

Feasta Trustee meeting Draft Minutes

Held: via Skype **Date:** 9th Dec 2019 13:00
Present: Mark Garavan (Chair, first 20 minutes), John Sharry (Chair subsequently), Willi Kiefel, Mike Sandler
Staff: Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel (minute taker)
Observer: Brent Ranalli, prospective Board member from the US
Apologies: Michele Brady, Graham Barnes

AGENDA

1. Meeting Chair
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Morag finance and membership report
4. Finding new Trustees
5. Brief Review of 2019 and preview of activities in 2020
6. Protocol to deal with requests for nominations/support etc
7. Protocol for dealing with issues around membership
8. "Un-ringfencing" funds from inactive projects
9. Upcoming IEN AGM

1. MG was Chair for the 1st 20 mins, JS thereafter.

2. The minutes of the Nov 11th meeting were approved and any matters arising were dealt with via today's meeting agenda.

3. Morag's report on finance and membership. There was no unusual activity in November.

4. Finding new Trustees

CW: Finding it difficult to arrange meeting with Alison McIntyre – appears to be offline. Will liaise with MS and see they can get in touch with her.

MF to try to find details of another woman who had emailed about it some time ago.

There was general agreement that it would be desirable to have a younger person, as well as gender balance as previously agreed.

For review at next meeting.

5. Brief Review of 2019 and preview of activities in 2020

2019:

Dec 7th Wellbeing event - MF and JS: The day went well and the feedback was extremely positive.

Delighted to have the presence and valuable input of a number of young people from XR and a school striker as well as Feasta members and others who hadn't been to any of our events before. The budget was smaller than anticipated despite lower attendance than hoped (34 people there, of whom 21 were paying places. 4 others also paid but didn't make it on the day.) Reduced costs from podcast budget being transferred to Caroline's, less food to be bought and free sound/video recording of event by Eoin Campbell (the meeting expressed thanks to Eoin, as well as everyone who worked to make the event happen.)

Total cost to Feasta will be €240 aprox.

Podcasts - CW: She and Seán O'Conláin are happy with how they've gone so far.

Website revamp - CW; Energy usage has been greatly reduced and our mobile and overall views are up.

Food For Thought - In the absence of any of the organisers MF gave a brief description of the event, which was felt to be a great success.

Basic Income: WK: the concept is gaining traction eg Irish Social Democrat Party at their recent annual conference committed to a citizens' payment and Switzerland, Austria and Germany rolling out version of it in the next year or two.

NWI - WK: He, Seán O’Conláin, Prof John Sweeney and FEST (Heidleberg) are working on a National Wellbeing Index for Ireland. Would need the Greens to get into govt here for it to happen here.
US activity - MS: Made a federal submittal on climate crisis and planning more of that kind of input.
COP Madrid - MS: There is a young climate activist called Theo attending under Feasta accreditation. No feedback from him yet.

2020:

Active Hope and wellbeing-themed events - MF and JS: Hoping to have one or more events.

CEF/Feasta event “Growth-neutral Money”- CW: date not yet fixed.

COP 2020 – MF: A young climate activist is requesting accreditation. I’ve talked to her mother to ask if they can submit a proposal in the New Year before we can approve her accreditation.

Food For Thought - MF: Based on this year’s success imagine it will take place again.

Theory of Change - CW: To be revised next year to include, for example money systems and mental health. Requesting input from members, and possible formation of a working group.

Podcasts - CW: Has just sent out an e-survey to members for input on content for the next series.

6. Protocol to deal with requests for nominations to various bodies, letters of support for campaigns etc.

It was generally agreed that whoever receives the request should forward to info@ list and set a deadline for feedback. 2 members of the info@ list needed to endorse plus if no objections it can go ahead. John S to write up official proposal for approval at the next meeting.

7. Protocol for dealing with issues around membership and Feasta’s Statement of Ethos and Values. Postponed til the next meeting.

8. “Un-ringfencing” funds from inactive projects so they can go into the Feasta “Core” project:

Video and Food security projects: formally released by Bruce Darrell.

Climate Group: CW to follow up with the group and report back.

Liquidity Network: GB would prefer to keep ringfenced at present.

9. IEN AGM coming up on Dec 18th – Caroline asked if anyone can attend but it seems not.

The meeting asked CW to find a proxy for our vote (which was agreed to be for Kate Ruddock).

10. AOB

i. CW will be submitting a modest funding bid for the Cork Environmental Forum/ Feasta “Growth-neutral Money” event next year.

ii. MF report-back from IEN meeting attended on behalf of Feasta: postponed due to lack of time.

iii. MG-proposed item on amendment to Morag’s payment as discussed and agreed at a previous Trustee meeting. (This was to be initiated once IEN funding was received)

MG and MB to meet to agree, then request approval of final figure and discuss any retroactive element to the payment due to our delay, at the next Trustee meeting.

iv. Change of address for BOI current ac and credit card are in train. (MF acting on this.)

The date for the next meeting is 13th Jan.