

Scottish Library & Information Council		
Board Meeting Minute		
Date:	23 rd March 2022	
Time:	1.00pm	
Location:	The Studio, 67 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6AE	
Present:	Ian Ruthven (Chair); Gary Cameron, Richmond Davies, Jill Leishman, Kathleen Milne, Andrew Olney, Robert Ruthven, Amina Shah, Maisie Smith; Alison Stevenson; Jonathan Tait, Craig Vickery In attendance: Pamela Tulloch (CEO); Jim McLaggan	
Apologies:	Anna McInnes, Robin Prior, Robert Sullivan	
Declaration of interest:	There were no declarations of interests.	
Agenda items		Actions
1	Welcome and introductions The Chair opened the meeting, thanked Board members for attending in person and noted it was good to meet in person after so long. The Chair welcomed new Board members to their first meeting.	
2	Review of actions from previous meeting – 15 September 2021 All actions are covered in agenda items for this meeting.	
3	Approve minute of previous meeting –15 September 2021 The minute was approved.	
4	Finance Update The Treasurer reported on the financial position. There was a slight underspend projected for the year. There had been some additional income due to the Public Library COVID Relief Fund being administered by SLIC. In general, the budget was in good shape ahead of the year end. Risk Register The Risk Register was reviewed and no new risks identified. Monitoring of appropriate actions to mitigate risks is ongoing and no changes are reported. The Board noted the update.	CV
5	Membership Subscriptions The Board noted that the SLIC membership subscriptions had been retained at their current level for a while. After discussion, it was agreed a more appropriate time of the year to fully	

	<p>review subscription tariffs would be at the Board's September meeting to allow any changes to be managed by members during their budget setting process.</p> <p>The Board agreed to hold the current subscription rate for 2022/23</p>	IR/CV
6	<p>Funding Subcommittee Update</p> <p>The Chair of the Funding Subcommittee updated the meeting with recent activity. Since the last Board meeting the subcommittee had met twice to consider applications to the Public Library Improvement Fund (PLIF), the School Library Improvement Fund (SLIF), the Public Library COVID Relief Fund and the Innovation and Development Fund (IDF). In total over £1,750,000 was awarded to projects.</p> <p>The Board noted the update.</p>	AS
7	<p>Staffing and Remuneration Committee</p> <p>The Board noted the report from the Chair of the Staffing and Remuneration Committee.</p>	RS
8	<p>CEO Update</p> <p>The CEO Update the meeting with recent activity within the organisation, notably the additional work with a new fund to administer, the refreshed Collective Force for Health and Wellbeing, the implementation of the new public library strategy and ministerial engagement.</p> <p>The Board noted the update.</p>	PT
	<p>Sectoral Reports</p> <p>APLS</p> <p>The Chair of APLS updated the meeting on the activity from APLS. Notably a Wellbeing Toolkit had been produced for the sector and is hosted in the SLIC website. Public Libraries have reopened, now that public health restrictions have been lifted, although the sector still faces challenges with staff recruitment.</p> <p>CDN</p> <p>Progress for the sector is reflected in the fact it now meets regularly and common issues are being discussed.</p>	

9	<p>NLS</p> <p>The new National Librarian AND CEO of NLS spoke to the report of recent activity. In particular a new Treasures exhibition has opened at the George IV Library.</p> <p>SCURL</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 a developer has been appointed to take the platform forward in 2022 are in place.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the representatives for the reports.</p>	
10	<p>Any other competent business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
11	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>22nd June 2022</p>	