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The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

768th Plenary Meeting

22 & 23 June 2022

Kevin Rafter, Chair, Fearghus Ó Conchúir, Mark O’Kelly, Jillian van Turnhout, Melatu Uchenna Okorie, Dónall Curtin, Teresa Buczkowska, Aoife Granville, Brian Lavery, Philomena Poole, Róise Goan, Andrew Clancy.

In attendance:

Maureen Kennelly, Director, Martin O’Sullivan, *Deputy Director & Company Secretary*, Ciara Branagan *Finance and Council Executive*.

Note: Meeting took place in person and via Zoom video conference.

Documents before the meeting

Agenda

Minutes 25 May Plenary Meeting

Plenary Action Tracker

Director’s Report

Dance Policy

Digital Arts Policy

[REDACTED]
Creative Production Supports

[REDACTED]
Repair to Collection Sculpture Piece Recommendation

Property Update

Aosdána Cnuas Recommendations

Appeals Panel Recommendations

Awards & Schemes

For Information:-

- Policy and Strategy 20 April 2022 Minutes
- Audit and Risk 3 March 2022 Minutes
- Risk Register
- Communications Report
- Financial Statements 2021 and Annual Report
 - Draft Chairman’s Letter to the Minister
 - Draft Chair & Director’s Statements - Annual Report

Arts Grant Funding 2023 Recommendations

22– 06– 085 Apologies

Linda Coogan Byrne.

22 – 06 – 086 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 him of any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meeting.

Shared Island Initiative- Members **noted** the progress being made;

Dublin Port artists' workspaces - Members **noted** the work underway;

Aosdána Working Group Update- Members **noted** ongoing activity. Members also noted that Registrar will make a presentation to Council later in 2022.

22- 06- 087 Minutes 25 May Plenary Meeting 2022

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Members **agreed** that in the interest of clarity, a schedule listing new papers added after the cut-off date, needs to be provided and brought to the attention of Members.

Members **agreed** the Minutes of the 25 May Plenary Meeting.

22 – 06– 088 Matters Arising

Members **noted** the action tracker and that an updated Committee/Working Group membership list was available in Diligent.

22 – 06– 089 Director's Report

Delegated Authority 2023- Members **agreed** the delegated authority schedule for 2023 grants.

HR Update- Members **noted** the update. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Members **agreed** that the SIPTU approved recruitment protocol should be circulated to Council members.

Collection storage expansion – Update- Members **noted** the update.

Dreams & Responsibilities Reproduction of Excerpt Request - Members **agreed** the reproduction request.

Audience Research around Post-Covid Attendance Numbers- Members **noted** the update. Members **agreed** that Members should be circulated with the Report when available

Emergency Stabilisation Funding (ESF) 2022- Members **noted** the intention to offer ESF funding for 2022, with decisions to come to the November Council meeting. Members **agreed** that all grantees offered ESF funding should be conditioned to ensure all artists' and arts workers' contracts are paid in full.

Arts Council Project Award Approach- Members noted approach. Separately, in relation to Grantee Identity management/assurance Members **agreed** that State Policy in relation to tax and banking should be established and that the advice and direction of resource organisations in the area should also be sought.

Siamsa Tíre progress Update- Members **noted** the update.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Three Year Plan Development Update- Members **agreed** that the matter will be discussed at September Policy & Strategy meeting; Members also **agreed** that all information from completed workshops should be uploaded to Diligent

Dennis Cahill RIP - Members **noted** with regret the passing of renowned guitarist Dennis Cahill.

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

22 – 06– 090 Reports

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 22 June 2022

Dónall Curtin, Committee Chairman, updated Members confirming the C&AG's attendance at the meeting and also that the 2021 Financial Statements had been cleared for signature. Members welcomed the update and **agreed** that the final version of the signed Financial Statements should be uploaded to Diligent.

Members thanked the Finance staff for their contribution in getting the Financial Statements through the external audit process.

22 – 06– 091 Dance Policy

Liz Meaney, Arts Director, and Lisa McLoughlin, Head of Dance joined the meeting for this item

Following detailed discussion Members **agreed** the Policy. Members **agreed** that the dance sector should be communicated with over the summer in relation to proposed new Dance Company; **agreed** that implementation plan for agreed policy should be brought to September Council meeting with an ambition of having the process completed by June 2023, at the latest; **agreed** that a project manager should be sourced to assist with the roll-out of the plan.

22 – 06– 092 Digital Arts Policy

Deirdre Behan, Strategic Development Director and Alice Ryan, Public Policy manager joined the meeting for this item.

Following detailed discussion Members **agreed** the Policy. Members **agreed** that the approved policy should be reviewed again in January 2023.

22 – 06– 093

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

22 – 06– 094 Creative Production Supports Recommendation to Extend Pilot Period

Liz Meaney, Arts Director, and David Parnell, Head of Theatre joined the meeting for this item. Members **agreed** to extend the pilot for a further year.

22 – 06– 095

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

22 – 06– 096 Conservation issue - Colm Brennan *Shearpiece I* 1985

Members **agreed** the approach to be taken on the conservation of the work.

22 – 06– 097 Property Update

Members **agreed** that once finalised, recommendation should be circulated to Members for agreement.

22 – 06– 098 Appeals Panel Recommendations

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Members **agreed** the recommendations of the Appeals Panel.

22 – 06– 099 Cnuas Recommendation

Members **agreed** the recommendations.

22 – 06– 100 Awards and Schemes

Bursary (Round 1) 2022

Members **noted** the Artform Panels decisions.

Creative Places 2022 Panel

Members **noted** the decisions of the Panel.

International Residency Panel 2022

Members **noted** the decisions of the Panel.

Young Ensemble Scheme 2022 Panel

Members **noted** the decisions of the Panel.

YPCE Residency Panel 2022

Members **noted** the decisions of the Panel.

22 – 06– 101 Matters for Information

Policy and Strategy Committee Minutes 20 April 2022- Members **noted** the Minutes.

Audit and Risk Committee Minutes 3 March 2022- Members **noted** the Minutes.

Communications Report- Members **noted** the report.

Risk Register- Members **noted** the Register. [REDACTED]

Financial Statements 2021 additional- Members noted 1) the draft Chairman's Letter to the Minister and 2) the Chairman's and Director's Annual Report Statements.

22 – 06– 102 Arts Grant Funding 2023

Members **agreed** the recommendations.

Members **agreed** the need to develop a methodology for the receipt and assessment of proposals that are inter-disciplinary in nature or that attempt to blur the boundaries between art forms.

Members **agreed** to notify Members following issue of decisions.

[REDACTED]

In relation to grant meeting protocols around pre meeting clarifications, Members **agreed** that these should be reviewed and disseminated to Members;

22 – 06– 103 Any Other Business

There were no other matters arising.