FEASTA Trustee Meeting

**Held:** via Microsoft Teams  
**Date:** 10th August 2020 13:00

**Present:** Mark Garavan (Chair), Graham Barnes, Michele Brady (minute taker), Willi Kiefel, Brent Ranalli

**Apologies:** Alison McIntyre, John Sharry  
**Attending:** Morag Friel, Caroline Whyte

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**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Review
4. Communication and Activity Review
5. North America Update
6. Insurance policy
7. AGM.
8. Intern report.
9. AOB.
   a. Query around another intern

1. **Apologies noted.**

2. **Minutes of last meeting**
   Minutes approved unanimously
   Proposer: Mike Sandler  
   Seconded: Michele Brady

3. **Matters arising and Actions**
   a. Reviewed Action list and noted tasks completed

4. **Finance update**
   Reports were circulated in advance. Presented by MF and membership and donations discussed.
   Funding from IEN – no word yet, but the process is in progress. The delay this year is partly because the funding is coming from the central general fund instead of the department. This gives more potential for increases in funding.
   Agreed:
   - Reminders for membership to be sent over coming weeks.
   - CW to put up notification on website around what you can do as a member.

5. **Communications update**
   Website – issues noted last month have all been resolved. There is a security certificate in place. Plan to change the website provider by November. Visitor levels, which had dropped are now back up.

   World Basic Income webinar – CW attended and gave feedback on event. Approach to cap global carbon and climate income dividend were similar to Feasta’s approach. Some good contacts made for networking. Potential contributor(s) for blog.

   EU Commission had a virtual meeting (about 2 weeks ago) and invited the Environmental Pillar. Theresa O’Donohoe, CW and Sean Conlan represented Feasta. A lot of information
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was sent in advance. Consultation call on the review of taxation of energy and carbon expected soon.

Meetings being called in coming weeks/months:
- Agricultural review
- Governance of the EU

Meeting with Cork Environmental Forum and Wellbeing Alliance – looking at talking to the government about more focus on Well Being when preparing national budgets

Intern report: Nadia, supporting CW on research and also on next podcasts.

Climate Action in Ireland – meeting last week by Stop Climate Chaos, very difficult to get idea of cap carbon across.

Food for Thought on September 11th. Afri is involved. Some detail of the event outlined. Information is to be circulated in advance. Some discussion held around the current perception of the value of food and the current issues around meat processors in Germany and Ireland.

Podcast published last week with David Somekh of the European Health Futures Forum interviews Stewart Wallis, Chair of the Wellbeing Economy Alliance. Noted 1600 listens on the podcast programme.

Fundraising – new project under review for potential funding from V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation. Discussed with Brian Davey and he would like to propose a project – “Disaster Collectivism” and that this will be a Feasta project.

6. USA update
Nadia also doing some work for the US members. Different messages emerging that are encouraging around racial justice and basic income.

7. Intern
Additional intern proposal (noted by MF) – not suitable as office base required. But internship with Nadia very successful. Hope to involve more interns into the future. Include this as an agenda item going forward.

8. Insurance
Combined insurance policy was renewed
Directors liability insurance details to be circulated in advance of next meeting.

9. AGM
Provisionally set date as 26th September with notice to go out around the 31st August.

10. Post Covid 19 – deferred to next meeting

11. Next meeting – September 14th, 2020
MB has given apologies for this meeting.

SIGNED: ________________________________  Dated: _________________
Chairperson

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Company Secretary