

Minutes of the Irish Subcommittee of the CBS - 13 October 2023 at 3.00 p.m. on Zoom

Present: Councillor Micheál MacDonncha (Chairperson), Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí, Micheál Ó Nualláin (BÁCleG), Julian de Spáinn (CnaG), Orla Mc Morrow, Ray Yeates, Donncha Ó Cathasaigh, Daithí de Butléir

Minutes transcribed from a Zoom recording of the meeting and translated into English by Orla Mc Morrow

Program

- 1. Minutes (last meeting)**
- 2. Matters relating to the Minutes**
- 3. BÁC le Gaeilge / Lá Mór na Gaeilge, (Micheál Ó Nualláin)**
- 4. Gaeilge365 - (Ray Yeates, Daithí de Butler)**
- 5. Expansion of committee membership**
- 6. New development plan and designation of new developments through Irish**
- 7. Regular meetings of the Irish Subcommittee - Timetable**

1. Minutes - Adoption of the Minutes

2. Matters relating to the Minutes – There was nothing to discuss.

3. Lá Mór na Gaeilge, 2024

Micheál Ó Nualláin reported from the feedback, suggestions made after this year's LMnaG and at the meeting in the Mansion House it is clear that:

- a change of location required from Parnell Square to Smithfield due to lack of shelter from the weather. There is a lot of shelter and space for children and Smithfield is a very open space. Money will be saved because the road does not need to be closed and a traffic plan will not have to be put together.
- A well-known band must be found for the day to act as ambassadors for the day and to attract young people to come to the event.
- Date change required due to bank holiday weekend complications. 28 April 2024 is tentatively recommended (this date has yet to be confirmed).

MÓN is to meet Steph Farrell (who has been working with us on LMnaG for the past two years) to discuss information about event planning and costs.

DH – happy to change to the Smithfield. She was not willing to change the date. She suggested that an event management company should be used and if necessary ask for money from the Chief Executive. She suggested that more restaurants be available on the day and that school pupils with Irish be found to help on the day.

NOM – willing to change to the Smithfield. Question about an available building.

JdeS – He said Smithfield will not be available for the bank holiday weekend and the date needs to be changed if we are to use that site. It was suggested that a new date and location should be tried.

MMcD – willing to try changing location and date.

RY – We have been using people and services for the last two years that take care of the infrastructure and provide safety for the event and BÁC le Gaeilge focuses on the events and providing publicity. He believes that the cost will increase because we will be seeking to provide a larger program in a larger space.

BÁC in Irish:

Mícheál Ó Nualáin reported on elements arising from the BÁC le G advisory committee meeting and the 13/09/23 meeting with MÓN; DdeB & DOC.

- Approaches and methods for Businesses, to promote visibility and hearing of the Irish language - 10 shops to be selected on an pilot basis as examples; to spread the word, and to implement proper monitoring so that the same Irish language services are provided in the different bodies.
- Use 5 methods to advertise the Irish language service in these businesses. Different propaganda. The aim of this is to increase the opportunities for speech and interaction through Irish in the City

4. Irish 365 - (Ray Yeate)

Ray spoke about the issue of how to make the Irish language available in an innovative way internally within the Council and he mentioned the money that had been set aside from Creative Ireland so that the Irish language would be used creatively in the Council and in the work of the Council. Through discussion with Julian de Spáinn (CnaG), Daithí de Butléir from the CnaG is now working with the Council on a pilot program which will last 9 months, has been put together by him in the last three weeks.

DdeB gave a powerpoint presentation regarding **Gaeilge365 - reinforcing the impact of the Council's services with creativity to increase the number of daily Irish speakers in Duling**. A training program (3 months) which focuses on providing leadership and creativity to Council staff members so that they can then promote the Irish language in their own area of work.

Action – RY to distribute the power point document to the committee after the meeting.

DH - raised a question about a social night in Irish for Council employees. There was a small discussion on this and RY mentioned that a night of that kind could be organized at the launch of the training course or at its end.

5. Expanding the membership of the sub-committee –

The Chairperson raised a question about additional members.

Action - OmcM to send reminder to Brendan Teeling in the Libraries to nominate someone for this committee.

DOC - retiring February 2024 but happy to stay on the subcommittee afterwards. The committee agreed to that.

6. New development plan and designation of new developments through Irish

JdeS raised a question about the new Development Plan and the system that is being set up so that only Irish names can be placed on the construction of new housing. OMcM said that she would disseminate information at the next meeting to explain the system as it currently stands and the scenarios associated with it. JdeS stated that it would be happy to help if possible and recommended the system used by GaillimhleGaeilge to overcome these difficulties. (Establishing a Place Names Committee).

7. Regular meetings of the Irish Subcommittee –

The Chairman asked that meeting be organised every second month from now until April. That is to organise a meeting of the Sub-Committee for December, February and April.

Definite dates yet to be arranged.