



MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

**HELD IN THE RICHARD O’CARROLL ROOM / ZOOM THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
2022**

Members:

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha (Chairperson)
Cllr. Mary Callaghan
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Donna Cooney
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan

Apologies:

Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Larry O’Toole
Julian De Spainn
Cllr. Cat O’Driscoll

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Ruairi O Cuiv, Public Art Manager
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer
Denice Kirwan - Minutes

Others present:

1. Minutes of meeting 14th July 2022

Action: Agreed.

2. Matters Arising

- Margaret Keogh Way: Process to be clarified.

Action: Noted. Brendan Teeling will give an update at the next meeting.

3. Motion from the SEAC referred on by the SPC:

“That this area committee, in line with the ongoing documentation of the history and heritage of Dublin City through bronze footpath plaques such as those in place across the city including the South East Area (South Anne Street, South King St, Kildare St, Grafton St, Molesworth St, Donor Ave, O Connell Street, Sackville St, Moore St, Westmoreland St, Dame St, to name a few) agrees that DCC Southside roads should facilitate the Cabra Historical Society in the placing of a plaque outside the birth place of Irish National Invincible Tim Kelly at 12 Redmond’s Hill.”

Action: Members agreed to support this proposal on a once-off basis, noting that in future only plaques as allowed for under the scheme will be approved. It was agreed that the policy document be reviewed to see if this provision requires clarification.

4. Request for funding for headstone received by chairman and by Cllr Cooney:

I am writing to you and your committee to ask if it would be possible to apply for funding towards a headstone to mark the grave of one of the "children of the rising". I refer to Christopher Whelan, 30 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1. He was my father's uncle. The entry in Joe Duffy's book is as follows: "Christopher Whelan (15), 30 North Great George's Street. In the 1911 census he was the only child in the house at that time. His father Laurence was a hotel proprietor. There were 28 people living in the house. Buried in Glasnevin cemetery". We have identified the plot where Christopher is buried (F72.5, Garden - Memorial ID 163924522). Many thanks for your consideration of my request. Go raibh maith agat as m'iarratas a bhreithniú.

The committee agreed to support this in principle, noting that there is no funding available under any existing DCC policy or scheme. Other financial supports may be available.

Action: Noted. Officials to inform proposer that various avenues for funding will be investigated. The Chair agreed to write to an organisation for support. Report to next meeting.

5. New applications for Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure

a. Rory O'Connor – Plaque Application - see document 4.A

Action: Agreed in principle. Permission will be sought from the OPW.

b. Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club – see document 4.B

Action: Agreed.

6. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Updates

- **Bachelor's Walk Massacre:** One location that has been identified is 1 Bachelors Walk, on the corner with Liffey Street, where one of the victims fell. Brendan Teeling will identify and approach the owner of that premises.
- **Bloody Sunday Bridge:** Detailed report to be circulated.
- **Bryan, Thomas:** the plaque is being manufactured, date to be agreed.
- **Colbert, Con:** In progress. Brendan Teeling will liaise with the Heritage Officer.
- **Conciliation Hall:** Plaque will be unveiled in 2023.
- **Connolly, James:** artwork requested, plaque to be manufactured.
- **Devlin, Liam:** Wording to be circulated and agreed.
- **Dublin Fire Brigade:** the locations of the fires have been confirmed and enquiries are being made as to who the owners are, with a view to seeking permission to erect the plaques.
- **Gibson, Violet:** the plaque is manufactured and the committee agreed to have the unveiling on the 20th October.
- **Grimshaw, Thomas Wrigley:** awaiting formal application.
- **Kinsella, James:** Cllr Ring to come back with further details.
- **Mac Grianna, Seosamh:** It was reported that Parks had completed the works at the intended site of the plaque. Brendan Teeling will liaise further with Parks.
- **O'Hara, Maureen:** awaiting permission of owners
- **Pinebrook Estate Park:** the area committee has been informed of the Committee's recommendation.
- **Rotunda Hospital:** Repair works have been completed. Proposer to revert.

- **Saint Olave's Church:** the plaque was unveiled on 28th September 2022.

7. Kathleen Clarke Portrait and Monument to the Women of the Revolutionary Decade – Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager

Portrait to be unveiled today at 6.15pm (September 29th) in the Council Chamber.

Action: Monument to the Women of the Revolutionary Decade - Written report to be circulated to the next meeting in relation to location/budget and process.

8. Commemorations programme

Festival of History is currently underway – lack of Irish Language events was noted and will be rectified for the 2023 Festival.

Action: Noted.

9. Commemoration of Kay Mills (standing item)

No suggestions at this meeting.

Action: Noted.

10. A.O.B.

- **Leo Rowsome Plaque:** it was reported that the plaque had to be removed for renovations to the house. Alternative locations are being explored.
- It was noted that any member of the committee can submit a proposal for a plaque by completing the application form on line.

Date of next meeting: 1st December at 2.30pm Location TBC

**Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha,
Chairperson**