



**Corrib Beo Partnership
Annual General Meeting
Ardilaun Hotel (*Tetrarch Room*), Galway
Dé Aoine, 18ú Samhain, 2022 @ 6.30pm**

Minutes

Attendees Brendan Smith ,Rosemary McDonagh, Micheál Ó Cinneide, Denis Goggin, Gerry Hanley, Colin Browne, Tom Cusack, Jim Murray, Jen Cunningham ,Jenny Beale, Kyran O'Gorman, Denis Healy, Damien Nee, Vincent Campbell, Eugene Jordan, Colin Rodin, Tomas O Cadhain, Brian Nolan, Gerry Lydon, Eamonn Cannon, Sean O Farrell, John O Sullivan

Apologies: Ger Hassett, Don Stiffe, Frank Fahy, Andrew Reddington, Pearse Doherty, Conor Ruane, Hazel Morrison, Trish Walsh, Phil James

1. Chairman's report.

Damien Nee (Chair) welcomed the attendees to the Corrib Beo Partnership Annual General meeting. The Chair highlighted the continued importance of the role of Corrib Beo in bringing together communities and other stakeholders in preserving and improving the quality of Corrib based facilities with the ultimate objective of enhancing the water quality and biodiversity of the lake.

Corrib Beo would continue to engage with Inland Waterways Ireland and other bodies to progress this. The Chair noted the success of the Heritage week events across the Corrib communities, culminating in the Knockferry Kilbeg event attended by over 400 people.

The Chair thanked all of the board members and supporters of Corrib Beo including Brendan Smith (National City Park), John O Sullivan (EcoEd4All).

2. Corrib Beo accounts to end of 2021

Micheál Ó Cinneide (MOC) presented the accounts for the financial period from 24 November 2020 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2021 prepared by FCC Chartered Accountants. At the time of incorporation funds totalling €2,920 were transferred from the un-incorporated organisation to Corrib Beo's account. The accounts show a deficit which relates to the timing of the payment of the "Leader" grant relating to the "*Feasibility Study for Corrib Country Trails Concept*".

MOC advised that this payment was received in 2022 and the balance on the account as of today is €7,500 credit.

MOC advised that EcoEd4All funding was funded by SSE Airtricity.

John O'Sullivan (JOS) advised (based on a query from Brian Nolan (BN)) that the funding is not guaranteed. JOS also advised that there was a total fund of €450,000 available from SSE across a number of areas (Schools, large local infrastructure and local communities grants).

BN noted that Corrib Beo should seek to explore these opportunities.

The accounts were noted and will be formally considered by the board at their next meeting

3. Appointment of Accountants 2022/23

MOC proposed the appointment of FCC Chartered Accountants as company accountants for 2022/23. This was approved by the attendees.

4. Update on Governance

Gerry Hanley (GH) was invited to speak on the matter of governance to the meeting.

GH advised that in advance of the meeting there had been some discussion on email and concerns expressed regarding to the current governance of Corrib Beo, including the fact that the website does not reflect the current board member.

GH noted that while directors do so on a voluntary basis, their duties as director are not optional.

GH asked that the establishment of a more robust governance be considered by the incoming board.

5. Election of Officers

The chair was hand to Brendan Smith (BS) to oversee the election of officers and board.

BS explained that the proposed procedure was to seek nominations from the floor for the following officers and then proceed to do same for directors

BS advised that it was proposed to continue with Co -Chairs. This was allowed in the constitution

GH suggested that Chair and Deputy chair would be a better structure. BS noted that this was not in the current constitution but could be adopted by the AGM as a change to same. Following on from a discussion on the matter BS put the matter to a vote.

Those in favour of Co-chair 9. Those in favour of Chair and Deputy chair 9.

The chair (BS) exercised his casting vote in favour of the Co-chair. Given the level of discussion on the matter, he suggested that this matter should be reviewed at the next AGM.

MOC spoke on his desire to continue with the Co-chair option with Dennis Goggins and advised the meeting that he would not seek to role of chair if it was a single position.

BS proceeded to the election of officers. The table below shows the results of same

Director	Role	Proposer	Second
Denis Goggin	Co-Chair	Damien Nee	Eugene Jordan
Micheál Ó Cinneide	Co-Chair	Dennis Goggins	Seán O Farrell
Seán O Farrell	Secretary	Micheál Ó Cinneide	Jen Cunningham
Gerry Lydon	Director	Gerry Hanley	Dennis Goggins
Jen Cunningham	Director	Micheál Ó Cinneide	Seán O Farrell
Gerry Hanley	Company Secretary	Eugene Jordan	John O'Sullivan
John O'Sullivan	Director	Jen Cunningham	Tom Cusack
Phil James	Director	Micheál Ó Cinneide	Gerry Hanley
Hazel Morrisson-Paget	Director	Gery Lydon	Dennis Goggins
Vincent Campbell	Director	Micheál Ó Cinneide	Jen Cunningham
TBD	Treasurer		

6. Short video on Corrib Heritage week 2022 (with support from LAWPRO)

The AGM watched a short video highlighting the Heritage Week events

MOC noted that LAWPRO funding was provided to video a number of the 14 events delivered as part of Heritage week and this video showed highlights from a number of the events .

Seán O Farrell (SOF) advised that this video along with four individual videos are available on the [Corrib Beo YouTube channel](#) and attendees were encouraged to view , “like” and promote videos

Vincent Campbell (VC) advised that he had promoted the video of the Cong walk through the local tidy towns group.

7. Update on Corrib Beo plans for 2022/23

Updates were provided on Corrib Beo activities in 2022 and plans for 2023 based around the four pillars (copy of slides [here](#))

- Heritage Dennis Goggins
- Water & Environment Micheál Ó Cinneide
- Recreation Jen Cunningham
- Education & Awareness John O'Sullivan

DG welcomed the proposed merger of Corrib Beo and Galway Waterways Foundation which was being progressed.

BS spoke of the second level student summit on Climate change in Galway

BS noted the great work Brigit's Garden has done

Jenny Beale Brigit's Garden complemented the work of Corrib Beo

8. AON /Aon ghnó eile?

Tomas O Cadhain spoke to the meeting of his plans for Corrib cycling trails. He asked for volunteers to establish a Corrib Beo cycling club under the auspices of Cycling Ireland

The meeting agreed to support the initiative and attendees volunteered to form the club.

It was also suggested Corrib Beo should also seek to support paddle boarding and triathlon participants around the Corrib.

MOC proposed that the first meeting of the new board should be held on Thursday 1st December.

MOC thanked the attendees and the meeting concluded.

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