

Feasta Trustees' Meeting by skype, June 12th, 2017 (approved at August 14th meeting)

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

Apologies: Seán Conlan, Cólín Nunan

Notes: Anne Ryan

The meeting approved the notes of the previous meeting.

Matters arising: Graham has reviewed the the 'Keys to the Future' document and concluded that it needs quite a bit of work to bring it up to date. It was suggested that it could form the basis for discussion at the members' meeting to take place close to the AGM in Sept. No conclusions were reached and it was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting thanked Morag for her update. It was noted that our current practice is in keeping with data protection considerations; that is, emails containing membership names are for trustees, Caroline and Morag only.

Following a related discussion of data protection issues, Graham volunteered to draft an email for the 'info' email list, reminding all those on it of their responsibilities under data protection legislation.

Members are to be encouraged to write text throughout the year, for the 2017 annual report, in the google document opened by Morag.

The meeting reviewed the draft audited accounts received from the auditor. It was agreed that they are in order with regard to financial control. The meeting agreed that there should be more information on page 1 about Feasta's principle activities. Michele agreed to draft a paragraph for addition and will post it on the trustees' slack platform for discussion.

Seán and Michele have been working on the governance code update and Michele made a report to the meeting. A draft document will be ready for circulation in the coming weeks. The meeting thanked them for their work.

Mike will be in Ireland from June 22nd to 28th. It was agreed to organise a small event in Dublin in the late afternoon or evening of June 27th, where he can talk about his work in the United States to Feasta members and others. John and Anne will organise the venue and other practical matters. A slack channel has been set up on Connections Slack, to discuss details.

The meeting discussed a possible members' event to take place on 22nd or 23rd Sept (the AGM is on Sept 23rd). Two options were outlined: a) a keynote speaker, followed by discussion; b) ask four or five members to commit beforehand to present something on their current projects/work. The 'Keys to the Future' document could possibly be used in some form to stimulate discussion. A decision on this meeting needs to be made at the next trustee meeting.

The meeting decided that Feasta will contribute €300 to the cost of the visit to Ireland of commoning activist Chas Jewitt.

The next meeting will take place by skype on August 14th 2017 at 1pm Irish time.

Anne Ryan

Michele Brady