

Feasta Trustees' Meeting by skype, Oct 9th, 2017

Present: Willi Kiefel, Graham Barnes, Anne Ryan, Mike Sandler, Mark Garavan, John Sharry, Seán Conlan

Apologies: Michele Brady, Willi Kiefel

Notes: Anne Ryan

The meeting approved the notes from the Sept 2017 meeting

There were no matters arising from the Sept notes.

The meeting thanked Morag for her update.

The meeting received correspondence from Cólín Nunan, to the effect that he did not see earlier emails regarding his trusteeship, but in any case would not have gone forward for a further term as trustee. Cólín thanked the trustees for their collegiality and the meeting expressed appreciation and thanks for his years of service to Feasta.

The conversation with Joe Murray of Afri at the members' meeting of Sept 23rd was considered positive and useful and Afri were recognised as 'fellow travellers' with Feasta. Mark will communicate with Joe to explore Feasta involvement in the Famine Walk in May 2018 and the food sovereignty event that Afri is helping to organise, in Maynooth in April 2019.

It was agreed to approve a Feasta financial support of €100 to Faircoin, at Graham's request, subject to the agreement of Michele B to a revised proposal and following some correspondence among Graham, Anne and Michele on the matter. Anne will email Graham and Michele, seeking Michele's opinion.

A notice about possibilities of EPA funding will be circulated to all Feasta members. If a member wishes to apply for funding under the Feasta banner, s/he will need to contact the trustees to get project approval and to discuss how Feasta can support the project. Anne will liaise with Caroline about the email wording.

Seán reported that the feasibility report on the National Welfare Index has been completed and will shortly be published on the Feasta website.

The meeting approved a one-off goodwill payment of €200 to Oscar and Siri Kjellberg for travel to England to complete a report on sociocracy, with Angela Espinosa and Jon Walker, arising from their collaboration at the Feasta learning week in Kerry. Seán will communicate them and will also enquire about the wider possibilities for Feasta to make use of the documents they produce.

The meeting agreed to defer three items on the agenda: 1. about a new trustee with responsibility for public engagement; 2. Finding a new chairperson for the trustee group during 2018; 3. Briefing the Feasta delegates Theresa and Sadhbh before they attend the IEN meeting on Nov 18th.

Next meeting: Monday Nov 13th, 1pm Irish time, by skype.

