

Minutes of the meeting of the Toscaireacht, 5th October 2015 at the Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

Present: Seóirse Bodley, Rhona Clarke, Brian Lynch, Jane O'Leary, Vivienne Roche

Apologies: Anthony Cronin, Mary FitzGerald, Shelley McNamara, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Samuel Walsh

In attendance: Audrey Keane, Registrar

Brian Lynch agreed to Chair the meeting.

Previous minutes and matters arising

Add BL to list of those present at previous meeting. The Registrar will follow up with Martin O'Sullivan regarding information from the Revenue Commissioners on financial matters relevant to members of Aosdána.

RC/SB proposed and VR/BL seconded the minutes as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Condolences

It was agreed that letters of condolence would be sent to Sue McNab and Anne Friel.

General Assembly

BL to follow up with his contact in the libraries regarding how the libraries can support the work of small Irish presses.

It was agreed that the Registrar would consult the notes from the General Assembly 2015 and inform the Toscaireacht of other motions for follow up at the next meeting. In particular, clarification is required regarding the issue raised about older artists applying for Arts Council funding.

SB proposed and JO'L seconded.

There was a second motion proposed that the Toscaireacht would be supplied with the draft notes taken at the General Assembly for the next meeting.

RC proposed and VR seconded.

Saoi conferrings

It was agreed that this was a very successful event that received positive media coverage. The Toscaireacht expressed their thanks to the Director of the Arts Council for the conferring of the Torcs on the new Saoithe.

Proposed RC and seconded by VR.

Letter from Paddy Bushe and other members in Kerry

The Toscaireacht agreed that Aosdána should take a position on the issue of public bodies such as the OPW, the National Monuments and Wildlife Services not being properly

consulted in relation to the use of sites of national importance and this will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Joint meeting with the Arts Council

The Registrar is to ask Orlaith McBride if the Arts Council has items for discussion at the joint meeting.

Communications with membership

It was agreed that the nominations for new members and also nominations for Toscaireacht would be sent out to members this week by the Registrar.

Date of next meeting

The Toscaireacht will meet informally at 10am on Thursday 15th October prior to the joint meeting with council to agree agenda items for same.

The meeting ended.