



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**Members:**

Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll (Chair)  
Cllr. Claire Byrne  
Cllr. Dearbhail Butler  
Cllr. Fiona Connelly  
Cllr Darragh Moriarty  
Cllr. Seamus McGrattan  
Cllr Patricia Roe  
Cllr Anne Feeney  
Cllr Micheál Mac Donncha

Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge  
Adekunle Gomez, African Cultural Project  
Sunil Sharpe, Give us the Night  
Willie White Dublin Chamber of Commerce  
Ciaran Taylor, White Cane Audio Theatre  
Ross Keane, Irish Film Institute

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Vincent Jackson  
Mary O'Connor, Federation of Irish Sport  
Anthony Flynn, A/Assistant Chief Executive

**Officials present:**

Mary MacSweeney, A/Executive Manager  
Mairead Owens, City Librarian  
Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer  
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer  
Barbara Dawson, Director, Hugh Lane Gallery  
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Ruairí O Cuív, Public Art Manager  
Alice Boardman, Administrative Officer  
Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer

**Others present:**

**Others in Attendance:**

Erika Clark, Belfast City Council

**Minutes by Suzanne McClurg**

**1. Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Action:** Agreed

**2. Presentation - Little Amal Visit to Dublin in May 2024 – Erika Clark, Belfast City Council**

**Presentation to follow.**

**Action:** Welcomed, suggestions can be forwarded to Ray Yeates.

### 3. Presentation – Dublin Winter Lights 2023, Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer

**Action:** Welcomed and noted. **Dublin City Council Events Community Fund -**

The current total stands at €25,324. In accordance with the report “*Event Safety and Minimal Charging for Public Events*” submitted to the SPC Committee in February 2023, the total will be distributed equally amongst the five area offices for the purpose of funding events in the community.

### 4. Motion submitted by Cllr. Deirdre Heney:

That this Committee agrees to amend Dublin City Council’s Parks Bye-Laws by inserting the following Paragraph:-

“That Dogs in parks and open spaces shall be kept on a leash, other than in areas designated as off-leash areas, or at times specified by the City Council. Dogs must be kept under effectual control at all times. Dogs (other than guide dogs or assistance dogs) shall not be permitted in public playgrounds. A person shall not cause or allow any Restricted Breed, as defined in the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 (as amended) belonging to him/her, or in his/her charge to enter or remain in the park unless such dog is kept securely muzzled and led on a sufficiently strong leash not exceeding two metres in length by a competent person over 16 years of age.”

#### **Reply:**

It is acknowledged that our Parks Bye Laws need to be reviewed and updated. The requirement “That Dogs in parks and open spaces shall be kept on a leash, other than in areas designated as off-leash areas” would be a beneficial change which would give local communities and neighbourhoods greater say over what parks and what areas of parks would be best suited for dogs off lead. We are trialling this in St Anne’s park and the North Bull Island at present.

The process for making and changing Bye Laws is a statutory process contained in Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 and the Local Government Act 2001 (Bye-laws) Regulations 2006. It involves a public consultation which would undoubtedly generate a great deal of comment, feedback and stakeholder engagement. At present the Parks Service is not in a position to commence such a resource heavy process but this review could commence in Q3 2024.

**Leslie Moore**

**Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services  
Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department.**

**Action:** Retain on agenda for next meeting.

### 5. Update on Motion:

“Due to the negative effects of the use of fireworks on people, animals and our environment, that Dublin City Council agrees a policy of non-use of fireworks (or supporting the holding of fireworks displays) in our communities/in our city and instead use and promote the use of alternative types of entertainment, e.g. outdoor film screenings, parades, (Bram Stoker Halloween Spooktacular, Bram Stoker Park,) at Halloween and festive occasions”.

**Action:** A review will need to be carried out where a dedicated resource will need to be identified to lead the development of a policy in this area and to identify the various stakeholders including the area offices and Dublin Fire Brigade, the Gardaí

etc who will need to input to this process. This work is likely to require research, drafting of a policy, engagement and consultation with internal and external stakeholders and will need to be reviewed in light of the work load of the CRES Department.

**6. St. Patrick's Day Festival – for discussion**

**Action:** Noted. Agreed to invite the St Patricks Day Festival for discussion.

**7. Verbal Update on the European Green Deal for Circular Festivals & the Circular Cities Declaration – Mary MacSweeney, A/Executive Manager**

**Action:** Welcomed and noted. This item should be included on the agenda of a CPG meeting in 2024.

**8. Update on Urban 95 Pilot Project for Dublin designing and delivering better cities for young children – Mary MacSweeney, A/Executive Manager – To be submitted**

**Action:** Welcomed and noted.

**9. Update Report on new Andy Warhol Three Times Out Exhibition – Barbara Dawson, Director, Hugh Lane Gallery**

**Action:** Welcomed and noted. Cllrs are welcome to the exhibition and can contact Barbara Dawson or the office to arrange a suitable time.

**10. Update Report on Chatham Row – Ray Yeates, Arts Officer**

**Action:** Welcomed and noted. SPC members will be informed of any further updates.

**11. Update on the City Library, Mairead Owens, City Librarian**

**Action:** Agreed.

**12. Management Update**

**Action:** Agreed.

**13. Proposed meeting dates for 2024**

**Action:** Agreed.

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

**Action:** Agreed.

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

**Action:** Agreed.

**16. Approved Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**17. Miontuairiscí Fochoiste Gaeilge den CBS – 13 Deireadh Fómhair 2023**

**Action:** Agreed.

**18. A.O.B**

- Members extended their gratitude to Ruairi O Cuív for all his hard work over several years and congratulated him on his retirement.

**Date of next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

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**Cllr Cat O'Driscoll  
Chairperson**