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# The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

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

### 2 October 2020

Kevin Rafter, Chair, Fearghus Ó Conchúir, Deputy Chair, Mark O’Kelly, Loughlin Deegan, Helen Shaw, Martina Moloney, Melatu Uchenna Okorie, Dónall Curtin, Sinead Moriarty, Teresa Buczkowska, Jillian van Turnhout, Pádraig Ó Duinnín.

#### **In attendance:**

Maureen Kennelly, Director, Martin O’Sullivan, Deputy Director & Company Secretary, Liz Meaney, Arts Director Stephanie O’Callaghan, Arts Director, Ciara Branagan Finance and Council Executive.

**Note: Kevin Rafter, Maureen Kennelly and Martin O’Sullivan were in Merrion Square; other members participated via Zoom video conference.**

#### **Documents before the meeting**

Agenda

Communications Working Group Draft TORs

Budget 2020 Update

[REDACTED]

Panel List Renewal

Arts Grant Funding 2021 Recommendations Awards and Schemes

[REDACTED]

#### **20– 10– 134 Apologies**

Martina Moloney.

#### **20 –1 0– 135 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.

*21 September Meeting with Minister Catherine Martin regarding Budget 2021-* Members **noted** the meeting. Members also **noted** that the Ministers for Finance and Public Expenditure had also been written to.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

#### **20 – 10– 136 Communications Working Group**

Helen Shaw, Chair of the Working Group, outlined the objective of the Working Group and approach being adopted. Members **noted** and welcomed the progress made. Members also **noted** that an initial paper to inform the preparation of a communications strategy and plan will be brought to the November Plenary Meeting.

#### **20 – 10– 137**

[REDACTED]

#### **20 – 10– 138 Budget 2020 Update**

Members **noted** the update.

#### **20 – 10– 139 Panel List Renewal**

Members welcomed the peer panel expansion recommendations. Members **noted** that the decision to extend invitations to 16-year-olds is just for YPCE strands and this will be confirmed by the executive. Members **agreed** the recommended panel list renewal process 2020.

#### **20 – 10– 140 Arts Grant Funding Recommendations 2021 - Deferred Recommendations**

Liz Meaney, Arts Director and Stephanie O’Callaghan, Arts Director joined the meeting for this agenda item. A brief overview of each artform / practice area in the context of the AGF programme was provided by individual Managers who also joined the meeting as required.

Members agreed the following recommendations. [REDACTED]

- Taking Flight: Education & Performance Ltd;
- Croi Glan Integrated Dance;
- The Firkin Crane
- Museum Of Literature Ireland;
- Words Ireland;
- Sounding The Feminists;
- ANU Productions;
- Louise White;
- Landmark Productions;
- Tipperary Excel Heritage Company;

#### *Clifden Community Arts Week*

The recommendation was **agreed** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In consideration of the organisation's role within the festival ecology, geographic location, the access provided to a rural community of linguistic and cultural diversity and the work it undertakes in relation to arts in education, Council **agreed** funding of €90k.

*Bewley's Café Theatre*

The recommendation was agreed. In the context of the particular challenges presented by the current public health context, Council **agreed** funding of €65k.

[REDACTED]

*Courthouse Arts Centre*

The recommendation was **agreed**. In the context of the particular challenges presented by the current public health context, Council **agreed** funding of €50k.

[REDACTED]

*St. John's Arts Centre*

The recommendation was **agreed**. In the context of the particular challenges presented by the current public health context, Council **agreed** funding of €60k.

[REDACTED]

*Waterford Walls*

[REDACTED]

The recommendation was **agreed**. In the context of the particular challenges presented by the current public health context, Council **agreed** funding of €19k towards the education programme.

[REDACTED]

*Communication*- Members **agreed** that the Executive should develop a communications plan in relation to these decisions.

**20 – 10– 141** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## **20 – 10– 142 Awards**

*Next Generation Artist Award 2020*

Members **noted** the Panel decisions. A financial appendix is attached to the Minutes.

## **20 – 10– 143 Any Other Business**

*Advisory Group and Cultural Task Force*

Members **noted** that an update will be brought to the next Plenary Meeting.

### *Summary of decisions*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- *Panel List Renewal*- Members **agreed** the recommended panel list renewal process 2020;
- *Arts Grant Funding Recommendations 2021- Deferred Recommendations*- see minute 20-10-140 above for agreed decisions;

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]