

FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Zoom

Date: 10th May 2021, 15.30 UTC

Present: Mike Sandler (Chair), Mark Garavan, Graham Barnes, Willi Kiefel, Brent Ranalli,

Apologies: Michele Brady, John Sharry

Attending: Alison McIntyre, Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel (minute taker),

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of April 2021 meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Report
4. Communication and Activity Report
5. Feasta SLG staff + contractor conflict resolution procedure
6. Governance - Feasta Financial and Audit Policy and Procedures
7. North America Update
8. Upcoming events
9. AOB /Date of next meeting

The Trustees and attendees expressed their congratulations to Caroline on her recent election as Environmental Pillar representative to NESC, the National Economic and Social Council.

1. Apologies noted.

2. Minutes of April meeting

One edit was requested by Morag and agreed: that “Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising” be re-titled “Minutes of March 2021 meeting and matters arising” to clarify the month of the meeting to which they refer.

Approval of minutes proposed by Willi and seconded by Graham – adopted by meeting.

Matters Arising from April minutes

Corporate sponsorship policy: Caroline to progress this.

A query was raised regarding Seán O’Conl ain’s presentation to the April meeting; “Wellbeing, the economy and getting beyond GDP” as to whether there was any outcome or resolution from this. It was clarified that it had been for information purposes only.

There was a second query as to whether, in addition to Caroline, Se an had also been elected to NESC. It was clarified that he has been assisting on the NESC committee on Wellbeing til July, rather than elected to the Council.

3. Finance & membership report

Attached as appendix to these minutes.

Morag report taken as read – no unusual activity or issues arising.

4. Communications and Activities report

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Caroline presented an overview:

There is a possible funding of  8k coming from Wellbeing Economy Alliance Hub funding application from CFI.

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Action/Decision:

In response to a query regarding the source of the CFI funds above, it was agreed that a policy on due diligence for funding sources would be combined with Caroline's work on a corporate sponsorship policy.

Caroline is compiling info on other possible funders and will bring to July meeting.

NESC plenaries are 4 times a year - Caroline will share any relevant information in advance with the Trustees.

The Community Banking event went very well. Has put a Youtube video of it on the Feasta website and planning a follow up event.

Contributed to an article on Greenwashing on Thecity.ie article which was recently published.

A query was raised regarding the need for a strategy around our networking/partnership given the growing numbers of such interactions. The meeting decided to leave Caroline to make decisions for now but to advise the Trustees of any such before committing.

5. Feasta SLG report

The agreed employee and contractor contracts, which had been signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by Mark, had been emailed to Feasta office but the emails had been mislaid. Both to be resent and co-signed.

6. Governance

Finance and audit policy and procedure Trustee review and approval.
Postponed to June meeting.

Governance workbook by Michele and complaints policy draft to be submitted to Board meeting for review and approval.

Postponed to June meeting.

7. North American Report

Attached as appendix to these minutes.

The group is organising two Basic Income workshops; today and May 17th.

A "Pod of Gold" series podcast will be made from today's event.

The US EPA is currently doing a report on HFCs which will be recommending instituting a cap on use of these. Brent and Mike will contact the EPA and suggest a Cap and Share model.

There is a possibility of two interns for the group; Isabelle, a Spanish speaker who could translate Feasta material into Spanish and Mohammad, who is interested in US public policy.

Dividends for America website is coming together but no further info yet.

Due to large number of registrations for today's event the Trustees agreed to the purchase of an account upgrade for the Feasta Zoom account at a cost of €46 approx for one month, with the possibility of paying for another in the future if necessary.

8. Upcoming Events:

Today, May 10th and next Mon, May 17th: 2 UBI workshops (see North America report below.)

Wed, May 26th: Monthly Members' Gathering. The topic will be local/grassroots actions to support Feasta's Theory of Change – to be led by Elizabeth Cullen, with group discussion.

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9. AOB/Next meeting

Proposal to cancel Microsoft Teams account as hasn't been used since last year: Proposed by Brent and seconded by Mark – Agreed by meeting.

Next meeting; June 15th, 2021 at 4pm BST

SIGNED: John Sharry
Chairperson

Dated: _17th June 21__

SIGNED: Michele Brady
Company Secretary

Dated: _____14th June 2021_____