



Report to Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC

9th February 2015

Item No. 8

Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC

Commemorations Sub-Committee/Fochoiste na gCuimhneachan

Minutes of meeting held on 12th November 2014, 12 noon,

Members' Room, City Hall

Councillors/Members Present	Officials Present
Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair) Cllr. Sean Haughey Cllr. Micheal MacDonncha Simon O'Connor, Little Museum of Dublin Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival	Barbara Dawson, Director Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane Ursula Donnellan, Events, CRA Dept Tara Doyle, Libraries Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Ray Yeates, Arts Officer

Apologies: Cllr Jim O'Callaghan, Brendan Kenny (ACE), Margaret Hayes (City Librarian), Margarita Cappock (Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane).

1. Welcome. The Chair welcomed all in attendance and invited members and officials to introduce themselves.

2. DCC's approach to the Decade of Commemorations

A draft document setting out a proposed DCC approach to the Decade of Commemorations, prepared by Brendan Teeling and Ray Yeats, was tabled. Brendan Teeling outlined the contents, including a statement of the purpose of the sub-Committee as agreed upon its establishment. Some discussion ensued on tone, language and vision of the document. Members agreed to review the proposed document to ensure it encompasses what the Committee wants to achieve. An amendment to the 'values' section was suggested by Cllr MacDonncha and it was agreed that this amendment be incorporated into the document which will be circulated before the next meeting when a final decision can be made.

3. Update on commemorative activities 2013 and 2014

Brendan Teeling gave a brief presentation on DCC activities to date as part of the Decade of Commemorations including publications, festivals/promotions and exhibitions.

4. Developing a programme of events for 2016

The programme will evolve in three categories: DCC sponsored, in partnership with DCC and DCC funded. Brendan Teeling said DCC departments will have ideas on areas they want to work on and will develop a draft proposal of events, including a method of opening out the programming to other organisations. Ray Yeates stressed the importance of agreeing values before embarking on a programme and this was endorsed by members. It was agreed that a draft programme be prepared for the next meeting.

A general discussion on programming included topics of engagement, multiculturalism and inclusivity, the legacy of the 100th anniversary commemorations, flagship publications (e.g. 1916 map), and Irish language events ensued.

It was noted that it will be important to look at the St Patrick's Day Parade for 2016. While members of the St Patricks Festival have met with the Committee before, the CEO could be invited to attend again in 2015 to discuss the 2016 parade.

5. Next meeting: Wednesday 17th December at 12 noon in Members' Room, City Hall