



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

HELD ON MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2022

Members:

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)
Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Dearbhail Butler
Cllr. Patricia Roe
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Darragh Moriarty
Cllr. Declan Flanagan
Cllr. Claire Byrne
Cllr. Hazel De Nortuin
Cllr. Michéal Mac Donncha

Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge
Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festiva
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre
Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute

Apologies:

Cllr. Mary Freehill
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night

Officials present:

Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Ruairí O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Barbara Dawson, Hugh Lane Director
Mairead Owens, City Librarian
Charles Duggan, City Heritage Officer
Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer
Fanchea Gibson, Administrative Officer

Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Others present:

Cllr Donna Cooney

1. Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 19th September 2022

Action: Noted

Matters Arising:

Julian de Spáinn requested that the previous minutes reflect that in relation to the Dublin City Sports Plan 2023-2024 the use of the Irish language, going forward, be inclusive in all services available.

Action: Noted.

2. Presentation on Dublin Winter Lights 2022 – Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer

Simon gave a brief strategic overview on Dublin Winter Lights 2022. The purpose of the event is to create a welcoming and festive atmosphere for citizens and visitors to the city. There are 16 iconic sites illuminated in the City Centre which will increase footfall. The Energy reduction is in accordance with Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan.

Action: Welcomed and Noted

3. Presentation on a pre-public consultation of the Draft Strategic Heritage Plan 2022 – 2028 – Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer

The Heritage Officer gave a brief outline of the process that was undertaken to date and the structure and the strategic goals of the plan and outlined the next steps involved prior to the plan being finalised.

Action: Welcomed and Noted. 2 members from this SPC will be invited to sit on the Heritage Forum. Invitations will be sent out prior to the next meeting in February.

4. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr D. Heney (referred from the North Central Area Committee dated 17th October 2022).

That this Area Committee notes that residents of Pinebrook and St. David's, Artane, are extremely happy with the official naming of St. Nicholas' Park, Artane; and noting the fact that these residents previously expressed an interest in having a commemorative plaque placed on the wall of the Oratory - Church of the Resurrection (on the park side) to commemorate the boys who are buried there and who died while incarcerated in the Artane Industrial School (permission has been granted by the owner of the Oratory and an email to such effect has been submitted in writing to the North Central Area Office - (wording of the plaque to be agreed at a later stage)) that this Area Committee agree to their request for a commemorative plaque and forward same to the Commemorative Naming Committee for consideration at its November 2022 meeting.

Reply

Assuming that the proposal is for a Dublin City Council Commemorative Plaque, the motion, if approved, should be referred to the Arts & Culture SPC. The SPC may then forward it to the Commemorations & Naming Committee for consideration.

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Action: Refer to the Commemorations and Naming Committee for consideration.

5. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr D. Heney:-

“Due to the negative effects of the use of fireworks on people, animals and our environment, that Dublin City Council agrees a policy of non-use of fireworks (or supporting the holding of fireworks displays) in our communities/in our city and instead use and promote the use of alternative types of entertainment, e.g. outdoor film screenings, parades, (Bram Stoker Halloween Spooktacular, Bram Stoker Park,) at Halloween and festive occasions.”

Following a detailed discussion, it was decided to call for a vote from members. The result of the vote – 10 in favour, 3 against.

Action: Motion agreed.

6. Referred by the Protocol Committee Meeting on 27th October 2022 for consideration by the Arts SPC:-

City Hall Sculpture:

The Manager reported that the sculpture on the O’Connell plinth at City Hall would remain in place until November before being relocated to Grangegorman TU. There were no current plans to replace sculpture.

The Members expressed their support for the continued use of the O’Connell plinth to display public art and sculpture and asked the matter be considered by the Arts SPC.

Order: Noted.

Action: A new temporary sculpture will be commissioned for the O’Connell Plinth to go on display in 2023.

7. **Update Report on Parnell Square Library – Mairead Owens, City Librarian**

Members were informed that the demolition team are on site and site investigations to inform the design of the new library’s foundations will follow immediately after the demolition. Submissions for the multidisciplinary design team are currently being assessed.

Action: Noted

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

Action: Draft document agreed. To go to the December City Council meeting for adoption.

9. **Membership of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG) – Chairperson, Cllr C. O’Driscoll**

The Chair informed members that there is a vacancy on this group.

Action: The Chair to e-mail Councillors to seek nominations. Terms of Reference to be circulated.

10. **Management Update**

Action: All queries were responded to. Report Noted.

11. **Proposed dates for 2023**

Action: Agreed

12. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee dated 14th July 2022

Action: Noted

13. Miontuairiscí 2 Meán Fómhair 2022 (Irish and English)

Action: Noted

14. Approved Minutes of ACAG dated 5th September 2022.

Action: Noted

15. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee dated 29th September 2022.

Action: Noted

16. Miontuairiscí 7 Deireadh Fómhair 2022 (Irish and English)

Action: Noted

17. Breviate of draft Minutes of the DCSWP meeting dated 11th October 2022

Action: Noted

18. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 24th October 2022

Action: Noted

19. A.O.B

A report on the former restaurant Eden in Meeting House Square detailing budgetary requirements / works etc. will issue from Temple Bar Cultural Trust at its next meeting in January 2023.

**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll
Chairperson**