



**MINUTES OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE AND RECREATION SPC MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2023**

**Members:**

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)  
Cllr. Dearbhail Butler  
Cllr. Claire Byrne  
Cllr. Fiona Connelly  
Cllr. Declan Flanagan  
Cllr. Deirdre Heney  
Cllr. Vincent Jackson  
Cllr. Mícheál MacDonncha  
Cllr Darragh Moriarty  
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell  
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan  
Cllr Patricia Roe

Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge  
Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project  
Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute  
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport  
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night  
Willie White Dublin Chamber of Commerce

**Apologies:**

Cllr Anne Feeney  
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre

**Officials present:**

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive  
Mary MacSweeney, A/Executive Manager  
Mairead Owens, City Librarian  
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer  
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Ruairí O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager  
Lorraine McLoughlin, City Archivist  
Sinead Connolly, Assistant City Arts Officer  
Elaine Butler, Administrative Officer  
Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer  
Fanchea Gibson, Administrative Officer

**Others present:**

Cllr Donna Cooney  
Cllr. Mannix Flynn

**1. Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Action:** Agreed

**2. Presentation on the Dublin City Archives – Lorraine McLoughlin, Dublin City Archivist**

**Action:** Lorraine McLoughlin, Dublin City Archivist, gave a presentation to the members on Dublin City Archives, the history of the office, the work done by the Archive Team who are based in Dublin City Libraries and the challenges of the work including digital preservation. The members thanked the City Archivist for her presentation and for the ongoing work done by the team.

**3. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mícheál MacDonncha**

*“This SPC deplores the actions of groups who have targeted Dublin City Libraries and have sought to put pressure on staff and the library service generally not to stock books which do not meet these groups’ approval. We reject such attempts at censorship and we extend our full support to library staff and Dublin City Libraries in its policy of inclusiveness and diversity in its range of books and other media.”*

**Action:** The Motion was agreed with widespread support from the members.

**4. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Deirdre Heney**

*“To help sustain a healthy and vibrant outdoor environment and taking into account our “Leave No Trace” policy on Bull Island and in our ongoing aim to protect the Island, this committee calls on the Manager to ensure that any event licences issued by Dublin City Council for permission to use of the Island, shall have as part of the conditions of such licence, a stipulation that: (a) a clean-up must occur immediately after the event ceases; (b) no plastic bottles/containers shall be handed out/or dropped on the biosphere or the Island and that failure to comply with these conditions shall lead to loss of licence for future use of Bull Island.”*

**Action:** Motion was agreed. It was also agreed that organisers who have already received permission for their events will be contacted and made aware of the wording of the motion and asked not to hand out plastic bottles.

**5. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Darragh Moriarty**

*“That the Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC requests DCC Parks Department to commission a comparative analysis of access to ‘greenery’ per population across DCC’s Administrative Areas, which would be further broken down into Local Electoral Areas (LEAs). This study should cater for relevant green indicators such as:*

- public open green space in m<sup>2</sup> per population;*
- tree canopy per population;*
- public recreation municipal sports space in ‘full-size pitches’ per population;*
- public allotment space in m<sup>2</sup> per population; and*
- any other key ‘green’ indicators deemed relevant by the Parks Department.”*

**Action:** Motion Agreed.

**6. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Claire Byrne**

*“That this SPC agrees that Dublin City will sign up to the European Green Deal for Circular Festivals.”*

[www.circularfestivals.nl](http://www.circularfestivals.nl)

**Action:** It was agreed to commence the process with a workshop for the members of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC, the Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC and the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

**7. Report on Green Flag Status – Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent**

**Action:** Noted.

**8. Interim report on the feasibility study for the 500 seater theatre – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer**

**Action:** Noted and it was agreed that the consultation link would be circulated to all members and the deadline extended to the end of the week.

**9. Update report on the Parnell Square Library – Mairead Owens, Dublin City Librarian**

**Action:** Noted.

**10. Vacancy for a Councillor to sit on the Sports Partnership Board. – Donncha O’Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer**

**Action:** It was proposed by Cllr Deirdre Heney and seconded by Cllr Seamas McGrattan that Cllr. Cat O’Driscoll be elected to sit on the Sports Partnership Board. Nomination of Cllr O’Driscoll was agreed.

**11. Management Update**

**Action:** Noted. It was agreed management would review concerts in St. Anne’s Park and Fairview Park including the distribution of the income received and report back to the North Central Area Committee.

**12. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Action:** Noted

**13. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Action:** Noted

**14. Miontuairiscí Dé hAoine 3ú Feabhra 2023 (Irish and English versions)**

**Action:** Noted.

**15. Approved Minutes of the Chatham Row Working Group meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Action:** Noted.

**16. Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Advisory Board meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Action:** Noted.

**17. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

**Action:** Noted.

**18. Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Advisory Board meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Action:** Noted.

**19. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Action:** Noted. It was noted that no Councillor was present at the meeting.

**20. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Chatham Row Working Group meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Action:** Noted.

**21. A.O.B**

- **Africa Day:** Will be discussed at Arts and Cultural Advisory Group and report brought to future SPC.
- **Lá Mór na Gaeilge:** Cllr MacDonncha thanked all involved with Lá Mór na Gaeilge and advised that planning was underway for the 3<sup>rd</sup> event in 2024.

**Date of next meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

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**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll  
Chairperson**