Scottish Library & Information Council

Board Meeting Minute

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<th>15th September 2021</th>
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**Present:**
- Ian Ruthven (Chair); Fiona Dakers; Anna McInnes; Harry Mulvey; Andrew Olney; Robin Prior; Jill Reid; Peter Reid; Robert Ruthven; John Scally; Alison Stevenson; Robert Sullivan
- In attendance: Pamela Tulloch (CEO); Jim McLaggan

**Apologies:**
- Gary Cameron; Rachel Stewart; Jonathan Tait

**Declaration of interest:**
- There was no declarations of interests.

### Agenda items

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<td>Welcome and introductions</td>
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<td>The Chair opened the meeting, thanked Board members for attending and welcomed Jill Reid to her first meeting.</td>
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<td>Review of actions from previous meeting – 23 June 2021</td>
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<td>All actions are covered in agenda items for this meeting.</td>
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<td>Approve minute of previous meeting – 23 June 2021</td>
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<td>The minute was approved.</td>
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<td>Finance Update</td>
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<td>The Treasurer reported on the financial position. A reduced level of expenses due to continued home working with budgeted income having been maintained. A half year report will be circulated in October.</td>
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<td><strong>Risk Register</strong></td>
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<td>The Risk Register was reviewed and no new risks identified. Monitoring of appropriate actions to mitigate risks is ongoing and no changes are reported.</td>
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<td>The Board noted the update.</td>
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<td>Draft Annual Report and Accounts</td>
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<td>The accounts have been prepared and presented by the auditors with no qualification.</td>
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<td>It is recommended that these be presented to the membership.</td>
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| 6 | **Showcase and AGM 2021**  
These will be online events due to the ongoing pandemic.  
The Showcase theme this year will be Sustainability & the Sharing Economy with Dr Ben Twist, Director, Creative Carbon Scotland the Keynote Speaker  
Board members will receive invitations for the Showcase and AGM along with the SLIC membership.  
The Board noted the update. | PT |
| 7 | **Staffing and Remuneration Committee**  
The committee reviewed actions to ensure the delivery of the commitment to the government’s Fair Work First Programme.  
The operating model for SLIC was reviewed. The office lease coming to an end and hybrid working arrangements developed.  
The Board agreed the update. | RS |
| 8 | **Nominations Panel**  
A number of applications, from a diverse range of backgrounds and experience, have been received and following shortlisting three candidates have been identified. The details of these candidates will be circulated to the Board for consideration.  
The Board noted the update. | IR |
| 9 | **CEO Update**  
The CEO advised that the new Public Library Strategy - Forward 2021 – 2025 has now been published.  
SLIC continues to work closely with the Scottish Government in the ongoing response to COVID. SLIC will administer a fund of £1.25m to assist the public library sector with its recovery from the pandemic.  
As part of the 30th Anniversary, the first winner of the SLIC Award for Library Services will be announced at the AGM.  
SLIF and PLIF are currently open for applications and the Funding Panel will meet to consider these in October.  
The Board noted the update. | PT |
### Sectoral Reports

**APLS**
The sector has been focusing on re-establishing physical library services across the country following the guidance of the Scottish Government.

APLS members were extremely positive about the new public library strategy and look forward to working to deliver the aims of the strategy.

**CDN**
Students are about to commence the new academic year and will be receiving a hybrid learning delivery. New library services have been introduced to support this including some provision of digital devices and online booking due to limited capacity in libraries.

The sector is looking at ways to address the costs of eBooks as this is currently a challenge and will be an ongoing need during the restrictions of the pandemic.

**NLS**
A number of successful exhibitions are in place and will run into late 2021 and 2022.

Online events have allowed the audience to grow with regular attendance from the whole of the UK, Asia, the Americas and Europe.

**SCURL**
The SCURL AGM and Showcase has taken place online and the membership will be surveyed to establish the appetite for a return to in person meetings in 2022.

Work to support the Covid response in the sector has been continuing through a number of meetings to support discussion and collaboration.

The Open Access Press project has been well supported by the sector and plans to recruit a developer to take the platform forward in 2022 are in place.

The Chair thanked the representatives for the reports.

### Any other competent business

There was no other business.
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