

# The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

## 719<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting

70 Merrion Square, Dublin  
21 November 2018

### **Present:**

Sheila Pratschke, *Chair*, Loughlin Deegan, Paddy Glackin, Helen Shaw, Sinead Moriarty, Pádraig Ó Duinnín, Joan Sheehy, Martina Moloney (from 2.50).

### **In attendance:**

Orlaith McBride, *Director*, Martin O'Sullivan *Deputy Director & Company Secretary*.

### **Documents before the meeting**

Agenda

Minutes of the Plenary meeting held on 24 October 2018

Director's Report

Local Authority Framework Agreement Funding 2019

Wexford Festival Opera

Cnuas Recommendations

### **18 – 11– 111 Apologies**

Monica Spencer, Miriam Dunne, Mark O'Kelly, Fearghus Ó Conchúir.

### **18 – 11– 112 Chair's Introduction**

*Conflicts of Interest*- The Chair **noted** that members had already declared their conflicts and requested members to declare any further conflicts that they may have with the agenda items and reminded members to advise her of any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meeting.

*December Plenary Grants Meeting*- Members **noted** that Joan Sheehy would Chair one day of the Plenary grants meeting.

### *Committee Appointments:-*

- *Policy & Strategy Committee*- Members **noted** that Fearghus Ó Conchúir has been appointed to the Committee;
- *Business and Finance Committee*- Members **noted** that Helen Shaw and Martina Moloney have both been appointed to the Committee.

### **18 – 11 – 113 Minutes of Plenary Meeting 24 October 2018**

Members **agreed** the Minutes for the 24 October 2018 Meeting.

### **18 – 11– 114 Matters Arising**

There were no other matters arising.

### **18 – 11 – 115 Director's Report**

*Creative Schools/RTÉ Collaboration*

Members **noted** the update.

*Venice Architecture Biennale: National Tour of Free Market*  
Members **noted** the update.

*Arts Council Writer in Residence/Fellowship partnerships – update*  
Member **noted** the Writer-in-Residence/Fellowship appointments for 2018/2019.

*Markievicz Bursaries*

Members were updated on the new Markievicz bursaries announced by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Members **noted** that the Arts Council will be managing the award on behalf of the Department.

*Director's Diary Report*

Members **noted** the Director's Diary Report.

### **18 – 11– 116 Reports**

*Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting 21 November 2018*

Helen Shaw, Acting Committee Chairman, briefed Members highlighting the following matters:-

- *Minutes of 19 September 2018 - were agreed;*
- *Discussion on Strategic and Venues Funding 2019:-*
  - *Report noted on Moderation Process;*
  - *Agreed assessment and decision-making process for 2019 grants meeting;*
- *Discussion on Arts Grants Funding – Lessons Learned;*
- *Discussion on Draft Equality and Diversity Policy;*
- *Noted both 1) Visual Art Policy Paper and 2) Collection Policy Paper;*
- *Discussion on Venues Review – preliminary recommendations- Members expressed some concern about the status of the Review;*
- *Discussion on New Music Dublin Festival 2018 & planning for 2019;*
- *Discussion on B&A National Survey on the Arts - initial results.*

The report and recommendations of the Policy and Strategy Committee were **agreed**.

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### **18 – 11– 117 Aosdána History and Recent Developments**

The Director made a presentation to members. Following a detailed discussion, members **noted** and welcomed the presentation. Members **agreed** that a copy should be uploaded to Board Pad.

**18 – 11– 118 Local Authority Framework Agreements 2019**

Members considered the recommendations for funding to 14 Local Authorities in 2019. Members **noted** the discrepancies between the proportionality of Arts Council and Local Authority funding across different authorities. Members were informed that funding bands were to be in place which would act as leverage however due to funding constraints the Arts Council has been unable to meet its full ambitions. Members were also informed that the preferred approach going forward is be able to co-fund strategic investments with the Local Authorities. Members also **noted** the additional funding now being provided by Creative Ireland and the need to clearly differentiate between both funding strands. Following detailed discussions members **agreed** the recommendations. A financial appendix is attached to the Minutes.

Members also **agreed** that the previously prepared Local Authority Banding Paper should be uploaded to the Reading Room.

**18 – 11– 119 Cnuas Recommendations**

Members **agreed** the Cnuas recommendations. A financial appendix is attached to the Minutes.

**18 – 11– 120**

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Section 30, Functions and Negotiations of FOI Bodies

**18 – 11– 121 Council Review without Executive and Performance Review 2018**

Members of the Executive left the Meeting. Members discussed a number of matters. Members also took the opportunity to review its own performance for 2018.

**18 – 11– 122 Any Other Business**

*Letter from Public Accounts Committee & Response*

Members **noted** the Arts Council's submission and confirmation that no further correspondence had been received.

*Creative Ireland and Creativity Fund 2018*

Members **noted** that Creative Ireland had written to the Arts Council confirming that the Creativity Fund 2018 funding granted to existing Arts Council funded organisations was for separate activity. Members also **noted** that Creative Ireland had informed the Arts Council that it will not be running the Creativity Fund in 2019.

There were no other matters.