Communities and Culture Committee

Concise Committee Minute: CC(3)-14-10 : Wednesday 13 October 2010

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Time: 9.01 – 10.53
Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in attendance
Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Mark Isherwood, North Wales
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West
Lynne Neagle, Torfaen
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Witnesses
Jacquy Box, Wales Co-ordinator – Voluntary Arts Wales
Aled Rhys-Jones – Chair - Voluntary Arts Wales
Keith Griffin, Director – Ty Cerdd – Music Centre Wales
Chris Llewellyn, Director of Lifelong Learning, Leisure and Information - WLGA
Alan Watkin, WLGA Adviser on Leisure and Culture (and the Chief Leisure, Libraries and Culture Officer at Wrexham Council)
Heledd Bebb, Leisure, Culture & Tourism Policy Officer – WLGA
Maggie Hampton, Director – Disability Arts Cymru

Committee staff
Tom Jackson, Clerk
Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions (9.01 – 9.03)

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies were received from Alun Davies.

1.3 There were no Declarations of Interest.
2: Inquiry into accessibility of arts and cultural activities across Wales (9.03 – 10.53)
CC(3)-14-10 (p1) – Voluntary Arts Wales
CC(3)-14-10 (p2) – Ty Cerdd
CC(3)-14-10 (p3) - WLGA
CC(3)-14-10 (p4) – Disability Arts Cymru

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Voluntary Arts Wales, Ty Cerdd, WLGA and Disability Arts Cymru as part of their inquiry into accessibility of arts and cultural activities across Wales.

Actions
• The Clerk was asked to send a number of Members’ unasked questions to the Voluntary Arts Wales, Ty Cerdd, WLGA and Disability Arts Cymru.
• WLGA was asked to provide further information on the level of consistency and service provision across Wales for disabled people in relation to accessing and inclusion in the arts and also to give any examples of regional working and co-operation.
• WLGA was asked to provide note of meeting of annual local authority cabinet Members on 14 October.

3: Papers Noted
CC(3)-14-10 (p6) – Additional information from Gwent Theatre following their evidence session on 6 October
CC(3)-14-10 (p7) – Additional information from Spectacle Theatre following evidence session on 6 October
CC(3)-13-10 - Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6 October 2010

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