

FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Microsoft Teams **Date:** 12th October 2020 13:00

Present: Mark Garavan (Chair), Graham Barnes, Michele Brady (minute taker), Willi Kiefel,
Mike Sandler

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

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. Intern policy
7. AOB.

1. **Apologies noted.**

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

To be circulated and approved at next meeting

3. **Appointment of Officers**

Chair: to be decided at next meeting. Mark to Chair this meeting

Vice Chair: Mike Sandler

Proposed: Mark Garavan

Seconded: Willi Kiefel

Company Secretary: Michele Brady

Proposed: Mark Garavan

Seconded: Willi Kiefel

4. **Finance & membership report**

Morag presented the financial report for the month. Potential funding from IEN for Microsoft Teams and Zoom. IEN expenses noted. Noted that Quick Books are completely up to date.

Insurance for US events – this is not covered by the current Feasta insurance policy. Our insurance broker said it would have to be sourced locally. This will be explored by the local team.

Directors insurance – Morag has circulated the form for the Directors to complete.

5. **Communications Report**

Caroline presented the report for the last quarter. Some fall off in website activity (note security issue in early July) but increased activity in other areas (e.g. Twitter). Thanks to Nadia for her work as intern – results visible in some communications area. Morag has invited her to join as a member. 2 podcasts are very strong.

ISP hosts explored. Caroline to circulate information for decision shortly.

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New intern: Tommy Hickey. Caroline outlined some work proposed including research and funding applications. Weekly online meeting on Wednesdays to coordinate this work and support the intern.

Potential funding opportunities – Caroline is managing this with a spreadsheet report. Two, in particular, being explored. Many are not viable for Feasta.

Environmental Pillar meeting information to be circulated.

6. North American Report

Mike presented the report. Monthly meeting the Wednesday before the Trustee meeting. Last meeting was attended by Mike, Brent, Alison and Tommy Hickey. Tommy is exploring a YouTube video about Feasta.

Other matters discussed and some being followed up:

- Brent exploring the new economy coalition – Tommy to investigate the members to see if there is a fit for collaboration
- Post Carbon Institute – previously in contact with Richard Douthwaite
- Sunrise movement are talking about a new green deal. The issues are it's a spending deal and there is nothing about emissions cap. Noted we don't know if there is an extinction rebellion movement in the US
- Prospects for dividends in legislation – discussed – house of representatives call for information

There is a meeting planned with Tommy Hickey once a month and he will follow up on some of these discussions subject to his time available.

7. Intern Policy

Proposal to be drafted:

- Need to be supported and managed – link in with a group so that no pressure on one individual
- Standard response should be in place
- Define tasks, mentor assigned,
- Summary of interns to date for info

8. Next meeting – November 9th, 2020

SIGNED: _____
Chairperson

Dated: _____

SIGNED: _____
Company Secretary

Dated: _____