

FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Microsoft Teams

Date: 13th July 2020 13:00

Present: Mark Garavan (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Willi Kiefel, Brent Ranalli, John Sharry,

Apologies: Graham Barnes, Alison McIntyre, Morag Friel **Attending:** 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. Staff Issue
7. AOB.

1. **Apologies noted.**

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes approved unanimously

Proposer: John Sharry

Seconded: Mike Sandler

3. **Matters arising and Actions**

- a. Reviewed Action list and noted tasks completed

4. **Finance report**

Deferred to next meeting.

5. **Communications report**

a. Communications

Quarterly report presented by Caroline. Podcasts, mail outs, website covered

b. Website

Concern that website is not reachable in last couple of days. This is to be investigated.

c. Managing the info@feasta.org list:

Membership of list as circulated by Caroline was discussed (see in appendix below).

Agreed:

- that trustees should be on the list initially but may opt to be taken off the list.
- Membership of the list is not extended to all. Can be extended to individuals on request. No additional members being invited at this time
- Periodically check with members of the mailing list that they wish to remain on the listing.

- d. Noted that David Healy, Feasta member for many years and Green Party member, has been elected Lord Mayor of Fingal County Council. Agreed to send David a letter of congratulation.

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e. Proposed Letter to Feasta members

Draft letter circulated in advance by Caroline Whyte. The letter was discussed and agreed to send it to members taking into account the matters noted below:

- Inviting people to blog
 1. About 13 or 14 people contributed last year
 2. There are currently only 75 paid up members of Feasta
 3. Concern that if we send a general invite to contribute that there will be too many people doing so and it is harder to maintain quality control. Propose: “you may be invited to write for the blog” rather than general open invitation in letter.
 4. Working groups: Climate group, money group, etc, recommend listing the current working groups in the letter

f. Wellbeing Economy Alliance – note we have signed up to the Alliance. The Alliance newsletter will be circulated when it becomes available with information on the group’s work.

g. Other matters deferred to next meeting due to time constraints

6. USA update

- Wellbeing Blog – added an updated from the USA
- Discussions with potential new member in US proposed for coming weeks.
- Podcast proposal – subject to waiting list. Mike proposed doing a podcast with James Boyce, from University of Amherst. He wrote the Cap Dividend Proposal which Mike reviewed for the Feasta website last year. Caroline to discuss with Sean Conlan and revert to Mike on same.
- Noted that US members are meeting in advance of the Feasta Trustee meeting each month

7. Intern

The Research and Communications Virtual/Remote Internship was agreed for 10 weeks. The intern, Nadia Hansen, is available to support the US team during this time. The intern is based in Canada and has been working on communications tasks. Proposed and agreed that Mark, as part of the co-ordinating team would introduce her to the US team.

8. **Post Covid 19** – deferred to next meeting

9. Staff matter

Proposal circulated in advance. The proposal was discussed in detail as a short term investment in fundraising.

Proposed: Willi Kiefel

Seconded: John Sharry

Unanimously agreed

10. **AOB**

11. **Next meeting – August 10th, 2020**

SIGNED: _____
Chairperson

Dated: _____

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