

## FEASTA Trustee Meeting

**Held:** via Zoom **Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 16:00 UTC

**Present:** John Sharry (Chair), Graham Barnes, Michele Brady (minute taker), Brent Ranalli, Mike Sandler,

**Apologies:** Willi Kiefel, Mark Garavan,

**Attending:** Alison McIntyre, Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel,

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### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Report
4. Communication and Activity Report
5. Feasta SLG staff + contractor conflict resolution procedure
6. Governance
7. North America Update
8. Forthcoming events
9. AOB.

1. Good wishes and a speedy recovery to Willi Kiefel.

2. **Apologies noted.**

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes approved subject to correction.

4. **Finance & membership report**

There cash flow reviewed for position to date. No extraordinary items.

5. **Feasta SLG report**

Morag presented the work recently completed by the Staff Liaison Group including employee and contractor conflict resolution procedures. The documents were reviewed and discussed in detail. A definition of contractor to be added.

Employee conflict resolution process approved.

Financial policy and procedures has been updated and is to be submitted to the next meeting.

6. **Governance**

Governance compliance document currently being reviewed for 2021. Mark, Michele and Morag working on this for the April or May board meeting.

Complaints policy to be submitted to next Board meeting for approval.

7. **Communications Report (see notes attached)**

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Caroline presented report as circulated. Noted:

- Theory of Change updated
- IEN application submitted. The process is much earlier this year.
- Wellbeing approach in Ireland (Sean Conlan, Willi Kiefel). Ask that Sean makes a presentation to the Trustees or to one of the members evening events.
- Notes and feedback on events attended. Outline of upcoming events

### **8. North American Report (see notes attached)**

Mike outlined a window of opportunity for federal legislation on capital dividends (estimate of 6 to 9 months). Campaign to be conducted through website “Dividends for America” (domain name held by Mike Sandler). Mike is redesigning the website to use it for the campaign.

1. Webinar on universal basic incomes proposed by Gwen Hallsmith outlined. Interesting to note piece in today’s NY Times on the Child allowance in the US stimulus bill, highlighting social justice (women of color) benefits. This is seen as a first step in universal basic income.

Use of the name Feasta is still being explored. It is not being used on all the North American group materials. The group is still called Feasta North America but the current campaign title of “Dividends for America” is being used on our materials.

Brent noted that the Feasta name is confusing when reaching out to US politicians on climate issues. But the Feasta name is being used name in other contexts – on case by case basis.

Proposed and agreed that a separate page for Feasta in North America should be set up.

### **9. Upcoming Events:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> April : “Banking on the Community’  
24<sup>th</sup> March: Members evening

### **10. Additional business**

To next agenda – to explore the possibility of Feasta having a formal policy on corporate sponsorship.

### **11. Next meeting – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4pm GMT**

SIGNED: \_\_\_John Sharry\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_12<sup>th</sup> April 2021\_\_\_  
Chairperson

SIGNED: \_\_\_Michele Brady\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_12<sup>th</sup> April 2021\_\_\_  
Company Secretary