

FEASTA Trustee Meeting  
Minutes Summary

**Held:** via Skype **Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 13:00  
**Present:** Mark Garavan (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Brent Ranalli, Alison McIntyre, Willi Kiefel, Graham Barnes  
**Apologies:** Mike Sandler, John Sharry, Morag Friel **Attending:** Caroline Whyte

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Finance Report (Morag)
  - a. how best to manage Morag's workload and responsibilities?
  - b. payment/compensation for Core funding application
4. Communications Report (Caroline)
5. Core funding application process
6. IEN new shared hard drive – files to be uploaded
7. American Report
8. Salary position confirmed
9. Protocol re member's behaviour
10. AOB

**1. Welcome Alison McIntyre**

Observer for meeting.

Alison's main focus has been environmental economics and she is currently based in Canada. She hopes to be starting a post doc in Spain on an EU project on water use

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

**3. Matters outstanding**

- a. Morag Friel salary increase – confirm that this was approved by Trustees, off line since last meeting. It was also approved that the salary increase be backdated to June 2019

**4. Morag : Send Morag our best wishes for a speedy recovery**

**5. Finance report**

- a) Budget for 2020

Propose an ex-gratia Caroline - €300 for production of annual report

Proposed: Mark Garavan

Seconded: Michele Brady

Agreed.

Noted: Many thanks donation from Willi Kiefel of €100 toward cost of annual report

- b) Management accounts for 2020 – Morag's workload

Discussion around the workload during the period of Morag's illness.

Caroline has discussed with Morag:

- ii. Caroline acknowledging new members and member renewals

iii. Caroline can access the website and PayPal

iv. Discuss offline

- a) Michele to follow up on update to bank mandate – current mandate is 2 authorisers from a panel of Morag Friel, Mark Garavan and Michele Brady. New signatures to be sought.
- b) Mark & Anne (Employee liaison committee) meet with Morag to discuss and review position and tasks that may need to be followed up

## 6. Communications report

a) Core funding process

- a. Timeline – deadline probably end of April
- b. The form will probably be online next week
- c. Include annual report, strategic plan - draft annual report on google docs
- d. Please everyone add in other activities, events etc
- e. CW – to circulate link to document again
- f. WK – Other members have had a lot of activity, e.g. Anne Ryan (sustainable income workshop ) and Sean Conlan (European Health Forum)
- g. Brent, Mike & Anne – theory of change piece for the annual report

b) IEN shared hard drive

Set up to enable 33 environmental groups to share / exchange information.

Different folders have been set up. May be a little restrictive in current structure. Caroline to circulate a note of the current structure.

Proposed that a monthly email will be circulated with a note of what has been added to it.

GB, what will Feasta get out of this – way of encouraging people to engage with what we are doing.

c) Protocol for new members and how they represent themselves as members and comply with code of ethics

Are we getting new members to sign up to code of ethics? All new members have to tick the box that they are signing up to our principles. **Caroline to keep an eye on**

d) Podcasts

Sean Conlan and CW have done **two to date**. A 3rd podcast is planned for the end of this month

## 7. Events

a) Measuring Wellbeing – 7th May in Cork

Environmental pillar had indicated there might be funding but with no new government in place it seems not to be available. Proposing fee per person €20 to include lunch, possible support from Feasta €500 and support from Cork Economic Forum. Feasta people attending: Willi Kiefel, Anne Ryan, Sean Conlan. WK outlined the agenda.

b) Castlebar – Food For Thought – Theme : Seeds for Hope – 15th May

In partnership with Afri, as for last couple of years

c) Cork – environmental forum - June

d) Rosbeigh workshop – may not happen this year as dates not suitable – may happen in September

**8. Memorial : John Jopling**

CW informed the meeting that John Jopling's family are planning an afternoon event on 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday from 3pm

**9. USA update**

Brent gave the following updates

- Transportation & climate submission completed
- Mike & Brent have conducted a review of websites Mike established over the years – may look at branding them with Feasta, no decision made as yet. They are:
  1. Commons sharing
  2. Dividends for America
- New member in US – Mike to reach out to him and explore why joined Feasta and what his expectations are
- Mike & Brent have discussed a similar exercise with other members in the USA to see if an activity or conference call could be initiated. Mainly to explore what they would be interested in doing as a group. There was a discussion about accessing the membership list. Caroline will discuss with Morag. Caroline noted that we currently have no way of knowing where people on mailing list are coming from. BR – possibility of sending a broadcast message to the list of members that if in USA would they like to engage
- GB – on dormant websites, there is a small group of websites that have been generated from Feasta work and they are not flagged or branded as Feasta. CW – note that Credo site is branded (Brian Davey). Proposed that an exploration of these sites might be a starting point – basic inventory to see what is there.
- WK – propose add a section to the Annual Report for the US membership. BR thought it a good idea.

**10. AOB – none**

**11. Next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> April**

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Chairperson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Michelle M. Brady  
Company Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

13 April 2020