

European Small Islands Federation

Board Meeting, No.15: 4 March 2019 9.00am Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

Camille Dressler Scottish Island federation

Anetté Johansson National Association for the Swedish Archipelago

Pia Prost National Association of Finish Islands

Kristian Packalén Åland

Sten-Åke Persson National Association for the Swedish Archipelago

Dorthe Winther Danish Small Islands Association Lise Thilleman Sørensen Danish Small Islands Association

Denis Bredin AIP/France Janita Andrijevskaja AEI, Estonia Denis Baric (briefly) Croatia

Attending:

Mairtin OMealoid Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann/Irish Federation

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly Irish Islands Federation

Apologies:

John Walsh COE/Irish Federation

1. Minutes, Agenda and Matters Arising

The minutes of the 21 January 2019 were approved as was the agenda (#15) for this meeting.

Sten-Åke Persson was approved as Chair of this meeting, Camille Dressler unable to attend until later in the meeting.

Janita Andrijevskaja has been nominated to the Board by AEI of Estonia, which represents 20 islands, total population of apx. 40,000. They are largely involved with renewable energy and are interested in attracting more energy projects as well as tourism-based projects. She hopes to be an active member of ESIN.

2. Finance

Anette reported that there is a balance of €8,000. Notices of membership fees will be sent out shortly. Anette has sent Camille the 2019 budget . While she expects membership to bring in €2,000

this year, it is necessary to clarify where money is going to be spent. ACTION: Anette to make a list of on-going costs. Budget to be set by Board.

3. Report from the Chair

Held over till next meeting

4. Matters arising

- Energy Pledge: There was discussion surrounding the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat Island Pledges. The consensus was that this pledge will not help the Islands, even the 26 islands selected for the project. For the islands not included in the original selection, there is no help to carry out fairly detailed and complex work. The phrase "We the Islanders" was also queried as it is rare to get consensus amongst the body of Islanders. There was also a question of what language is to be used and the lack of support for translation. Denis Bredin explained why his Federation is not signing up to this project and offered to speak for ESIN if necessary. It was suggested that we "leave the door open" but not engage at the moment.
- AGM: 23-25 September. Accommodation has been booked on Hvel. The Swedish Federation has set aside €6,500 for the AGM and Sten-Ake will be sending around a draft agenda.
- Budget: All invoices for 2018 have not been received as yet. However, it was agreed that €3,500 be set aside for travel expenses for 2019 and that there be a separate budget for AGM speakers, etc. ACTION Anette will send out a rough budget to discuss at our next meeting. (Camille joined meeting)
- → Smart Islands: Camille lead a discussion on including Smart Islands in our plans: noted that the Smart Islands project is bigger than the Clean Energy plan, that we are signatories to Smart Islands and will make energy projects more connected. Sten-Ake updated Camille on the previous discussion on the Islands Pledge, outlining the objections. Antonia to discuss issues.
- Fedarene meeting in Sweden: Pia may be able to go but would like to see agenda first to assess benefits; Sten-Ake will look for funding through the Swedish funding.

5. Proposals

- Waste & Circular economy: ACTION: Pia will send on their poster and contact their zero waste contact. Noted that it will be important to compare good practice on waste. Also compare individual projects on waste on all Islands. ACTION: Concentrate on Energy and Waste in on-going work plan.
 - Create a page on the ESIN website covering plastics: try to get examples of community clean-up projects, State involvement, possible funding etc. Use examples and pictures. (RT)
 - Bring the idea of Plastic Free May to individual island groups for their ideas and input.

Internal ESIN issues: ACTION: a. Concentrate on inclusivity of Southern European Islands b. ask all members to send details of the make-up of their represented members c. Camille to work with Anette on a complete list of ESIN Islands. D. working group on researching funding for administrative work (Pia, Sten-Ake, Lise) E. 2. Need to write a "job description" on the manager's role.

♣ External ESIN Work:

- 1. CPMR will be important: Denis will explore this with Giuseppe before Corfu meeting on how we can work together.
- 3. Need to ensure that after Brexit there is funding for Island development.

6. Calendar

- **♣** CPMR Islands Commission AGM (Corfu) 21-22 March 2019
- ◆ On 11-12 April 2019, the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) in Brussels (awaiting further details)

7. AOB

For next agenda: discussion on the Swedish AGM. Sten-Ake will send out a rough outline by email.

Meeting dates: 1 April 9 am Dublin time