



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

9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Item No. 9

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

Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 12 noon, Council Chamber,  
City Hall

Councillors/Members Present	Officials Present
Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Chair) Cllr. Sean Haughey Cllr. Micheal MacDonncha Cllr. Cieran Perry Cllr. Mary Freehill Cllr. John Lyons Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival	Ursula Donnellan, Events, CRA Dept Tara Doyle, Libraries Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer Margaret Hayes, City Librarian Alison King, Social Inclusion Unit Ruairí Ó Cuív, Public Art Manager Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian Ray Yeates, Arts Officer

#### 1. Rathmines Initiative.

Michael Kelly (Chairman), Pauline Hall and Marion Cashman gave a presentation on a proposal by the Rathmines Initiative working group on 1916 to produce a pocket guidebook on Rathmines and the 1916 Rising. The project will focus on key people and sites in the Rathmines area relating to the Rising e.g. Ryan family home on Belgrave Road, Larkfield Estate (Plunkett family) and the Army barracks. There was unanimous support and congratulations for the group on their idea and work and a suggestion they submit a proposal for funding in the New Year when the commemorations funding scheme is finalised and open for submissions.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr Jim O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Dublin Christy Burke, Simon O'Connor (Little Museum of Dublin), Brendan Kenny (ACE), Margarita Cappock (Dublin City Gallery, the Hugh Lane), Barbara Dawson (Dublin City Gallery, the Hugh Lane)

**3. Minutes** of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved.

#### 4. Correspondence

B Teeling reported that two motions on the Commemorations issue were agreed at the December City Council meeting – the Asst. Chief Executive's response to the motion was noted.

Letter received by CRA Dept. from L John Couch, Helen Thomas and Edward Llewellyn of Swansea, Wales (Irish/Welsh History group) re. Commemorative plaque marking the induction of Padraic Pearse into the Gorsedd of Bards in 1899. Noted and response sent by B Teeling.

## **5. “Proposed Approach” document**

Cllr Perry suggested amending the last paragraph of the document to extend the scope of programming criteria. Cllr MacDonncha suggested a minor amendment to the “Values” paragraph. It was agreed that the changes would be made. The document as amended was approved by the Committee.

## **6. Draft DCC Programme of Events for 2016**

B Teeling gave an overview of the proposed DCC programmes to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Rising with contributions by Charles Duggan (Heritage Officer) and Ray Yeates (Arts Officer) on their proposals. It was noted that all proposals are subject to sufficient resources and funding being available. Cllr. Haughey asked about the Lord Mayor’s Green trail project. B Teeling reported that this will be included in an updated draft list of projects at the next meeting. A general discussion on DCC projects followed, with members stressing the need to have projects spread throughout the year and not just crowded around Easter 2016.

Cllr. Ring suggested that DCC should look at commissioning banners for the city to be displayed on the flagpoles as currently used for events. B Teeling undertook to investigate the issue.

Cllr. MacDonncha questioned the premise of the “In the Shadow of the State” exhibition i.e. the ‘airbrushing’ of Nurse O’Farrell from the 1916 surrender photograph. R Yeates explained this would be used as a ‘jumping off point’ for the development of this exhibition on the role of the Nation state in control and regulation of the female body.

## **7. O’Donovan Rossa Exhibition**

Cllr. MacDonncha outlined his proposal for an exhibition in City Hall to mark the centenary of the funeral of Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa in 1915. B Teeling will liaise with City Hall and will review resources and Dublin City Libraries & Archives collections for relevant materials and report back at the next meeting.

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

Cllr. Haughey raised the issue of communication and the importance of having a general website to list and promote the 1916 events so people can readily see what’s on, similar to the Battle of Clontarf events website.

Cllrs. Perry and Ring stressed the importance of engaging with communities in developing 1916 commemorative projects. Cllr. Ring stressed the importance of engaging with schools and B Teeling said the “My Area in 1916” project with schools in the Central Area could be used as a template for other areas. The issue of how best to progress the applications process for funding community projects was raised and the importance of communicating with local groups and areas to ensure as wide a reach as possible noted. This could be done using existing DCC contacts in the Community and Libraries sections.

Cllr. MacDonncha noted the need to expedite the process as soon as possible and suggested the Committee have a proposed scheme for discussion at the next meeting. W White agreed the importance of progressing the scheme early in the New Year and suggested the Committee could support a number of high quality initiatives.

Ray Yeates outlined logistics and key headings for the scheme: How do groups apply; what are the criteria; how to process applications; quality control. B Teeling stated that the application process will be based on the Arts Grants Fund and would be publicised widely. A proposed application procedure/scheme will be available for discussion at the next meeting.

**9.** It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 2.00pm in Council Chamber, City Hall.