
**Breviate of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC Meeting
Held On Monday 25th September 2023**

1. Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 24th July 2023

Action: Agreed

2. Presentation on the future plans for Kilmainham Mills – Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer and Catherine Heaney, Lorne Consultancy

Action: Welcomed and Noted. Donncha to circulate dates for SPC member to visit site.

3. Presentation on Historians-in-Residence Programme – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Action: Welcomed and Noted. Brendan to circulate links to members for online lectures.

4. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Hazel de Nortúin and Cllr Cat O’Driscoll:-

“This SPC will agree to request that the relevant section in Dublin City Council engage with Diageo in exploring the re-opening of the Guinness Theatre in Dublin 8. The theatre has a capacity of 452 seats, similar to the recent survey for a 500 seater venue in the city.

The Council will establish what Diageo has planned for the building and to further emphasise the provision of community gain by corporations in Dublin City - as set out in the Dublin City Development plan - and encourage a transparent dialogue with the Arts department.

The Council should also seek information on the structural composition of the building – to further establish if work needs to be carried out to safeguard the building from any damage due to its vacancy.”

Action: Agreed.

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

Action: Noted.

6. Report on increasing the Arts Grant Funding – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Action: Noted.

7. Update Report on DCC Cultural Company – Iseult Dunne, CEO, Dublin City Culture Company

Action: Noted.

8. Update Report on the Dublin Municipal Theatre, Derek Kelly, CEO Temple Bar Cultural Trust

Action: Noted. Derek Kelly to submit a follow up report at the next meeting.

9. Management Update

Action: Hugh Lane Gallery to submit a written response regarding the €15 entrance fee for a new exhibition. Free viewings are available on a Wednesday morning. Donncha O' Dúlaing to bring draft of the new Sports Plan to the next meeting.

10. Chairperson Updates – UCLG / European Green Deal for Circular Festivals / Cultural Strategy / LECP

Action: Report noted. Chairperson to circulate further information to Members.

11. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee Meeting dated 25th May 2023

Action: Agreed.

12. Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Advisory Board meeting dated 30th May 2023

Action: Agreed.

13. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 3rd July, 2023

Action: Agreed.

14. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee Meeting dated 27th July 2023

Action: Agreed.

15. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 4th September 2023

Action: Agreed.

16. A.O.B

Action: Members requested an update on the Chatham Row School of Music.

Members:

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)
Cllr. Fiona Connelly
Cllr. Declan Flanagan
Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr Darragh Moriarty
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr Patricia Roe
Cllr Anne Feeney
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell

Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night
Willie White Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport

Apologies:

Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute
Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge
Mairead Owens, City Librarian

Officials present:

Anthony Flynn, A/Assistant Chief Executive
Mary MacSweeney, A/Executive Manager
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Ruairí O Cuív, Public Art Manager
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer
Alice Boardman, A/Administrative Officer
Iseult Dunne, CEO, DCC Culture Company

Others in Attendance:

Catherine Heaney, Lorne Consultancy

Minutes by Suzanne McClurg

Date of next meeting 27th November 2023.

Cllr Cat O'Driscoll

Chairperson

26th September 2023