

Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee

Minutes (CWLS (2) 15-06)

Meeting date: Wednesday 15 November 2006

Meeting time: 09:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

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| Rosemary Butler (Chair) | Newport West |
| Eleanor Burnham | North Wales |
| Lisa Francis | Mid and West Wales |
| Denise Idris Jones | Conwy |
| Val Lloyd | Swansea East |
| Alun Pugh (Minister) | Clwyd West |
| Owen John Thomas | South Wales Central |

Officials in Attendance

| Name | Job title |
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| Nicola Edwards | Lottery Policy and Major Events, Directorate for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport, Welsh Assembly Government (Item 3) |
| Jean Booker | Head of Policy and Administration, Cadw (Item 4) |
| Margaret Evans | Director, Directorate for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport , Welsh Assembly Government (Items 5 and 6) |

Others in Attendance

| Name | Representing | Agenda item (s) |
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| Dan Clayton Jones | Chair, Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales | Item 3 |
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| Jennifer Stewart | Manager for Wales, Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales | Item 3 |
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Committee Service

| Name | Job Title |
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| Julia Annand | Committee Clerk |
| Vaughan Watkin | Deputy Committee Clerk |
| Karl Gomila | Committee Support |

Legal Division

| Name | Job Title |
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| O Gwyn Griffiths | Legal Advisor |

Members Research Service

| Name | Job Title |
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| Neil Cox | Members Research Services |

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions, and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Laura Anne Jones. There were no substitutions or declarations of interest.

Actions

- It was agreed that the Committee would go into private Session at the end of the meetings on 30 November and 13 December in order to further discuss the draft report on the review of Football.
- The Chair indicated that the Committee must now accept that the FAW will not be taking an active part in the review.

Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting

Papers: CWLS (2) 14-06 (min)

2.1 The Committee ratified the short minutes of the meeting held on 26 October and agreed the following in the discussion on the Action points:.

Actions

- The Minister confirmed that the advertisement for the post of Chair of the Arts Council of Wales was expected to be published before Christmas; the Committee's representatives on the appointments panel (the Chair and Owen John Thomas) would be consulted accordingly
- The Minister would let Members have a copy of the letter he had recently issued in respect of providing details of those institutions that provided Welsh Lessons free of charge;
- The Minister would provide a note on the appointment of a new Chief Executive of the National Botanic Garden
- The Committee Service to send a reminder to the WLGA in respect of information on artificial pitches and funding of Football Development Officers.

Item 3: Heritage Lottery fund – New Strategic Priorities for the Fund

Papers: CWLS (2) 15-06 (p1)

3.1 Dan Clayton Jones, Chair and Jenifer Stewart, Manager for Wales, Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales made a presentation on the new strategic priorities for Wales for the fund.

Actions

- The Chair was hoping to arrange an exhibition in the Senedd early in the New Year on the Newport ship
- The Heritage Lottery Fund, Committee for Wales would provide information on Blue Plaque Schemes;
- The Heritage Lottery Fund would provide information for Members on events in their respective areas .

Item 4: Heritage Protection White Paper

Paper: CWLS (2) 15-06 (p2)

4.1 The Minister gave a brief summary of the implications for Wales of the proposed England and Wales White paper in respect of the heritage protection system.

Actions

- The Minister would provide information on Cadw's current publishing regime ;
- Cadw would provide information on Blue Plaque Schemes;
- Members would circulate any future proposals for issues they wished to see included in the White Paper

Item 5: Minister's Report

Papers: CWLS (2) 15-06 (p3)

5.1 The Minister presented his paper

Actions

- The Minister would provide a copy of the reports submitted to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages
- The COMEX report on its visit to the UK in December 2005 would be published early in 2007
- The Minister to discuss the issues with Andrew Davies the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks regarding the Members concerns in respect of the Wales Screen Commission relocation Strategy.

Item 6: Budget

Papers: CWLS (2) 15-06 (p4)

6.1 The Minister introduced his paper.

Actions

- The Minister to provide a note on the future marketing strategy for Welsh Writing in English.
- The Minister would keep the Committee informed on future spend on English language theatre

Private Session

Item 7: Policy Review: Review of Football in Wales

Papers CWLS(2) 15-06 (p5)

7.1 The Committee went into private session to consider the framework for the Report on the review of Football in Wales.

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