



## Report to Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC

13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Item No. 9

### Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC Commemorations Committee/Fochoiste na gCuimhneachan

Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015, 2pm, Council Chamber, City Hall

#### Councillors/Members Present

Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair)  
Cllr. Sean Haughey  
Cllr. Micheal MacDonncha  
Cllr. Cieran Perry  
Cllr. John Lyons  
Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan  
Simon O'Connor, Little Museum of Dublin

#### Officials Present

Margarita Cappock, Dublin City Gallery  
Barbara Dawson, Dublin City Gallery  
Tara Doyle, Libraries  
Brendan Kenny, ACE  
Alison King, Social Inclusion Unit  
Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager  
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian  
Ray Yeates, Arts Officer

#### 1. 'The Road to the Rising' presentation by Lorelei Harris, Head of Arts and Culture Strategy, RTE

Presentation on 'The Road to the Rising' event planned for Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015. This will encompass collection of memorabilia for GPO Museum, music, lectures, drama, demonstrations and a series of family-friendly events with many businesses and cultural organisations participating. This event will involve road closure of O'Connell Street from Prince's Street to Parnell Square. Cllr. MacDonncha suggested that DCC should have a presence on O'Connell Street as part of the event to showcase DCC activities/events.

2. **Minutes** of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were approved.

3. **Apologies:** Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian, Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival, Ursula Donnellan, DCC Events.

#### 4. Correspondence

None

#### 5. Lamp-post banners

T Doyle reported on the cost (€8,500 approx) of designing and hanging commemorative banners on the 74 lamp-post sites on O'Connell Street for March, April and May 2016 when the State and Easter commemorations will take place. There was agreement with this and T Doyle will book the sites with DCC Events.

For St. Patrick's Day in March 2016, DCC Parks will hang green, white and orange flags on the 140 flagpole sites along the River Liffey and these could be left *in situ* for the 1916 Rising commemorations running into April/May. S O'Connor suggested using JC Decaux sites also to highlight the Rising centenary.

#### **6. Update on 1916 projects and O'Donovan Rossa Exhibition**

- a) B Teeling gave an update on DCC 1916 Rising Projects including plans from the Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane for exhibitions in 2016.
- b) The Contract for Service for a public historian on the 'My Area in 1916' community history project in Central Area has been advertised.
- c) The O'Donovan Rossa exhibition will consist of 2-3 panels of text/images from the collections in Dublin City Library and Archive and will be on display in the Rotunda, City Hall from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August 2015, then travelling to branch libraries.

#### **7. Draft application process for 2016 grants**

R Yeates presented the draft 1916 Grants Scheme summary. It is proposed that funds of €20,000 will be allocated across each of the five DCC areas (total of €100,000) and grants will be available in two streams: up to €500 and between €500-€10,000. The criteria and a marking scheme has not been finalised yet but will be presented at the next meeting and the grants scheme will be publicised as widely as possible with particular reliance on local contacts to disseminate it.

DCC will also encourage discussion on types of commemorative events by holding public consultation fora. Cllrs Perry and MacDonncha welcomed the draft Grants Scheme document. Cllr. Perry felt that €100,000 was a limited amount for the scheme. He requested that the application form be kept clear and straightforward and that the committee have input on devising the marking scheme. Cllrs. MacDonncha and O'Callaghan requested clarification on the timeframe of the application form. R Yeates said every effort will be made to get the scheme out quickly.

B Kenny said that €200,000 has been approved by DCC for commemorations with a possibility of more being approved; there may also be funds forthcoming from central government as €1m has been announced for Local Authorities. Of the DCC funding, €100,000 is for community based projects with €20,000 allocated to each DCC area with each area providing matching funding. Funds are being made available in 2015 for preparation for the 2016 anniversary but monies from 2015 can be carried forward into 2016 if needs be. It is important that the DCC area committees are involved in the grants process from the start.

#### **8. A.O.B.**

B Teeling reported on proposed communications strategy for commemorations including mailing list, dedicated email, social media, web and utilising DCC channels for promotion (area offices, community officers, libraries etc).

**9.** It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday **10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 2.00pm** in Council Chamber, City Hall.