

The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

792nd Plenary Meeting

25 September 2024

In Person attendance:

Maura McGrath, *Chair*, Philomena Poole, *Deputy Chair*, Jillian van Turnhout, Brian Ó Gaibhín, Brian Lavery, Richard Yarr, Gaby Smyth, Róise Goan, Andrew Clancy and Aoife Granville.

Virtual attendance:

Gary Granville and Melatu Okorie.

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 –

- 21 August 2024

Plenary Action Tracker

Director’s Report and Matters for Information

Operational Matters for Decision

Policy and Strategy Committee Update Report

Council Diary 2025

Event Planner 2024

Council Expenses Overview

Opera Arts Grant Funding Recommendations

Risk Register

RAISE Next Steps

[REDACTED]

Appeals Panel Recommendations

Aosdána Cnuas Recommendations

Awards and Schemes

24 – 09 – 097 Apologies

Teresa Buczkowska.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24 – 09 – 099 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.

Governance- Members **noted** and welcomed the re-appointment of Jillian van Turnhout to the Board. On the occasion of Melatu Okorie’s last meeting Members extended their thanks acknowledging her valuable input, noting in particular her insightful contribution to EDI discussions and her assiduous input in the chairing of panels.

[REDACTED]

24 – 09 – 100 Minutes of meeting held on 21 August 2024

Members **agreed** the minutes of meeting held on 21 August 2024.

24 – 09 – 101 Matters Arising

Members **noted** the action tracker. In addition, Members **agreed** that the report on the last 3 Year Plan should be uploaded to the reading room. Members also **agreed** that Council should be given the opportunity to feed into the Venice review.

24 – 09 – 102 Director’s Report

Matters for Information

Music Generation Review- Members noted the update

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FOI and Data Protection Update- Members noted the update [REDACTED]

Laureate for Irish Fiction 2022 – 2024- Members **noted** that the current Laureate is coming to the end of their term and **agreed** that Members should be circulated with details of the final event. [REDACTED]

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

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

Matters for Decision

24 – 09 – 103 Committee Reports

Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting 18 September 2024

Members noted the report. [REDACTED]

24 – 09 – 104 Council Planning

Council Diary 2025 – Members **noted** the Council Diary for 2025 and **agreed** that a joint meeting with ACNI should be added. Members also **agreed** that the Council Diary will be brought back to the October Plenary meeting for approval.

Events Planner 2024- Members **noted** the proposed approach. Members **agreed** that further information should be added to the planner and **agreed** that formatting of the document

should be reviewed to allow Members to select events more easily. Members **agreed** the updated planner should be circulated to members.

Council Expenses Update – Members **noted** the update.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24 – 09 – 107 RAISE Next Steps

Sinead O’Reilly, Arts Director joined the meeting for this item.

Members **noted** the discussion [REDACTED]

Separately, Members **agreed** that the independent RAISE review undertaken by the Advisory Board for the Arts should be shared via the Reading Room.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24 – 09 – 109 Appeals Panel Recommendations

[REDACTED] Having reviewed all the paperwork submitted and following a discussion the panel found that there was no infringement or unfair application of the published process. The appeal was not upheld.

Members **noted** the awards. Members **agreed** that going forward a location field should be added to the Panel summaries for grantees.

24 – 09 – 112 Matters For Information

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

24 – 09 – 113 Any other business

[REDACTED]

Champions proposed approach Draft Paper- Members **agreed** that a mail should be circulated to all Member and that the Policy and Strategy Committee Chair would then approach Members directly to finalise.

There were no other matters arising.