

<b>Scottish Library &amp; Information Council</b>		
<b>Board Meeting Minute</b>		
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
Time:	1.00pm	
Location:	By video conference	
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.	
<b>Agenda items</b>		
	<b>Actions</b>	
1	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting, thanked Board members for attending and welcomed Jill Reid to her first meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Review of actions from previous meeting – 23 June 2021</b></p> <p>All actions are covered in agenda items for this meeting.</p>	
3	<p><b>Approve minute of previous meeting –23 June 2021</b></p> <p>The minute was approved.</p>	
4	<p><b>Finance Update</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Risk Register</b></p> <p>The Risk Register was reviewed and no new risks identified. Monitoring of appropriate actions to mitigate risks is ongoing and no changes are reported.</p> <p>The Board noted the update.</p>	HM
5	<p><b>Draft Annual Report and Accounts</b></p> <p>The accounts have been prepared and presented by the auditors with no qualification.</p> <p>It is recommended that these be presented to the membership</p>	HM

	<p>at the AGM.</p> <p>Board agreed the recommendation</p>	
6	<p><b>Showcase and AGM 2021</b> These will be online events due to the ongoing pandemic.</p> <p>The Showcase theme this year will be Sustainability &amp; the Sharing Economy with Dr Ben Twist, Director, Creative Carbon Scotland the Keynote Speaker</p> <p>Board members will receive invitations for the Showcase and AGM along with the SLIC membership.</p> <p>The Board noted the update.</p>	PT
7	<p><b>Staffing and Remuneration Committee</b> The committee reviewed actions to ensure the delivery of the commitment to the government's Fair Work First Programme.</p> <p>The operating model for SLIC was reviewed. The office lease coming to an end and hybrid working arrangements developed.</p> <p>The Board agreed the update.</p>	RS
8	<p><b>Nominations Panel</b> 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.</p> <p>The Board noted the update.</p>	IR
9	<p><b>CEO Update</b> The CEO advised that the new Public Library Strategy - Forward 2021 – 2025 has now been published.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the first winner of the SLIC Award for Library Services will be announced at the AGM.</p> <p>SLIF and PLIF are currently open for applications and the Funding Panel will meet to consider these in October.</p> <p>The Board noted the update.</p>	PT

11	<p><b>Sectoral Reports</b></p> <p><b>APLS</b> The sector has been focusing on re-establishing physical library services across the country following the guidance of the Scottish Government.</p> <p>APLS members were extremely positive about the new public library strategy and look forward to working to deliver the aims of the strategy.</p> <p><b>CDN</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>NLS</b> A number of successful exhibitions are in place and will run into late 2021 and 2022.</p> <p>Online events have allowed the audience to grow with regular attendance from the whole of the UK, Asia, the Americas and Europe.</p> <p><b>SCURL</b> 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.</p> <p>Work to support the Covid response in the sector has been continuing through a number of meetings to support discussion and collaboration.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the representatives for the reports.</p>	
12	<p><b>Any other competent business</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	



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13	<b>Next meeting</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	
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