
Held at 11am on Wednesday the 19th of October 2005, in the Print-Works Room, Morrison Hotel, Dublin 1

Present: IHRC: Maurice Manning (President) - Chair
Michael Farrell
Nuala Kelly
Robert Daly
William Binchy
Mervyn Taylor
Suzanne Egan
Tom O’Higgins
Clodach McGrory

NIHRC: Monica McWilliams (Chief Commissioner)
Jonathan Bell
Thomas Duncan
Anne Hope
Colin Harvey
Alan Henry
Eamonn O’Neill

In Attendance: Alpha Connelly (Chief Executive, IHRC)
Paddy Sloan (Chief Executive, NIHRC)
Gavin McSpadden (General Administrator, IHRC)

Apologies: IHRC Katherine Zappone
Maureen Harding Clark
Gerard Quinn
Fionnuala Ní Aoláin
Olive Braiden
Martin Collins

NIHRC Lady Christine Eames
Kieran McLaughlin
Geraldine Rice
1.0 Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Joint Committee

1.1 The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 No matters arose.

3.0 Proposal in Relation to the Future Operation of the Committee.

3.1 The President of the IHRC spoke to his paper on the matter which had been previously circulated. It was agreed that, accordingly, a sub-committee be established, with representatives from both Commissions, including respective Chief Executives, to consider and revert in relation to possible areas of work for the Joint Committee. It was further agreed that the President of the IHRC be the convenor of the sub-committee. Those interested in serving on this sub-committee were invited to make this known to the President or Chief Commissioner, as appropriate.

3.2 There followed a discussion on the various areas in which the Joint Committee might most effectively work. It was agreed that the sub-committee would revert as soon as possible with a list of proposals for areas of joint work.

4.0 Sub-Committee Reports

(a) Charter of Rights for the Island of Ireland

4.1 Nuala Kelly spoke to the paper previously circulated. It was noted that the newly created sub-committee would consider the matter de novo and revert to plenary.

(b) Anti Racism

4.2 Michael Farrell updated the meeting on the work of this committee to date.

5.0 Update on Activities of the two Commissions

5.1 Individual papers were circulated and spoken to by both Chief Executives outlining recent activities of both Commissions

5.2 In relation to the Omagh Support Group, it was noted that both Commissions were in contact with this group and that the President of the IHRC had travelled to Omagh to meet with the group and invited them to come to Dublin to meet with the IHRC.
6.0 AOB

6.1 The Joint Committee noted correspondence received in relation to a request by the United States of America for a person’s extradition from Northern Ireland.

6.2 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Committee would be held on Wednesday the 18\textsuperscript{th} of January in Belfast.

The meeting finished at 1.15 approximately.