FEASTA Trustee Meeting
Reports

Held: via Skype Date: 13th April 2020 13:00

Present: Mark Garavan (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Willi Kiefel, Brent Ranalli, Mike Sandler, John Sharry,

Apologies: Graham Barnes, Alison McIntyre, Morag Friel, Attending: Caroline Whyte

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Morag (Finance) Report
4. IEN notes
5. New Trustees
6. Caroline (Communications) Report
7. North America Report
8. AOB

1. Apologies noted.

2. Condolences to Graham Barnes on death of his mother

3. Best wishes to Morag and a speedy recovery

4. Minutes of last meeting
   Minutes approved unanimously

5. Finance report (Morag)
   Budget, cashflow and supporting documents circulated in advance. All is more or less on track. At present awaiting the outcome of the core funding allocation later in the year.

   WK – Query on how Morag’s workload is being managed. At present Morag is managing.

6. IEN update (Caroline)
   Core funding process: there is a temporary postponement due to new webform issues. When it is made live, there will be a six week period to complete it.

   In the meantime, Caroline is compiling the Annual Report and would welcome any further inputs. Thank you for contributions to date. Plan to complete in next week or two.
   Chairperson’s introduction is still required. WK: the Chair address does add a focus to the report. MG: significant event this year is the passing of John Jopling. Volunteers to draft the Chair address to email MG. If not MG will draft.

   Many thanks to Caroline for work on annual report.
Draft form for applications are substantially the same as last year. There will be changes next year.

7. **New Trustees**
   Alison McIntyre: co-opted to Board of Trustees. Note Alison is planning to move to Spain. This will make time zones less of an issue.
   Confirmed that Alison has become a member of Feasta.
   **Proposed:** Mike Sandler **Seconded:** Michele Brady
   Unanimously approved.

   Sinéad Mercier: has expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee. At least 2 trustees to meet and follow the agreed protocol. Noted: Sinead is not currently a member of Feasta.

8. **Communications report (copy appended)**
   Caroline presented her quarterly report.
   JS: is this an opportunity to reach out to policy makers and start to initiate discussions on the areas we are working in?
   BR: seeing a lot more about basic income from policy makers as well as media.
   Acknowledge that many governments are talking about changing the way we do things.
   Issues being discussed differently:
   - Basic income
   - Supply chains
   - Sustainability / resilience
   - Food
   - Energy
   After Corona Virus – what next? Use the opportunity to start the discussions without overwhelming people.

   Reports already in circulation:
   - NSEC submission - by the Environmental Pillar submission (circulated by Caroline). Drafted primarily by Caroline and Theresa O’Donohue.
     Deadline Wed 22 April 2020. Focus is about how to move on from the Corona Virus.
   - Risk preparedness report – David Korowicz
     This is a critical area for Feasta. This is to be put on the agenda to explore further and make the most of any opportunities that arise.

   Noted by WK that currently our political and many executive decisions are based on the advice from medical experts and virologists. In the near future, when our societies can see the light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel, we should then ask or demand from our political leaders that we take the same approach towards the Crisis Climate Change and Loss of Biodiversity. Just like now, Environmental Experts and Climatologist, will determine the decisions on tackling the Climate Change crisis (including climate change, loss of biodiversity, violation of planetary boundaries) and social justice.

9. **Events**
   Noted at present all deferred

10. **USA update**
    Stress of current situation acknowledged by Chairperson.
MS: Governance is a large part of the issues in US at present. There is a shift in approach across the board including basic income and solidarity.

The discussion around broadening the USA group to include Canada and become a North America group:

- The current environment in the two countries (USA and Canada) is very different.
- Happy to take any Canadian interest on board
- Plan to focus on small groups in USA initially and to explain Feasta’s ethos and work.
- Reach out to existing groups to start an ongoing monthly or bi-monthly conversation. Then have actions coming from these groups.

Noted that most of Feasta work is by smaller groups.

WK – noting Mexico activity on website, there was a Mexican university Lecturer at the conference in Leipzig to hear Richard Douthwaite presentation. He will check is notes to see if he has his name for follow up.

11. AOB – Use of Microsoft teams for meetings going forward is to be explored

12. Next meeting – May 11th, 2020

SIGNED: [Signature]
Chairperson

Dated: 11.5.20

SIGNED: [Signature]
Company Secretary

Dated: 11 May 2020