



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

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

15th February 2021

Item No. 17

MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS, THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2021

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

Apologies: Julian De Spainn

Officials present:

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

1. Minutes of meeting 19th November 2020

Action: Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising: Cllr Mac Donncha to submit an application form to commemorate Frederick Douglass when appropriate location is confirmed.

2. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Pat Dunne:-

(Referred from the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC 30th November 2020)

"In recognition of the historical importance of the late politician, doctor and author, Dr. Noel Brown and his connection with Dublin South East this area committee seeks to have him remembered with a statue or memorial in the area"

Members agreed that this proposal meets with the criteria for commemoration, but further information as to the location and form of memorial is required.

Action: Contact Councillor Dunne for further information as to the location and form of memorial.

**3. Motion submitted in the names of Cllr Nial Ring and Cllr Cieran Perry:-
(Referred from the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC 30th November
2020)**

“This committee agrees that the Royal Canal Bridge at Russell Street, currently named Clonliffe Bridge/Russell Street Bridge, be officially re-named as “Bloody Sunday Bridge” in commemoration of the events at Croke Park on 21st November 2020 when 14 innocent civilians were killed by RIC/Auxilliaris/Black and Tans”.

Action: Members were informed that Waterways Ireland are in ownership of this bridge. It was agreed to proceed with this process.

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

The deadline for submissions, originally set for the 28th of January has been extended to the 12th of February due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Action: Keep members informed.

5. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Proposals

a) Phil Lynott Plaque – update

Members were informed that this plaque was erected on December 17th with very short notice from the applicants. Cllr Jackson represented the Committee. Phil’s uncle Peter Lynott represented the family.

b) Leo Rowsome – plaque

c) Anna Parnell – plaque

d) St. Olave’s – plaque

e) Thomas Bryan

Action: Due to Covid restrictions the above proposals will be revisited when restrictions are lifted.

f) Verbal Update on a proposal for a Statue to Countess Markievicz – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Members agreed that this proposal, as was agreed by the City Council, deserves a prominent location in Dublin City Centre. Following a detailed discussion regarding appropriate locations, technical challenges etc it was agreed that Management approach Public Realm to progress this proposal.

Action: Set out steps at next meeting.

g) Application for a Monument to the Irish WW1 Veterans and Killester Garden Village

Action: It was decided to defer this proposal to the next meeting to give members time to review the application.

h) Proposal for artwork to the Lives Lost to Covid 19.

Action: As this proposal does not meet this Committee's criteria (20-year rule) it was decided to refer to the Parks Section for consideration.

Members were informed that an application from to commemorate 2 Gardai who were killed in the line of duty in 1940 at Rathgar was received too late to include on the Agenda.

Action: Circulate application form to members.

6. Report on Commemorations Programme 2021

Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian presented a report on the Commemorations Programme for 2021 which detailed a significant amount of centenary anniversaries / festivals / online events, talks and classes.

Action: Noted.

7. Verbal update on Posters for Commemorative Plaques

Members were informed that prices have been received for the posters. Some plaques need to be photographed to be included in the poster.

Action: Keep members informed.

8. Review of Policy for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments Memorials and Plaques.

Members asked that the issue of the naming of new housing developments be included in the review of the policy document.

Action: Management to contact the Planning Department and report.

9. A.O.B.

There were no items under A.O.B.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th March at 2.30pm. Venue TBC

ClIr Micheál Mac Donncha
Chairperson