

Minutes of FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Skype **Date:** 21st January 2019
Present: John Sharry (Chair), Mark Garavan, Graham Barnes (minute taker), Michele Brady,

Apologies: Mike Sandler, Willi Kiefel **Attending:** Morag Friel , Caroline Whyte

1. **Minutes** of previous meeting accepted as record
2. **Matters arising.** Matters arising are on the agenda.
3. **Feasta Annual Report**
 - MF has put up a draft annual report on Google Docs for others to add to. She is available to edit the document but not to create or write.
 - JS undertook drafting the intro paragraphs
 - ideally aim to complete by Feb 3rd (to enable input to Lush deliberations [see 4])
4. **Lush Spring Prize Award shortlist**
 - The outline to the Lush Spring Prize Influence Award was detailed to the meeting. It was noted that it was appropriate to apply because one category was specifically aimed at low profile/ significant influencer NGOs
 - Feasta has been shortlisted following a helpful nomination from Rob Hopkins
 - GBP 25,000 possible grant plus some significant press coverage
5. **Core Funding Application**
 - CW/MF will draft and coordinate. MF will do section on staff and accounts
 - IEN online application process being piloted and not yet ready for input
 - the application will include the following:
 - Strategic Plan (thanks to GB - feedback on last year's provided by MF). To include goals, KPIs
 - Theory of Change (CW)
 - the deadline is not yet known but expected to be mid to end February
6. **Website**
 - the overhaul is almost complete. The new layout is live and the following upgrades were noted:
 - the background programme has a much improved low energy rating
 - the webpages are now mobile friendly
 - is coming in under budget
7. **Funding Requests/ 2018 Budget**
 - CW - planning to attend IMMR workshop in March in Madrid. GB may also attend. It was noted that the agenda includes monetary reform and environmental

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consequences. In line with the Trustees wish to increase activity it was agreed that this may be funded. Costs to be reviewed at next meeting for approval. It was also noted that Liquidity Network/ Currency Group has budget nominally set aside so (GB) can commit to up to GBP 1000 event expenses

- MF to draft standard form for requesting expenses / project support

- A review of the project budgets shows they have been inactive for some time. It was proposed and agreed that the project owners be approached to subsume the remaining project funds into core reserves subject to the following:

- o each project owner approves the move (Food/Bruce, Video/Bruce, Climate/ John Jopling & Caroline, Liquidity/Graham)
- o each project owner would be able to submit requests for project funding and this is to be encouraged in line with current policy to be more active
- o it was noted that none of the original grant or funding was restricted.

- The review of the project budgets will also improve our overall funding position for the present time.

- Noted that the Trustees have a legal duty to be solvent but should not be deciding on day to day expenditure of projects. A budget will be assigned to a project and an Executive given responsibility for same.

Discussion of interaction between sub-budgets and main budgeting exercise is to go to the next Trustee meeting.

8. Podcast Series

- CW/SC propose 1 per month over the period February to July; details to be circulated when they are ready to go

9. Recruiting New Trustees

- JS/CW have drafted advert; MG noted that previous appointments had invariable been 'warm leads' from personal connections.

10. Next Meeting - 11th February 2019 1300 hrs

Signed: _____

Secretary

Chair

Date: