

# FEASTA Trustee Meeting Minutes Summary

**Held:** via Skype **Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 13:00

**Present:** John Sharry (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Graham Barnes, Mark Garavan (first 10 minutes), Willi Kiefel, Mike Sandler

**Apologies:** n/a **Attending:** Morag Friel, Caroline Whyte

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## AGENDA

1. Chairperson
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Finance Report
4. Communications
5. Podcasts – outline and budget
6. Mental Health event budget
7. Feedback from Pillar event
8. EPA advisory Committee
9. Postal address
10. Trustees
11. AOB

### 1. Chair

MG proposed a Chair for the year

GB – contribution will be re-active for next 12 to 18 months.

WK – in same situation – I am willing to be more re-active, advisory role for next 2 years.

MG – should continue as trustees accepting limits pointed out

MSB – work commitments can't guarantee being available for all meetings

MG – will take on and JS be Vice Chair – both agreed

MS – will participate as much as possible and welcome that others stay involved

### APPOINTMENTS agreed:

Mark Garavan : Chair

PROPOSED: John Sharry      Seconded:      Willi Kiefel

John Sharry : Vice-Chair

PROPOSED: Mark Garavan      Seconded:      Graham Barnes

Michele Brady – Treasurer & Company Secretary

PROPOSED: John Sharry      Seconded:      Mike Sandler

### 2. Condolences to family and friends of John Jopling

### 3. Minutes – agreed.

PROPOSED: Willi Kiefel      Seconded:      Michele Brady

### 4. Morag's report

#### a. Finances

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-Point 3 – Feidhlim has donated his cost – many thanks

### b. Change of office address

#### i. Banking mandate – change of address to be done

#### ii. To Morag's address - agreed

### c. Credit Card limit- agreed – paperwork to be finalised

### d. Podcast proposal

Caroline talked through her proposal and had the following comments:

- Piece from Sean Conlan
- Mental Health Event
- 500 e now for say 10 podcasts
- 150 pm for editing work
- Both charged

#### ii. Caroline offered to excuse herself

#### iii. John – propose approve for 1 year, seconded by Michele Brady

- GB – talk about results of podcast & keep it under review
- MS – support – talk about doing it on google podcast
  - a. Caroline – to do that – not allowed from France
  - b. Skype with someone not in France to set it up
  - c. GB – can't find podcasts on Feasta home page – need to be more findable
  - d. ICON – with beyond the obvious – will make it more visible/flagged
  - e. WK – what analysis of feedback – hoping to get feedback on the website (Sean & Caroline) – option for people to comment on website & on sign cloud also
  - f. WK – can we track if its been mentioned in blogs
  - g. MF – very good feedback of offer of help from Agricultural one
  - h. Niall Toner – very supportive
  - i. GB – need more than number of listens – need qualitative – consequences of podcast
  - j. JS – excellent innovation
  - k. CW – thank Morag – it was her idea & Sean – huge support

### e. Mental health event – 7<sup>th</sup> December

#### i. Total budget €1150

If no income this would be maximum risk

Tickets – Eventbrite -costs have gone up

WK – soul wellbeing rather than physical wellbeing – WK work on national wellbeing

MF – yes -brain, coping etc

MF – approval in general – thanks for support from JS & CW

- Lot of interest being expressed

JS – very supportive

MF – in my report – could

- WK – endorse project – not highlighted in context of climate change especially for younger generation

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- GB – budget – take food & liquidity project into core – Caroline & BD doing climate GB – hold liquidity.
- AGREED this event out of Climate budget
- AGREED – Food & Video/website – to core budget – Morag to confirm paperwork in place at next trustee meeting
- GB – content – timely but worried that it becomes a litany of personal experiences (As happened in Rossbeigh)
- MF to talk to GB in more depth. JS – what do you think it should be on
- JS – will ensure it is not dominated by series of negative experiences – JS – propose more content and circulate

### 5. Trustees

#### a. Brent Ranalli

Come to December meeting as an interview – convene meeting at 12:30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> December next

#### b. Alison McIntyre

Mike & Caroline going to speak with her. GB – if goes well just invite her on board. MS  
– possibly invite her to Jan meeting

#### c. 3<sup>rd</sup> person – MF to check

### 6. Website

Report by Caroline (including stats in Appendix 2)

GB – Ann Behan – old article – is there more updated links on that to get more people on the site

### 7. Cork Environmental Forum – Bernie Connolly – planning to hold 1 day conference CEF & Feasta

- Initial stages – speakers etc
- February date

### 8. Brussels in Oct with Pillar

- a. Other Irish NGOs
- b. Interesting to network
- c. Overview of EU system & parliament & council works
- d. Lot of Q&As & presentations from different sections to commission
- e. Good questions from much of group – including on Taisce
- f. Lot of interest in Feasta from other attendees
- g. Positive Money Europe – met on side
  - i. Re-posted MS article about Christine LaGuard

### 9. MS – election in Virginia – democrats took state legislature

- a. Equal rights for women – need 38<sup>th</sup> state to approve – Virginia may be the 38<sup>th</sup> state – women's equality part of climate and sustainability
- b. Hope voters awakened
- c. Presidential campaign – raising awareness – climate strikers

### 10. WK – coalition government agreed to basic income principal – encouraging news

### 11. EAP Advisory committee nominations

- a. Sadhbh O'Neill - is feasta member – so vote for her
  - i. Proposed by Caroline

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ii. Seconded by WK

12. IEN event 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November – MF can attend on Feasta behalf – invite the info@feasta group – MF to circulate out

a. GB – is there an agenda

b. Only save the date available – looking for more info

13. Next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> December – start at 12:30pm

Thanks JS for being vice chair

SIGNED: John Sherry  
Chairperson

Dated: 11 June 20

SIGNED: Michele Mc Brady  
Company Secretary

Dated: 13 - Jan 2020