

Minutes of FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: By Skype **Date:** 11th June 2018
Present: Sean Conlan, Mark Garavan (Joint Chair), Graham Barnes (minute taker),
Willi Kiefel, Mike Sandler, John Sharry, Anne Ryan,
Apologies: _____ Michele Brady _____ **Attending:** n/a

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1. **Minutes** of previous meeting accepted as record

2. **Matters arising.** Any matters arising are on the agenda.

3. Financial Reports

- a. **Rabo Bank** - thanks to Michele for the work moving funds
- b. **Archived records** - approval for up to 150 euros (at minimum wage rate) for Leontien to shred archived documents under Morag's supervision and as advised by Michele's
- c. **Health of finances** - general agreement that Feasta's recent cautiousness concerning expenditure be tempered somewhat, encouraged by 22k in the bank, an anticipated small improvement in IEN funding, and solicitations (expectations?) for project proposals from IEN.
Action GB: draft email to Caroline/ Morag suggesting a renewed proactive approach to members soliciting proposals and reminding where appropriate of IEN's project preferences and Feasta's own willingness to financially support. In this context MG noted that event costs shown on budget/ actuals spreadsheet were tellingly low.

4. Food for Thought Event

- a. **Update** - 40-50 people attended the various sessions, perhaps 90% non-Feasta members and a good number of ex-patriates, thus good for Feasta awareness. Irish language sessions integrated seamlessly into the whole. Excellent music sessions. Some book sales.
Action SC: to table proposal for remunerations post-event both for out of pocket expenses (e.g. Davie) and for honorarium contributions making for a particularly memorable event (e.g. the harpist)
- b. **Outputs** - SC circulating link to Google doc. Keynote listeners aiming to produce reports for the blog, incorporating feedback from keynote listeners and other attendees. Possibility of repurposing video material from event for Feasta-branded output (**Action SC** to investigate)
- c. **Richard Douthwaite Legacy** - good Douthwaite family involvement with consequent opportunity to keep lines more open in future

5. Trustees

MG suggested this be a main agenda item at the next meeting (agreed). MS gave advanced notice of his intention to resign following his appointment to the board of an energy initiative in Virginia. After discussion this was agreed to take place effective September 22 (i.e. at the AGM). The trustees thanked MS for his contribution. He fully intended to keep the Feasta connection active and **ActionMS:** agreed to consider mechanisms for continuing/ extending Feasta's profile in the US.

6. Interns

The trustees congratulated Caroline on her work in bringing the CGC intern on board. In the context of a less constrained use of funds it was noted that expenditure on internships

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and PhD sponsorships generally offered good value (and improved the age profile of the organisation).

7. Next Meeting - 9th July 2018

Signed: _____

Secretary

Chair

Date: