

The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

777th Plenary Meeting

21 June 2023

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

In attendance:

Maureen Kennelly, Director, Martin O’Sullivan, Deputy Director & Company Secretary, Ciara Branagan, Council Secretary & Payroll Manager.

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

Documents before the meeting

Agenda

Conflicts of Interest

Minutes 24 May Plenary Meeting

Plenary Action Tracker

Operational Matters for Decision

Director’s Report and Matters for Information

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Music Policy

Delegated Authority

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chair’s Introduction-Annual Report

Director’s Statement-Annual Report

YPCE Policy

Appeals Panel Recommendation

Aosadána Cnuas Recommendation

Awards and Schemes

For Information:-

- Policy and Strategy Committee – Minutes 12 April
- Risk Register
- Communications Report

23 – 06 – 072 Apologies

Brian Lavery and Linda Coogan Byrne.

23 – 06 – 073 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.

Council vacancies progress update- **noted** no further update and that the matter remained with the Department.

National Economic Dialogue 2023- **noted** Chair's attendance and discussions in the context of the 2024 budget.

Arts Council of Northern Ireland update- **noted** recent meeting held with their Chair & Director.

23 – 06 – 074 Minutes 24 May Plenary Meeting 2023

Members **agreed** the Minutes of the 24 May Plenary Meeting.

23 – 06– 075 Matters Arising

Members **noted** the action tracker.

23 – 06 – 076 Operational Matters for Decision

Venice 2024 Tour & Architecture Biennale 2025

Members **agreed** the funding recommendation for the national tour 2024. Members also **agreed** the funding recommendation for the Venice Architecture Biennale 2025.

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Collection Update- Members **agreed** that there would be one additional purchasing meeting this year and **agreed** that current members of the Committee would remain in place until the end of 2023. Members also **agreed** that the process to appoint new members should commence with external members recruited via advertisement. Separately, Members **agreed** that future Collection Committee updates should come under Committee reports.

Public Art new website -. Members asked the Executive to ensure that the scope of requirements for the tender should reflect current website best practice. Members **approved** the recommendation to proceed with procurement and to appoint a website developer subject to receiving confirmation of Departmental funding for the project.

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23 – 06 – 077 Director’s Report and Matters for Information

Climate Action and Environmental Policy - Update- Members **noted** the update.

Fidelity Foundation Selection Process - Members **noted** the update.

Safeguarding Update - Members **noted** the update.

[REDACTED]

Multiannual Funding for Arts Centres – Update- Members **noted** the update.

[REDACTED]

HR Update- Members **noted** the update.

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

23 – 06 – 078 Committee Reports

Business and Finance Committee Meeting 20 June 2023

Philomena Poole, Committee Chair, updated Members as follows:-

- Minutes 25 April meeting agreed. Action tracker noted;
- Members agreed that the Draft Quarter 2 2023 Management Accounts could be recommended to Council for approval;

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[REDACTED]

- ICT supplier list considered and agreed that additional analysis around frequency of usage and amount of annual spend to be considered at next meeting;

• [REDACTED]

- HR report was noted;
- Procurement process update flowchart - noted & welcomed;
- MGAW 3yr Plan- noted and approved by Members that 3yr plan progress reporting has been added to Committee workplan & that the first progress report will be considered at the October B&F meeting;
- Workspaces Register - agreed that a draft register should be prepared for consideration at the October B&F meeting;
- Members agreed to review progress of the B&F workplan at the October meeting

Members noted and **agreed** the report and recommendations of the Business and Finance Committee.

23 – 06 – 079 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

23 – 06 – 080 Music Policy Update

Liz Meaney, Arts Director remained in the meeting for this item. Members **agreed** the amended Policy, and **agreed** to delegate the approval of an implementation plan to the Music Policy Working Group.

Members took the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of current and past Members in the delivery of the new Music Policy.

23 – 06 – 081 Delegated Authority

Members **agreed** the 2024 delegated authority schedule of grants and initiatives for 2024.

23 – 06 – 082 [REDACTED]

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23 – 06 – 083 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

23 – 06 – 084 Draft YPCE Policy

Liz Meaney, Arts Director and Seona Ní Bhriain, Head of YPCE joined the meeting for this item.

Members **noted** and welcomed the presentation and agreed that a further update should come back to plenary later in the year.

23 – 06 – 085 Appeals Panel Recommendation

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

23 – 06 – 086 Aosdána Cnuas Recommendation

Members **approved** the Aosdána Cnuas recommendations.

23 – 06 – 087 Awards and Schemes

Members **noted** the Awards and Schemes

23 – 06 – 089 Matters for Information

Policy and Strategy *Committee 12 April Minutes* – Members **noted** the minutes.

Risk Register – Members welcomed the additions and **noted** the report.

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

23 – 06 – 090 Any Other Business

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MGAW 3 Year Plan- Members **noted** that the plan will be published via the Arts Council website.

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Ealaín na Gaeltacht (EnaG)- In light of the retirement of the Head of Arts Centres, Members asked the Executive to consider its relationship with EnaG to ensure that there is no operational impact. It was **agreed** to review and revert.

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There were no other matters arising.