



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

REPORT TO ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE  
AND RECREATION SPC  
24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023  
Item No. 8

## MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD, THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2023

### Members:

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

### Apologies:

Julian de Spáinn  
Margarita Cappock, Assistant Arts Officer

### Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Fanchea Gibson – Administrative Officer  
Denice Kirwan - Minutes

### Others present:

### 1. Minutes of meeting of January 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

Action: Agreed

### 2. Matters arising

#### a. Margaret Keogh Walk

Action: Proposer to be informed that it is unlikely that this section of walkway could be considered for re-naming as it forms part of Accommodation Walk.

#### b. Christopher Whelan headstone

Action: officials to make arrangements in relation to this.

#### c. Commemorating Noel Browne

Action: Cllr McCartan reported that the developers of a site in Donnybrook, where Noel Browne held his clinics, were open to having the plaque erected there once works are completed.

#### d. Marlborough House, Glasnevin (deferred from previous meeting)

Action: Defer pending investigations as agreed in Item 3.

### 3. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Mannix Flynn:-

*"That this Committee agree to initiate a policy of placing a commemorative plaque on all residential institutions sites such as mother and baby homes, Magdalene laundries industrial schools and orphanages and children's detention centres".*

It was agreed to amend the motion: That this Committee agrees to explore the most appropriate way for Dublin City Council to commemorate all of those who were held in residential institutions *such as mother and baby homes, Magdalene laundries industrial schools and orphanages and children’s detention centres*”.

**Action:** Amended motion was agreed. It was agreed to work with survivor groups to identify possible locations as well as liaising with the National Working Group on any proposed memorial.

#### 4. Correspondence

- a. Invitation for an elected member and an official to attend the Jeongeup Donghak Peasant Revolution Commemorative International Conference (Korea) on 9th /10th May 2023.

**Action:** It was agreed that Brendan Teeling would attend. Expressions of Interest to be submitted from Members to Brendan Teeling by the end of the day if they wished to attend.

- b. Invitation from same to Dublin to join a ‘World Revolutionary City Network’

**Action:** It was agreed to refer to the Protocol Committee with the Committee’s recommendation to join.

#### 5. New applications for Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure

- a. Shay Elliott – Plaque Application

**Action:** Agreed.

- b. Maud Gonne – Plaque Application

**Action:** Revert to proposer regarding wording. The most favourable option was to commemorate the event and consider other locations for a commemoration to Maud Gonne.

- c. Royal Hibernian Academy – Plaque Application

**Action:** Agreed. Unveiling will be held on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- d. Christy Brown – Memorial Garden Application

**Action:** Agreed. Refer to ACAG.

- e. Proposed Memorial for the Children of the Rising

**Action:** Refer to ACAG.

#### 6. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Updates

Plaque/memorial	Status
1. Connolly, James <b>Unveiling Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	Artwork requested; site visit needed; plaque to be manufactured.
2. Dublin Fire Brigade <b>Westland Row Unveiling Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	The owners of all three buildings have been identified. Permission has been received from one owner; permission from others awaited.
3. Mac Grianna, Seosamh	The plaque has been manufactured; a date is to be agreed.

<b>Unveiling will be held in early April 2023</b>	
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**Action:** Report noted.

#### **7. Proposed changes to the Plaque Scheme**

**Action:** Report noted. 1 plaque per month will be unveiled until the backlog has been cleared. It was agreed that there would be no limit on the number of plaques to be erected per year. Consideration will be given to gender balance.

#### **8. Commemorations Programme – oral update**

**Action:** Update to be provided at the next meeting.

#### **9. Commemoration of Kay Mills (standing item)**

**Action:** Retain on agenda.

#### **10. A.O.B.**

**The following issues were discussed:**

##### **1. Motion submitted by Cllr. Nial Ring & Cllr. Donna Cooney**

"Having regard to the recently announced Poolbeg Peninsula project by Dublin Port Company, and noting that the 3FM project includes the provision of a new bridge adjacent to the Tom Clarke Bridge as part of a new Southern Port Access Road, this committee recommends that the new bridge be named after Elizabeth O'Farrell."

**Action:** It was agreed to discuss the process to name this bridge at the next meeting. Dublin Port to be invited.

##### **2. Removal of a monument in the city - the commemoration wall place of Captain Martin Hogan on Grace Pk Rd in Whitehall.**

Officials reported that there is no policy to remove monuments in the city, although there is a process for the de-commissioning of public art.

**Action:** It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

##### **3. Bloody Sunday Bridge:**

**Action:** Report should go to April City Council meeting.

##### **4. Poole House & Sean Foster:**

**Action:** Formal applications to be submitted.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @2.30pm

**Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha,  
Chairperson**