

**Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC
Minutes of Meeting held on 16th January 2017
9:30 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall**

Attendance

Members:

Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan (Chair)
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Emma Murphy
Cllr. Greg Kelly
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell
Cllr. John Lyons
Cllr. Séan Paul Mahon
Cllr. Claire Byrne
Cllr. Anne Feeney
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Maurice Ahern, Irish Sports Council
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival
Gerry Kerr, National Council for the
Blind of Ireland
Ciara Higgins, Royal Irish Academy of
Music
Elaina Ryan, Children's Books Ireland
Simon O Connor, Little Museum of
Dublin
Sarah O'Neill, Crosbie Yard Residents
Committee

Officials present:

Declan Wallace, Assistant Chief
Executive
Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian,
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Jim Beggan, A/Executive Manager
Barbara Dawson, Director, Dublin City
Gallery, The Hugh Lane
Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager
Mary Foley, Senior Executive Officer
Shauna McIntyre, A/Senior Executive
Officer.
Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Minutes by Paula Ebbs

Others Present:

Cllr. Dermot Lacey

Apologies:

Cllr. Séamus McGrattan,

The Chair welcomed the new PPN member Sarah O'Neill and thanked Ciaran Reid for his contribution to this SPC.

The Chair informed the Sectoral members that all future meetings will be paperless and stated that they can now log onto Modern.gov to access all documentation in relation to the SPC or they can receive all information by e-mail. Sectoral members to contact the Secretariat Section.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 14th November, 2016

Action: Agreed.

2. Presentation on the Library and Archive Services – Digital Images Collection – New Online Service – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian gave an overview of the new online service – Digital Images Collection. He stated that one of the things that the 1916 commemorations has done was to highlight the importance of the archival and local studies collections which will give the public access to the primary materials of history through publications, exhibitions, lectures and online publications.

In 2016 Dublin City Libraries began using a new cloud-based application called VITAL which will allow, to put in place, efficient systems to digitize, store, search and publish collections. The VITAL site is live and will begin promoting and publicising this new free resource shortly.

Action: Welcomed and Noted. E-mail link to Members.

The Chair took Item 3 and 4 together as elements of Cllr. Lyons's motion are included in the Dublin City Libraries Commemorations Programme.

3. Report on Dublin City Libraries Commemorations Initiatives 2017 – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian.

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian outlined a proposed list of projects and programmes for 2017. Building on the success of 1916 commemorations, the aim of the 2017 commemorations programme is to keep Dubliners connected to their own stories and their role in shaping the Ireland of 2017 and coming years up to 2022 when the Decade of Centenaries officially concludes. Based on the funding approved by the City Council some of the projects include the Commemorative Plaques Scheme, Historian-in-Residence, Women and World War 1, the 100th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution etc.

Action: The Chair and Cllr. Lyons indicated that they wished to work more closely with the Library Service in relation to the development and delivery of the 2017 programme of events.

4. Motion submitted by Cllr John Lyons:-

*“As part of the decade of Commemorations, Dublin City Council to organise a series of public talks, lectures, panel discussions and exhibitions in 2017 to mark the centenary of the Russian Revolution, an event of world historical importance, exploring not only its initial successes and ultimate failures, but exploring also the emancipatory achievements of the revolution such as granting women the right to vote and contest elections, the legalisation of abortion and the repealing of laws outlawing homosexuality; and to explore also the political and cultural links between Revolutionary Russia and Revolutionary Ireland during the period beginning in 1917”
A working sub-group to be established from this SPC to liaise with Dublin City Council Libraries to assist in the creation of a programme of events.*

Action: Motion agreed. All members are welcome to feed into and make suggestions to assist in the creation of a programme of events. The Chair stated that a working sub-group was not required.

5. Motion referred from City Council meeting 9th January 2017:-

“This Committee calls on Dublin City Council’s Sports Section to immediately suspend the excessive increase in the cost of the Passport for Leisure due to begin in January 2017, until Councillors are given an opportunity to discuss the issue. An increase of almost 100% for over 55’s is unacceptable and such decisions should be made by the relevant SPC”.

- a) Motion submitted in the name of Cllr N. Ring, Cllr C. Perry, Cllr C. Cuffe

“Having regard to last Monday evening’s Emergency Motion referred to this SPC in relation to the Passport for Leisure Scheme, this SPC agrees that the proposed price increase be cut by 50% for 2017 and that the remainder of the increase be deferred pending the outcome of discussions with the other Dublin authorities, benefiting but not yet participating in the scheme”.

The Chair stated that due to a miscommunication Cllr. Perry’s name was to be removed from this motion.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the pricing structure for the Passport for Leisure Scheme. Jim Beggan, A/Executive Manager outlined the operation of the Passport for Leisure Scheme since its inception in the mid 2000’s, its pricing structures, the services that are available and the current proposed pricing increases. Issues were raised by members regarding the % increase in the Scheme and notification to members of the increases. Members also stated their dissatisfaction that they were not informed prior to the price increases.

Action: Motion (a) passed. Management may bring a review of the Passport for Leisure Scheme to the SPC during the course of the year.
E-mail members the old and revised prices for the Passport for Leisure.

6. Review of St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016 and an Advance Programme Overview 2017 (Referred from Commemorations Sub Committee) - Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian.

