

**Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC
Minutes of Meeting held on 8th December 2014
9:30 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall**

Attendance

Members:

Cllr. Mary Freehill (Chair)
Cllr. Mannix Flynn
Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan
Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell
Cllr. Kate O'Connell
Cllr. Seán Haughey
Cllr. Emma Murphy
Cllr. Aine Clancy
Cllr. Greg Kelly
Cllr. John Lyons
Cllr. Damian O'Farrell
Deborah Kelleher, Royal Irish Academy of Music
Maurice Ahern, Irish Sports Council
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival
Simon O'Connor, The Little Museum of Dublin
Gerry Kerr, National Council for the Blind of Ireland
Kristina McElroy, Dublin City Community Forum
Elaina Ryan, Children's Books Ireland

Officials present:

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive
Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Ruairí O Cuív, Public Art Manager
Coilín O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Shane Casey, Biodiversity Officer
David O'Donovan, Recreation Centre Manager
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

1. Minutes of meeting held on 13th October 2014

Action: Approved.

2. Presentation on the Dublin Mountains Partnership – Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent.

The purpose of the presentation was to inform the SPC of the work of the Dublin Mountains Partnership who are working to develop both a strategic plan and an action plan for managing recreation and other issues in the Dublin Mountains.

In an answer to a query it was stated the yearly contribution to the Partnership from Dublin City Council is €50,000.

Action: Welcomed and Noted.

3. Management Update

Management informed the Committee that the proposal to erect a statue of Luke Kelly has been approved by the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group. The location will be the Linear Park at the Docklands. The next step is to select a designer for the statue which will be installed next year.

Action: Approved.

Discussions are in place with the Department of Art, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding some issues raised about the St. Patrick's Day Festival. The Board of the St. Patrick's Day Festival have agreed to carry out a comprehensive review of the Annual Festival and they are keen to hear the views of members on this SPC.

A discussion on the Christmas Market at St. Stephen's Green took place. Concerns were raised as to the lack of information provided to the South East Area Committee and to this SPC.

Management stated that this was a proposal that was put together by Dublin Town who got approval from the Minister with responsibility for the OPW. The Manager also stated that all future initiatives will, in the first instance, go to the relevant local area committee and to the SPC for their information.

Management informed the Committee that the City Arts Plan 2014 - 2018 was being launched 9th December 2014, in the Abbey Theatre. The plan had been agreed by the previous SPC, and approved by the City Council.

Cllr. McGrattan and Cllr Haughey enquired what the process was for the erection of flags.

Action: Management will report on this issue to the next SPC meeting.

The plan for the Childrens Programme for the Dublin Festival of History is due to get underway before Christmas.

Cllr. Flynn requested that a report on the liquidation of 15 Bachelors Walk be brought to this committee.

Action: Management will report on this issue to the next SPC meeting.

Motion Submitted by Gerry Kerr, National Council for the Blind of Ireland

"To ask the Chief Executive to initiate an assessment into the excellent service provided by the Passport for Leisure Scheme with a view to setting strategic goals for its development, marketing and resourcing within the context of the Dublin city Age Friendly strategy 2014 to 2019 and provide a report on same.

That the Chief Executive initiates a feasibility study regarding the inclusion of people with disabilities into the Passport for Leisure Scheme and provide a report on same.

That the Chief Executive considers introducing an all in one Dublin City card which combines leap card, library card, free bikes card and Passport for Leisure card.

That the Chief Executive would give initial consideration to a Dublin City smart phone application which could provide customisable alerts on cultural, recreational and local community events, activities and services”.

Gerry Kerr stated that this motion was submitted in a constructive sense to try to help the citizens of Dublin. The Motion was strongly supported by the Committee.

Following a debate on this Motion, Management agreed to come back in the future regarding investigating further into such proposals and also to look at the financial implications.

4. Special Meeting of SPC for Monday 19th January 2015 at 9.30 a.m. to deal with Street Performers Bye Laws (Draft).

Action: Noted.

The Chair informed the Committee of the invitation to them from the Temple Bar Gallery which will take place immediately after the SPC meeting on 9th February to view the work they do.

5. Breviate of Commemorative Naming Committee held 4th November 2014.

Action: Noted.

6. Breviate of Commemorations Sub-Committee held 12th November 2014.

Action: Noted.

7. Breviate of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Special Committee Meeting held 24th November 2014.

Action: Noted.

8. Breviate of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group held 28th November 2014.

Cllr. Flynn requested a report on the Flood Commission process.

Action: The Public Art Manager to bring a report on the Flood Commission process to the next SPC meeting.

9. Breviate of the Markets and Trading in the Public Domain Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2014.

Action: Noted.

10. A.O.B.

Action: There was no business under A.O.B.

**Councillor Mary Freehill
Chairperson**

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