



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC

13th March 2017

Item No. 9

Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee

Minutes of meeting of Commemorations Committee - Fochoiste na gCuimhneachán

Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 2.00pm
Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall

| Councillors/Members Present | Officials Present |
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| Cllr Vincent Jackson (Chair) Cllr Nial Ring Cllr Cieran Perry Cllr Micheal MacDonncha Cllr Mannix Flynn | Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian Tara Doyle, Dublin City Public Libraries Ruairi O Cuiv, Public art manager |

1. Minutes of the meeting of 21st September (circulated) were approved. Matters arising: B. Teeling reported on the commemorative activities for 2016 and outlined draft plans for 2017; B Teeling reported that the Frontline event received a contribution from DCC events; B Teeling reported that the question of inviting the St Patrick's Festival to address the January SPC would be discussed with the Chair.
2. Apologies: none
3. Correspondence: Email from Emilie Pine re. Goldenbridge/Inchicore walking tour mobile app: noted.
4. 1916 Garrison plaques: T. Doyle reported that the Four Courts garrison plaque and the RCSI plaque would be unveiled in coming few weeks. Committee agreed to Clanwilliam House for site of Boland's Mills garrison plaque.
5. Walking Tours: agreed that there is no role for the Committee in monitoring walking tours
6. A.O.B.
 - a. B. Teeling reported that 1916/2016 lamp post banners have been offered to primary and secondary schools as a souvenir of the centenary year; **Dublin Remembers: Stories from the Somme** exhibition runs until 23rd December with guided tours and **A Different Republic Exhibition** on show at The Lab from November 17 - February 05 2017
 - b. Chair reported that CDYSB will hold a 1916 event in Liberty Hall on 27th November

c. The following motion submitted by Cllr. Nial Ring was agreed:

That this committee agrees to immediately write to the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys TD, urging her to purchase (at the forthcoming Adam's auction) the last surrender letter written, on 30th April 2016, by P.H. Pearse in his prison cell at Arbour Hill jail three days before his execution. Pearse was asked to write the letter to persuade a group of rebels holding out in the Four Courts to surrender. The letter was hand-delivered by a priest, Fr Columbus, a friar in the Capuchin Order, to the rebels. The committee further requests that the Minister purchase this letter with a view to it being included as a centrepiece exhibit in the proposed 1916 museum in Moore Street.

The next meeting will take place on 18th January 2017

**Cllr Vincent Jackson,
Chairperson**