



Comhairle Cathrach
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Dublin City Council

**Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC**

15th February 2021

Item No. 13

MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

Members:

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha (Chairperson)
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Larry O'Toole
Cllr. Mary Callaghan
Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr. Donna Cooney
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Julian de Spáinn

Apologies: Ruairí Ó Cuív.
Margarita Cappock

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Grainne Kelly, Administrative Officer
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian

1. Minutes of meeting 1st October 2020

Action: Minutes agreed.

2. Verbal update on the Kathleen Clarke Portrait – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Action: Members were informed that after a shortlisting process with nominations from Dublin City Council, National Gallery of Ireland and Royal Hibernian Academy, the selection panel had agreed to invite eight artists to make proposals for this commission. Invitations has been issued to the artists and it is expected to have a final selection before the end of January 2021.

Action: Bring to the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC for approval. Keep this committee informed.

3. Report on the Sean Russell Memorial – Margarita Cappock, Asst. Arts Officer

Margarita Cappock sent her apologies. The Deputy City Librarian presented a report on the Sean Russell Statue in Fairview Park. It was noted that Dublin City Council has received no requests to have this statue removed. Members noted that the most recent incident of vandalism to this statue has no association with the LGBTQ community.

Action: Circulate to members the policy on Decommissioning of Public Art.

4. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

a) Leo Rowsome – plaque – Update

It was noted that members had agreed by email to the alternative location of the gable end of the house at 93 Collins Avenue. Permission from the owners of the house has been submitted. A request to re-paint the existing road sign has been made. The artwork has been sent to the manufacturers and should be ready next week.

Action: Set a date for the erection of the plaque.

b) Anna Parnell – plaque – Update

It was reported that all permissions are now in place.

Action: Send artwork to manufacturers and set a date for the erection of the plaque.

c) Phil Lynott – plaque – update

It was reported that all permissions are in place. Artwork has been sent to manufacturers. Erection of the plaque may take place mid-December to coincide with a documentary which will be aired on December 26th. Another date suggested is January 4th 2021 to coincide with Phil Lynott's anniversary. Members stated a preference for this date.

Action: Keep members informed

d) Thomas Bryan – plaque – update

The Planners' report was circulated to members which recommended that the plaque should not be erected at 14 Henrietta Street. Management informed members that the views expressed by members in response to the report had been conveyed to the Assistant Chief Executive. After a discussion, members agreed to take a vote to formally adopt the proposal that a Dublin City Council commemorative plaque in honour of Thomas Bryan be erected on 14 Henrietta Street. Eight councillors voted in favour, with two councillors voting against. In response to questions from members it was reported that Dublin City Council is the owner of the property and that the erection of the plaque has not been raised with the tenants of the building, the Dublin City Council Culture Company.

Action: Keep members informed of any progress.

e) St. Olave's Church - plaque – Update

This plaque to be put on hold until next year.

Action: City Archaeologist to discuss a suitable date for unveiling with the new Norwegian Ambassador.

f) Frederick Douglass

Action: Cllr Mac Donncha to forward a completed application form.

5. Commemorations Grants

Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian presented a report on the Commemorations Grants for 2020. Most projects did not take place due to Covid restrictions and those that did are in the process of being paid. Councillors requested information on amount of allocation to grants for 2020 and requested that the balance be carried forward to 2021.

Action: Noted.

6. Proposed dates for 2021

Action: Noted.

7. A.O.B.

- Members were given a briefing around events taking place for Bloody Sunday
- It was suggested that DCC should have a poster of all commemorative plaques that have been erected to date and to have a list with photos on our website.

Action: Keep on agenda

- Members were informed of the following email to the Lord Mayor:-

“On September 20, 1920 three British soldiers, aged between 15 and 20 years of age, were mortally injured on the corner of Church Street and North King Street in Dublin: Harold Washington, Marshall Whitehead and Thomas Humphries. On November 1, 1920 Kevin Barry, aged 18, was hanged in Mountjoy Gaol for the part he played in this attack. As a citizen of Dublin (who grew up in this area) I am strongly of the opinion that the tragic deaths of all four young men should be remembered by Dublin City Council and that, 100 years later, the names of the three young British soldiers should also be placed at the corner of the street in Dublin where they were fatally shot, alongside the name of Kevin Barry who was arrested there - in a spirit of remembrance and reconciliation. This is a gesture that a great city, such as Dublin, should be capable of.”

Action: Inform proposer of the formal process

- A discussion took place around the Naming Policy Document.

Action: Review document next year.

- Members enquired about an update on naming a park after Stephen Gately.

Action: Get update from Les Moore

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th January at 2.30pm. Venue TBC

Cllr. Micheál Mac Donncha
Chairperson