

Minutes of the meeting of the Toscaireacht

Date 26 February 2009

Time 1pm

Venue No 70 Merrion Sq

Present

Seóirse Bodley, Samuel Walsh, Macdara Woods, Dermot Healy, Brian Maguire, Mary FitzGerald, Mannix Flynn, and Alice Hanratty.

In attendance

Toby Dennett (Registrar) and Katie Lowry (International Arts and Artists Supports Officer)

Agenda

- Election of Chair
- Apologies
- Aosdá na and interpretive and performing artists
- AOB

1. Election of Chair

Seóirse Bodley was elected to chair the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies from Anthony Cronin and Éibhlís Farrell were noted

3. Interpretive and Performing Artists

There was a lengthy discussion concerning interpretive and performing artists and Aosdá na and the motion passed at the 2008 Generally Assembly to set up a working party.

Written material from Samuel Walsh and Mary FitzGerald was distributed.

It was unanimously agreed that the letter sent to Mary Cloake (following the meeting on 29th September) clearly articulated the position of the Toscaireacht on the issue and that this should be used as the basis for reporting to the General Assembly through the Toscaireacht report.

It was agreed that Dermot Healy would prepare the Toscaireacht report.

4. AOB

It was agreed to add an update on the Arts Council Pension plan for Aosdá na members to the agenda for the next meeting.

It was proposed to mention at the General Assembly the fact that the nominations went out to the press, which was felt to be grossly unfair on future nominations.