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian stated that the inclusion of the Review of St. Patrick’s Festival came about due to some members of the Commemorations Committee being unhappy with the coverage of the 1916 Commemorations in the St. Patrick’s Day Festival. Following a discussion of which most members highly commended the Festival Board and some disagreed, the Deputy City Librarian stated that he would pass on the views of the members to the Festival Committee and the Commemorations Committee.

Action: Noted. Committee to be informed of what funding/support DCC provides to St. Patricks Festival. It was suggested that the Chair of this SPC should be invited to sit on the Festival Board for continuity / updating purposes for the Arts SPC.

7. Report on the New City Library at Parnell Square - Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian

Action: Report Noted

8. Report on City Arts Grants - Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

The Chair thanked Cllr. Lyons and Cllr. Jackson for their involvement in the City Arts Grants applications process.

Action: Report Noted

9. Verbal update on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy - Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer updated the Committee on the National Neighbourhood Projects where the 8 National Cultural Institutions are working with City Neighbourhoods. He stated the delivery point for 2016 will be in February 2017. It is hoped to renew the National Neighbourhood Projects with the National Institutions. There will be a short review period for a week or two with everyone that has been involved. There is now an Advisory Committee in each administrative area of the city consisting of Libraries, Community Development/Area Offices, Arts Office and National Cultural Institution.

The Cultural Audit is split in two parts - Quantitative audit of cultural infrastructure which will conclude in the 1st quarter, the Qualitative audit will conclude before June.

The fellowships that were given to Business To Arts funding was provided by the City Council to build fundraising fellowships in four Cultural Organisations. The organisations chosen were – Dublin Theatre Festival, Helium Arts, Fishamble Theatre Company and Temple Bar Galleries. These organisations are in addition to building their own fundraising capacity to partner with community organisations to support their fundraising ability and it is hoped to have these community organisations chosen before the next SPC.

The EU funding unit will have 10 applications of which there is already a successful one in the North West Area. There will be a major workshop before the end of February within the City Council and for external organisations. Mattjis Maussen, an expert in EU funding will be leading this workshop along with several experts which will be a real opportunity to develop policy and strategy to increase EU funding into the city. Rather than confine the workshop to EU Cultural Funding, it will focus on funding that helps cities improve city experience for residents and visitors.

Action: Noted

10. Report on the temporary use of the Boys Brigade pitches on the SDRA 12

Declan Wallace, Assistant Chief Executive informed the Committee that City Architects Department are currently working on a new revised schematic masterplan for the area to see what is the best way to configure the site to include a sporting facility in the South West Inner City. The temporary use of the site will also be looked at.

Action: A report will be brought to a future SPC when the new layout of the site is available.

11. Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Statement of Strategy: STRIDE 2017 - 2020

This is the first strategy of the Sport and Wellbeing Partnership which sets out its priorities for the next 4 years. The plan is progressive, ambitious and consists of 16 initiatives and 26 actions under 4 strategic goals which are – Places and Spaces, Programmes and Services, Promoting Sport & Inspiring People and Good Practice.

Action: Report welcomed and noted.

Sarah O'Neill, Crosbie Yard Residents Committee, made 2 enquiries (a) the maintenance of outdoor gyms (b) query on scrambler tracks. Both these queries come under the remit of the Parks and Landscape Services.

Action: Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent to contact Sarah directly.

12. Report on Columbarium Walls - Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent

Following on from a Motion submitted by Cllr Lacey regarding columbarium walls, a scoping exercise was carried out and it is believed there is potential to develop columbarium walls in some of the older burial grounds. Bluebell Cemetery presents the greatest opportunity for a Columbarium Wall. Parks Section will look at each individual location, examine costs and planning issues and report back to this SPC with a further update.

Action: A progress report on this matter will issue to a future SPC meeting.

13. Management Update

Cllr Freehill requested a meeting to discuss Dublin City Council's plans for George Bernard Shaw House.

Action: The Chair to discuss with management and report back to the SPC.

Cllr Byrne enquired as to when the Part VIII for Merrion Square Tea Rooms will be published. Also enquired on the Part VIII for the Chocolate Park.

Action: City Parks Superintendent informed the Committee that a presentation on the Merrion Square Tea Rooms will be made to the South East Area Committee in February. The Chocolate Park Part VIII is complete, but there are some issues with the Developer. An update will be brought back to this SPC.

Cllr. Freehill requested additional information on the cultural and economic visit to Nice and the Dublin Civic Delegation to San Jose. Also enquired as to the position of the International Relations Working Group

Action: Management to update Cllr. Freehill.

14. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 21st September 2016.

Action: Agreed

15. Approved Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 21st September 2016.

Action: Agreed

16. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting held 7th November 2016.

Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manger informed the Committee that the Luke Kelly Working Group, which is to examine the 2 issues of the proposed donation by a private individual of a statue of Luke Kelly and the process that Dublin City Council was already going through in commissioning a sculpture by Vera Klute. The Working Group will meet later this month.

Action: Agreed

17. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorations Sub-Committee meeting held 16th November 2016.

Action: Agreed

18. Breviate of Draft Minutes of the Commemorative Naming Committee meeting held 16th November 2016.

Action: Agreed

19. Breviate of Draft Minutes of Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Advisory Board meeting held 21st November 2016.

Action: Agreed

20. A.O.B.

There were no issues under A.O.B.

Cllr Rebecca Moynihan
Chairperson