



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Members:**

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)  
Cllr. Fiona Connelly  
Cllr. Declan Flanagan  
Cllr. Deirdre Heney  
Cllr. Vincent Jackson  
Cllr Darragh Moriarty  
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan  
Cllr Patricia Roe  
Cllr Anne Feeney  
Cllr. Vincent Jackson  
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell

Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project  
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night  
Willie White Dublin Chamber of Commerce  
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre  
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport

**Apologies:**

Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute  
Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge  
Mairead Owens, City Librarian

**Officials present:**

Anthony Flynn, A/Assistant Chief Executive  
Mary MacSweeney, A/Executive Manager  
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer  
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer  
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Ruairí O Cuív, Public Art Manager  
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer  
Alice Boardman, A/Administrative Officer  
Iseult Dunne, CEO, DCC Culture Company

**Others in Attendance:**

Catherine Heaney, Lorne Consultancy

**Minutes by Suzanne McClurg**

**1. Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Action:** Agreed

**2. Presentation on the future plans for Kilmainham Mills – Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer and Catherine Heaney, Lorne Consultancy**

**Action:** Welcomed and Noted. Donncha to circulate dates for SPC member to visit site.

**3. Presentation on Historians-in-Residence Programme – Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian**

**Action:** Welcomed and Noted. Brendan to circulate links to members for online lectures.

**4. Motion submitted in the name of Cllr Hazel de Nortúin and Cllr Cat O’Driscoll:-**

*“This SPC will agree to request that the relevant section in Dublin City Council engage with Diageo in exploring the re-opening of the Guinness Theatre in Dublin 8. The theatre has a capacity of 452 seats, similar to the recent survey for a 500 seater venue in the city.*

*The Council will establish what Diageo has planned for the building and to further emphasise the provision of community gain by corporations in Dublin City - as set out in the Dublin City Development plan - and encourage a transparent dialogue with the Arts department.*

*The Council should also seek information on the structural composition of the building – to further establish if work needs to be carried out to safeguard the building from any damage due to its vacancy.”*

**Action:** Agreed.

**5. Update Report on the City Library, Parnell Square – Mairead Owens, City Librarian**

**Action:** Noted.

**6. Report on increasing the Arts Grant Funding – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer**

**Action:** Noted.

**7. Update Report on DCC Cultural Company – Iseult Dunne, CEO, Dublin City Culture Company**

**Action:** Noted.

**8. Update Report on the Dublin Municipal Theatre, Derek Kelly, CEO Temple Bar Cultural Trust**

**Action:** Noted. Derek Kelly to submit a follow up report at the next meeting.

**9. Management Update**

**Action:** Hugh Lane Gallery to submit a written response regarding the €15 entrance fee for a new exhibition. Free viewings are available on a Wednesday morning. Donncha O’ Dúlaing to bring draft of the new Sports Plan to the next meeting.

**10. Chairperson Updates – UCLG / European Green Deal for Circular Festivals / Cultural Strategy / LECP**

**Action:** Report noted. Chairperson to circulate further information to Members.

**11. Approved Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee Meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**12. Approved Minutes of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Advisory Board meeting dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**13. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**14. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Commemorations and Naming Committee Meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**15. Breviate of draft Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**16. A.O.B**

**Action:** Members requested an update on the Chatham Row School of Music.

**Date of next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll  
Chairperson**