

MEMORABILIA WORKING GROUP
MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Hendron Chairperson
 Councillor Maskey
 Councillor Crozier
 Hazel Francey Good Relations Manager
 Julie Fyffe Good Relations Clerk (minutes)

1.0	ROUTINE MATTERS
1.1	Arising from discussion of the minutes of the meeting of 28 October 2010, a Member referred to the request by the Ballymurphy families to stage an exhibition in the City Hall. She acknowledged the communication and contacts that had taken place regarding this and noted that though the families would have liked a consensus for their request, they were happy there was no vote against it at Council. She believed it was a very satisfactory result and extended thanks to everyone concerned.
2.0	HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION
2.1	The Good Relations Manager informed the Working Group that the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund had been rejected and the Group noted that this was disappointing news. She pointed out that there may still be an opportunity to apply for funding for individual elements within the original proposal and she will follow up on this.
3.0	COMMISSIONING OF STAINED GLASS WINDOW
3.1	The Good Relations Manager reminded the Working Group that the Peace III Programme had stated that, although it will fund the blitz exhibition and event, it will not approve funding towards the proposed stained glass window in the City Hall. She was examining other funding options and will keep the Working Group informed of any developments. The Group noted this information.
4.0	APPLICATION FROM <i>HEALING THROUGH REMEMBERING</i> to hold EXHIBITION
5.1	The Good Relations Manager informed the Working Group that an application had been received from the leading cross-community organisation <i>Healing Through Remembering</i> to hold an exhibition in the East Entrance area of artefacts relating to the conflict in Northern Ireland.
5.2	The Good Relations Manager referred to information previously circulated, which outlined the work of the organisation and the proposed exhibition. She stated that although she believed it would be an excellent exhibition with very interesting artefacts, the vast majority of them were from all over the UK and Ireland, with fewer than a quarter of them from Belfast. In addition, some of the objects proposed for the exhibition were bulky and would not be easily displayed in the East Entrance area. She reminded the Group that the criteria for the City Hall exhibition space included requirements that displays should be "representative of the history and heritage of Belfast" and that they should "not unduly affect the day-to-day operation of the building".
5.3	A Member suggested that the reasons for refusal should be explained to the organisation, which might then wish to select a smaller number of objects that related specifically to Belfast and which could be more easily exhibited, e.g. documents/photographs/posters. The Good Relations Manager undertook to do this and also to refer the organisation to possible alternative venues with more appropriate exhibition space.
5.4	A Member requested clarification about the procedure for determining the granting of exhibition space within the City Hall. The Good Relations Manager stated that this was normally done under the delegated authority of the Director

	of Property & Projects but applications which were considered sensitive had been referred to the Memorabilia Working Group within the past year so that it could provide direction to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on such applications. The Good Relations Manager stated that this issue would be included in the report on the overall management of the City Hall being prepared by the Director of Property & Projects.
6.0	Date and Time of next Meeting
6.1	The Group agreed that Monday at 5.00 pm was a convenient day and time for future meetings.