



Report to Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC

13th April 2015

Item No. 8

Commemorative Naming Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th January 2015

2.00 p.m. Members Room, City Hall

Attendance

Members:

Cllr. Micheál MacDonncha
Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr Paddy McCartan
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Frank Kennedy

Officials Present:

Margaret Hayes, City Librarian
Coilín O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Ruairí O'Cuiv, Public Art Manager
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Claire Byrne

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 4th November 2014.

Action: Agreed

2. Matters arising.

Action: No matters arising.

3. Dublin City Plaque Scheme – Prototypes

Two prototypes were shown to the Committee (Shelbourne F.C. 45cm in diameter and Leo Whelan 33 cm in diameter).

Some members had concerns regarding legibility of the Irish text on the plaque which is orange in colour. It was suggested that the Irish text should appear the same as the English text which is black in colour. Another concern was the DCC logo (3 castles) which is indented on the metal base of the plaque. Members felt this was not definitive enough. A suggestion to have the 3 castles appear in black or a similar colour as the granite was put forward.

Action: Bring prototypes to the next meeting with amendments.

4. Plaques/Monuments Proposals

- Arthur Guinness Family Home 250th Anniversary – update

The Committee were informed that the plaque was now complete and is due to be installed in Catherine McAuley Park this week.

- **Shelbourne F.C.**

Action: Prototype to be brought back to next meeting.

- **Leo Whelan RHA**

Action: Prototype to be brought back to next meeting.

- **Edward Dowden, Poet, Literary Critic and Professor.**

The Committee were informed that the proposer for this application is actively seeking proof to clarify if there are any living relatives of Edward Dowden so as to obtain permission to erect the plaque.

Action: Keep Committee informed.

- **Plaque to be placed in Henry Street to commemorate the Dunnes Stores strikers against apartheid.**

Cllr Micheál MacDonncha, Chair, is to liaise with Cllr Brid Smith to clarify exact requirements for this plaque.

Action: Cllr. MacDonncha to bring an update to the next meeting.

- **Joseph Plunkett, Poet and 1916 Proclamation Signatory**
- **George Noble, Count Plunkett, Politician and Irish Nationalist**

Both applications were agreed by the Committee in principle.

Action: Bring agreed wording for both plaques to the next meeting.

5. A.O.B.

The issue of naming/renaming Charlemont Bridge after Dr. Kathleen Lynn, suffragette and activist was discussed. Cllr Chris Andrews tabled a motion at the South East Area Committee to rename the bridge after Dr. Lynn which was passed and referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee for consideration.

Action: Research the history of the initial naming of the bridge.
Contact Cllr Chris Andrews (proposer) and request an official Application Form be submitted to this Committee for consideration.

Cllr Frank Kennedy enquired in what way the four runner up names (Willie Bermingham, Frank Duff, Kay Mills and Bram Stoker) from the naming of the Rosie Hackett Bridge would be appropriately commemorated.

Action: All members agreed with this in principle. This was also agreed at the September 2013 meeting that these names would be considered when appropriate projects arise. Keep on agenda.

Next meeting is Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 2.00 p.m., Room 19, Bl. 4, Fl 3, Civic Offices.

Tea/Coffee/ sandwiches will be available.

**Cllr. Micheál MacDonncha
Chairperson.**