

Minutes of FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Skype **Date:** 10th February 2020
Present: Mark Garavan (Chair), Graham Barnes, Willi Kiefel, Mike Sandler, Brent Ranalli, John Sharry

Apologies: Michele Brady, Morag Friel **Attending:** Caroline Whyte (minute taker)

1. Minutes of previous meeting were circulated and approved.

Proposed: John **Seconded:** Brent

2. Morag's report. No questions arose from this.

Action: Mike will contact new US member Harry Fischer to welcome him to Feasta and enquire about his interests.

3. Plans for joint Feasta/CEF events in 2020. There are now two events planned.

(a) Day-long seminar on well-being indicators, on May 7 in Cork, with participants from FEST and the CSO

(b) Day-long seminar on public banking and debt-free money, probably on June 27 in Dublin

Both events will have the aim of persuading politicians and civil servants to adopt specific policies: an improved framework for measuring well-being to be incorporated into the next State Budget; and the provision of 'safe-haven' public banking.

Action: Mike to send Caroline some information about new public banking initiatives in the U.S.

4. Membership process. It was agreed that Morag should be asked what kind of support she would need from the trustees in the event of receiving a problematic membership application. If necessary, this can be discussed further at the next trustee meeting.

Action: Caroline to contact Morag with regard to this.

5. Process of accreditation for COP26. Mike can submit for 10 or 20 people to be accredited for attendance at the COP26 as a Feasta delegation; this will need to be decided in June.

It was agreed that a plan should be put in place for welcoming new Feasta delegates and ensuring that they are familiar with Feasta and that they will give Feasta some feedback after the event.

Action: Graham to draft email to Theo (who attended COP25 on behalf of Feasta), to invite him to provide some comments on his experience in order to help us prepare for COP26.

Action: Caroline to discuss inviting Theo to participate in a podcast.

6. Manchester degrowth conference, first week of September

Both of Feasta's proposals to host sessions at this conference - on mental health and finance - have been approved.

Action: Caroline to ask the IEN secretariat about the possibility of funding for attendance by Feasta members at this conference in early September.

7. Feidhlim Harty's enlistment to the Advisory Board for Waste Management.

Action: Caroline to ask Feidhlim if he would be able to contribute some material to the Feasta blog about his experience on the Board.

8. Launch of podcast series on January 31.

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The new series began with a podcast based on Feasta's December 7 event on mental health. The second episode, to be completed by February 29, will include Anne's talk on 'enough' from the December 7th event, followed by an interview by David Somekh (of the European Health Futures Forum) of two ethicists who will react to Anne's talk.

Actions: Caroline to add a timeline to the first episode of the new series, so it's easier to navigate. Caroline to try and access clearer statistics on which podcast platforms are being used to access the podcasts, and to talk to Seán about getting the podcasts working on Google Play.

9. Email from Michele to the trustees on regularising Morag's salary

Action: The trustees to comment on Michele's email about regularising Morag's salary within the next couple of days.

10. Food for Thought

This year's Food for Thought event is to be held on May 15th, in collaboration with Afri as in previous years.

Action: anyone interested in participating in the organisation of the Food for Thought event to contact Mark Garavan.

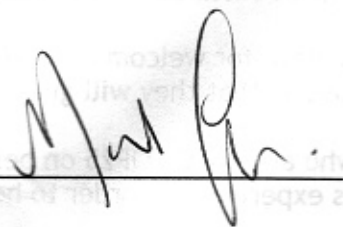
11. Report from the US

Brent and Mike are preparing a set of comments on a federal transportation climate initiative. Their comments will probably be available to publish on the Feasta site.

Mike is working with Brent on adapting his CarbonShare website for the changing times.

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Chairperson

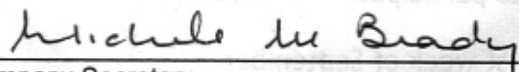


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Company Secretary



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