the use of Irish at events. While someone's Irish should not be corrected, we should always be encouraging people to use a high standard of Irish where possible.

Iseult Byrne raised a question with regard to help required to reach an Irish speaking audience for Irish language events and gave an example of the tour currently available at 14 Henrietta Street once a month that has low attendance numbers outside of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Orla McMorrow said that she would meet with Darragh next week and would see how she could help them to promote the tour that is available.

Donncha Ó Cathasaigh mentioned that he runs a Pop-Up Gaeltacht in Bayside and that he has over 200 members/contacts. He was not aware of the tour in 14 Henrietta Street. He said that he would be very interested in this tour and he would welcome further information from them or any other events taking place and he would be happy to help promote such events.

Councillor Deirdre Heney said that if Councillors on the subcommittee were tagged on any advertising they could promote it amongst their followers on Twitter. On top of that, she recommended that a list of Irish language events taking place in the City be compiled in order to inform the public

Julian de Spáinn mentioned that there is a question in relation to how best to advertise Irish events and promote them. He said that there is a need to set up an awareness campaign to promote what is available and currently being done. A campaign like 'Do you know that you can visit.....through Irish'. He mentioned that the advertising platforms available to the Council should be used for such a purpose. He also said that the results of the survey carried out by Orla McMorrow earlier in the year indicate that there is interest and desire amongst the public to attend events in Irish.

4. Festival of History 2022 – Complaint

Councillor Mac Donncha raised the complaint about the Festival of History (and the lack of Irish in it) with the Memorial Committee of the Council. Donal Fallon was in contact with the Councillor as a result of this and they decided that Councillor Mac Donncha would give a lecture in Irish as part of the Festival of History on the topic of 'The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution' on the 13th October at 7pm (free online event).

Along with the other Councillors who received a copy of the complaint, Councillor Mac Donncha was very disappointed that no Irish language events were organised for the festival. He said that Brendan Teeling (Dublin City Public Libraries) acknowledged that it was an error to omit Irish from the festival programme and that no Irish language events were taken into account. However he promised to rectify this from now on.

Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí said that it was important that Libraries were aware of the importance of Irish being prominent and included in the festival and that it should be part of the programme when planning for the festival in 2023.

Julian de Spáinn raised this complaint to discuss with the subcommittee. He said that it shows the demand out there for content and events in Irish and when attention is not paid to this demand it creates frustration amongst the public. It is important that it should be included in the festival programme for 2023. Julian recommended that the number of people on the subcommittee be increased and other people from other Departments are invited to be on the committee so that they understand the kind of work taking place and to put a stop to similar complaints arising in the future.

Ray Yeates said that there is an onus on people in the Council to participate in some way due to the Language Act and maybe this pressure will be felt now with new amendments to the Act, for example 20% of communication/advertising to be in Irish. That said, some people consider this to be a burden, but not in his case. He said that he did not want to put the blame on the Irish speaking public who do not attend Irish language events but in his opinion, this is the responsibility of people organising and advertising events. He said that this is a difficulty that must be overcome, being the difference between onus and goodwill and how best to

communicate this. It seems to him that people are sympathetic to the Irish language but we need to convince Council management and help them to do more for Irish. He mentioned the importance of the work done by the subcommittee and BÁC le Gaeilge and maybe we should look at promoting Irish as a continuous festival over the course of the year, in order that the Irish language will be central in various events every month.

5. Planning for Lá Mór Gaeilge 2023

Julian de Spáinn said that he is to meet Ray Yeates next week and will give a report to the subcommittee at the next meeting.

6. BÁC le Gaeilge (Julian de Spáinn)

BÁC le Gaeilge are having a launch in the Mansion House on Saturday 22nd October from 6pm to 8pm. The minister Jack Chambers will be there and Cormac Ó hEadhra as 'Fear an Tí'. It is a networking opportunity and it is hoped that representatives from Gaillimh le Gaeilge and Kildare le Gaeilge will be there. The BÁC le Gaeilge website will be launched as well as support packages for businesses who aspire to use Irish on a daily basis.

7. AOB

Councillor Deirdre Heney raised a question regarding the invitation to be extended to members of the committee. She sought clarification on who was to be invited. Ray Yeates said he was thinking of internal officers, Councillors or interested parties connected to Irish. It was agreed that this question would be put on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss it further. In the meantime suggested names can be sent to Ray Yeates or the Chair.

Councillor Nial Ring praised the occasion organised by Donncha Ó Cathasaigh for a group of more than 30 people from the Bayside Pop Up Gaeltacht. A trip to Rathcarn was arranged and was a great success.

Donncha Ó Cathasaigh said that people are looking for opportunities other than conversation circles and Pop-Up Gaeltachts and given the close proximity of the Co Meath Gaeltacht maybe we should strengthen relations with them.

Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha put a question as to what events or guided tours are available from institutes throughout the city and recommended that it would be useful to compile them and make this information available to the public.

Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha
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