



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC

25th September 2023

Item No. 14

**BREVIATE OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIONS & NAMING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD, THURSDAY 27TH JULY 2023**

Members:

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

Apologies:

Officials present:

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Fanchea Gibson – Administrative Officer
Ruairi O Cuiv – Public Art Officer
Denice Kirwan - Minutes

Others present:

- 1. Election of Chairperson (as set down in the Commemorations & Naming Policy, the Chair should be elected annually, the last election was on 28 January 2020).**

Cllr Vincent Jackson & Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha were nominated for the position. A vote was taken, with Cllr Jackson receiving the most votes. On behalf of the Committee Cllr Jackson thanked Cllr Mac Donncha, on behalf of the Committee, for his chairing over the last number of years.

Action: Cllr Vincent Jackson was elected as Chairperson.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2023**

Action: Agreed.

- 3. Matters arising**

It was reported that Patriotic Picnic was not held in July as planned; members requested that the event be for September 2023.

- a. **Report from Jeongeup Donghak Peasant Revolution Commemorative International Conference**

Action: Report noted.

- b. **Invitation to join the World Revolutionary City Forum – report.**

Action: Agreed. Refer to Protocol Committee.

4. **Correspondence received:**

- a. **Letter dated June 22nd, 2023 for memorial to Savita Halappanavar**

Noting that the proposal does not meet the criteria for commemoration, the members agreed to consider the matter further at a special meeting.

Action: Special meeting of this committee to be held in September 2023 to discuss a number of issues that arose at this meeting.

- b. **Letter dated May 31st, 2023 to honour the playwright and political activist**

Sean O'Casey in this the centenary year of The Shadow of a Gunman.

Action: It was agreed to defer this matter to be discussed at the special meeting in September.

5. **Motions**

- a. **Motion submitted by Cllr Nial Ring & Cllr Donna Cooney (deferred from last meeting):**

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.

A discussion took place and a vote was taken. There was 2 abstentions.

Action: It was agreed that the motion be sent to the Dublin Port Company, but without prejudice against any future process regarding naming.

- b. **Motion submitted by Councillor Mannix Flynn to City Council meeting of 12th June and referred to Commemorations & Naming Committee**

To ask the Chief Executive initiate a full review of the terms of reference and remit of the commemorations and naming committee to ensure that there is inclusion, equality and a welcome for all applicants who meet the criteria to be commemorated in an appropriate manner irrespective of the historical stances. As we move into a future and as we move out of the decade of commemorations it is important to acknowledge those other Irish men and women who died so to speak on the other side of the fence. It is also important that there is a gender balance and equality to include the many tens of thousands of women who made unique and outstanding contributions to this country, this nation, this State.

Action: it was agreed to defer this motion for discussion at the special meeting in September 2023.

c. Motion submitted by Councillor Daniel Ceitinn to South East Area Committee meeting of 12th June and referred to Commemorations & Naming Committee

That the South East Area Committee considers that the stretch of Accommodation Walk from and including Fitzwilliam Quay to, but no further than, London bridge shall be named Margaret Keogh Walk to give additional prominence to her name and memory at this location, and that the area committee resolves to request that the Commemorations and Naming Committee proceed with this recommendation.

Action: This motion was not carried as it involves a renaming process that would not be practical as there is nobody living on this area of land. Cllr MacDonncha agreed to inform Cllr Ceitinn.

6. New applications for Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure

a. Clonturk Park sporting and cultural significance of the playing fields – application

Action: Agreed. Wording and location to be finalised.

7. Plaques/Monuments/Memorials/Infrastructure Updates

a. Devlin's Pub plaque – wording

Action: Committee agreed to the wording “GHQ Intelligence met here”.

b. Plaques approved and in the queue – update

Action: Report noted.

7. Applications for funding

a. Killester Garden Village Committee – report

Action: Funding agreed in principle. Brendan Teeling will check details before processing payment. Committee should engage with the Area Office.

b. Irish United Nations Veterans Association

Action: Agreed. There is no commitment to annual funding.

8. Commemorations Programme – verbal update

Brendan Teeling only received the Historians in Residence Report this morning due to a delay with the illustrations.

Action: Report to be circulated to Members.

9. Commemoration of Kay Mills (standing item)

Action: Retain on Agenda.

10. A.O.B.

- Request from the Romanian Ambassador to name a square after the actor _____ - this is not within the remit of this committee.
- Members conveyed best wishes to Paula Ebbs on her retirement and thanked her for her great contribution to the work of the Committee and the Council's commemorations programme..

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th September @2.30pm

Cllr Vincent Jackson

Chairperson.