

Held: via Zoom **Date:** 12th July 2021, 16:00 UTC

Present: Mike Sandler (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Brent Ranalli, Willi Kiefel,

Apologies: Morag Friel, John Sharry, Mark Garavan, Graham Barnes,

Attending: Caroline Whyte, Alison McIntyre, Mohammad Amassyali and Tracy Chamoun

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Review
4. Activities Report
5. North American Report
6. Reflection on IEN Assessors
7. Caroline's proposal for additional work
8. AOB.

1. Apologies noted.

2. Welcome to interns

Welcome to Tracy and Mohammad

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes approved.

Proposed: B Ranalli Seconded: M Brady

4. Finance & membership report

In Morag's absence Mike presented the financial and membership report. Noted the IEN funding for year increased to €19,326. Reflection that the increase in funding is probably due to the participation of the Green Party in government.

Proposed: B Ranalli Seconded: M Brady

5. Activities report and Communications report

Presented by Caroline. See reports below. The following items were highlighted:

- Communications:
 - o Theory of Change and podcasts getting good level of visits
 - o New articles added to website
 - o Noted that website statistics of visitors skewed this month and may be because of spambotting. Caroline to check this out.
- Activities:
 - o PPN – Public Participation Networks – Query if other Feasta members involved in PPNs.
 - Willi Kiefel is a member of the Galway PPN
 - Michele Brady noted PPN in North Dublin very focused on housing and supporting local community groups

- Explore what purpose of PPNs per Department

6. North American Report (see notes attached)

Brent outlined main activity was submission to US EPA on the phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons (M Sandler and B Ranalli).

Noted that Jim Boyce made comment on environmental justice (very detailed) in support of our position.

Introduction of interns:

- Mohammad - junior at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, major in political science, interest in law for long term. He has written a draft blog on fossil fuel subsidy reform and Cap & Share. He highlighted 2 projects he noted that have a potential to link to /from Feasta: firstly, input Cap & Share as a policy idea into the New Economy Coalition's Pathways to a People's Economy and secondly, an idea for a side event as part of the Open Dialogues on Climate Change policy solutions (to be presented at COP 26).
- Tracy – Senior at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, background in biology, minor in environmental studies with interest in our work. She is researching the existing Cap & Trade and Fee & Dividend programs in Canada, and may have a blog about it by the end of the summer.
 - o Links circulated during the meeting:
 - <https://peopleseconomy.org/get-involved/>
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SQ6A2FCy2fKJo5SskbZOXv73UBU6CXKaHE4NSc0x0Mug/edit>
 - <https://peopleseconomy.org/case-studies/>

AGREED: That Mohammad go ahead with submissions to Pathway to People's Economy. Mike and Caroline to follow up with Mohammad. Open Dialogue to be reviewed at FEASTA North America meeting on Wednesday.

Mike mentioned that both interns will also be looking at climate legislation change in US.

Mike mentioned that there is a COP 26 deadline for nominations under FEASTA's observer accreditation this week (14th July). There are two young women, Beth and Iona who expressed interest, and Mike is getting their information to upload to the system. Caroline said she would like to meet with them before COP-26 and do better follow up than last time.

7. Reflection on IEN assessment

Specific feedback to Feasta:

- 1) Very broad agenda. The impact of their work is not clear.
 - a) Currently measure general metrics like website hits etc
 - b) Possibly note how long we have worked /made submissions on in some areas
 - c) Refine our Theory of Change
 - d) Wider conversation about what focus should be to add value in this area
- 2) Adapted well to COVID, Comms is not great.
 - a) To follow up with IEN as to what was meant by this
 - b) Possible reference to social media – but note we need to have quality rather than quantity
- 3) Unique group, concerns about their funding/sustainability – positive position. Hope to raise more external funding

8. Caroline proposal for additional hours/work

Caroline outlined her proposal (circulated previously). To be discussed when more Trustees and Morag present to discuss the budget implications. Propose brainstorming to review what work/projects may be included. Willi proposed including (1) Anne Ryan in conversation as member of Staff Liaison Group and Pillar Rep. (2) David Healy, very involved in Feasta work. Proposal to be refined then.

9. Upcoming Events:

13 th September (4:00pm UTC):	AGM (noted that notice needs to go out 21 days before meeting)
3 rd week September:	Events on Finance (Cork Environment Forum)

10. Next meeting – August 9th, 2021 at 4pm GMT

SIGNED: _____Mike Sandler_____
Chairperson

Dated: _____ 21st June 2022 _____

SIGNED: ___Michele Brady _____
Company Secretary

Dated: _____ 9th August 2021 _____