

The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

791st Plenary Meeting

21 August 2024

In Person attendance:

Maura McGrath, *Chair*, Philomena Poole, *Deputy Chair*, Jillian van Turnhout, Brian Ó Gaibhín, Brian Lavery, Richard Yarr, Melatu Okorie.

Virtual attendance:

Gary Granville, Gaby Smyth, Teresa Buczkowska, Róise Goan and Aoife Granville

Executive 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

Minutes of Plenary Meeting held on –

- 13 June 2024
- 19 June 2024

Plenary Action Tracker

Pre Council Planning

Council Expenses Overview

Interim Collections Committee

Irish Research Council Partnership Scheme

24 – 08 – 085 Apologies

Andrew Clancy.

24 – 08 – 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 her of any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meeting.

Chairs’ Diary- Members noted the positive meeting with the Taoiseach at the opening of the Kilkenny Arts Festival.

Additionally, Members noted the Chair’s attendance at the West Cork Music Festival and the Launch of the Dublin Theatre Festival.

24 – 08 – 087 Minutes of meeting held on 13 June and 19 June 2024

Members **agreed** the minutes of meeting held on 13 June 2024. Members also agreed the minutes of meeting held on 19 June 2024 subject to Brian Lavery’s absence being correctly recorded.

24 – 08 – 088 Matters Arising

Members **noted** the action tracker. In addition, the Director updated Members on the following actions –

- [Redacted]
- Peer Panel Review Process - confirmed that good progress is being made; [Redacted]
- RAISE Next Steps - noted with thanks that Gaby Smyth and Brian Lavery will work with the Executive to shape the recommendation for September Plenary meeting;
- Multi Annual Funding - will be considered as part of Budget 2025 process
- Culture Ireland Review - noted that the Executive will provide input to the TOR; [Redacted]

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24 – 08 – 090 Council Governance

Brendan Lenihan, Navigo joined the meeting for this item.

[Redacted] Members **agreed** that the Chair and the Chairs of the Standing Committees would meet to further discuss and will then revert to Members.

Committees – Members **agreed** that a formal report needs to be provided by Committee Chairs as part of Council Papers.

[REDACTED]

24 – 08 – 091 Committee Membership

Following discussion, Members **agreed** that the term for Committee Membership should be extended to 5yrs.

Audit and Risk Committee – Members **agreed** that Philomena Poole be extended for a second term and Richard Yarr be also appointed. Members also **agreed** that external members Niamh Muldoon and Paul Barry should be extended for a second term.

Business and Finance Committee - Members **agreed** that Philomena Poole will remain as Chair for a second term and both Brian Lavery and Aoife Granville be extended for a second term. Members **agreed** that Brían Ó Gábhín is also appointed to the Committee.

Policy and Strategy Committee - Members **agreed** that Gaby Smyth, Róise Goan and Gary Granville be appointed to the Committee and that Andrew Clancy be extended for a second term.

Policy Champions Approach- Members **agreed** that a paper would be circulated to Members before the September Plenary meeting.

24 – 08 – 092 Council Secretariat - Practical Guidance

Pre Council Planning – Members welcome and **noted** the update.

Members Expenses Overview - Members welcome and **noted** the update.

Council Diary 2025 – Members **agreed** that this should be circulated to Members for review ASAP and should come to the September Plenary meeting for agreement.

Events Diary 2025 – Members **agreed** that the listing should be brought to the September Plenary for review.

24 – 08 – 093 Establish Interim Collections Committee

Members **agreed** the recommendation and also **agreed** that Gary Granville and Róise Goan be appointed as the Council representatives to the panel, with Róise Goan as chair.

24 – 08 – 094 Proposal with Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Scheme

Members **agreed** the recommendation and **agreed** the budget allocation. [REDACTED]

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24 – 08 – 096 Any other business

There were no other matters arising.

