

Feasta Trustees' Meeting by skype, Sept 11th, 2017

Present: Willi Kiefel, Graham Barnes, Anne Ryan, Mike Sandler, Mark Garavan, Michele Brady, John Sharry

Apologies: Michelle Murphy, Seán Conlan

Notes: Anne Ryan

The meeting approved the notes from the August meeting

The meeting thanked Morag for her update

The meeting confirmed the following bank arrangements are in place and this was noted and re-approved by the meeting.

Bank authorisations

Bank of Ireland

The Cheque Signatories are: Morag Friel, Anne Ryan, Michele Brady and Mark Garavan

The Online Administrators are: Morag Friel and Michele Brady

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Rabo

It was noted that the account authorities on Rabo must be Directors /Trustees

Account authorities: Anne Ryan and Michele Brady

Account Signatories: Morag Friel, Anne Ryan, Michele Brady and Seán Conlan

Michele informed the meeting that the Rabo account is still locked but this matter is being resolved, with assistance from our auditor.

The meeting noted that arrangements for the AGM are in place for 1100 on Sept 23rd at the Central Hotel, Dublin. A members' meeting will follow, addressed by Joe Murray of Afri on the topic of food sovereignty and commoning. Mark Garavan will facilitate a discussion.

The meeting discussed the IEN feedback- clarification received from Justin Byrne at IEN. The trustees affirmed their wish to see an improved perception of Feasta's public engagement. To this end it was decided to actively seek a trustee with relevant experience and expertise in public engagement. Such a person might help us to 're-purpose' our message for an audience that is less involved than our members. Graham will draft a letter for circulation among relevant bodies.

Michelle Murphy has decided not to seek a further three-year term as trustee and the meeting wished her well and thanked her for her service. Cólín Nunan's current term expires with the

forthcoming AGM but he has not responded to recent communication about his intentions to run again.

The meeting discussed how we should be using the money in our Rabo account (currently about €18k). The trustees are keen to maintain a reserve sufficient to keep Feasta going for a six-month period should IEN funding not be forthcoming in the future. Otherwise, it was concluded that we should use monies available to us to actively support events that further our purpose. It was also noted that there is a need for certain projects to have their own funding attached.

The next meeting will take place on Monday Oct 9th at 1pm Irish time, by skype.