



**Foras na Gaeilge**

**Board Decisions 2017  
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**Minutes of the 151st Board meeting held Friday 27 January 2017 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, G. McElwain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin, C. McGuinness (left after training session), M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, M. Farrell, S. Ní Chéidigh and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

**03.151 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An updated copy of the Senior Management Report was circulated and the CEO reported:

- That additional funding was approved by DAHRRGA for the following projects in 2016:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Additional pension lump sums	€109,916
Bill to pay IDM	€48,000
Computing equipment	€30,000
Publicity materials	€20,000
Support Package for Pilot Support Scheme for Irish-Medium Education households	€14,000
STEAM Education Ltd	€12,000
Pre-school support	€8,300
National Student Media Awards 2017 (Smedias)	€6,765
Software/Hardware for An Gúm	€6,700
Professional Bills	€6,000
Sponsorship of Christmas lights for Cultúrlann McAdaim/Ó Fiach	€5,000
Live broadcast of 'Bláthnaid Libh' programme from Dublin Airport	€4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€260,681</b>

- That DAHRRGA announced before year end €1m of additional for Foras na Gaeilge for the year 2017. Costs associated with office accommodation in Dublin were mentioned in the press release issued by the Dept. Details are still being sought and proposals will be brought to the February meeting.

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**  
**Chairperson**  
**24 February 2017**

**Minutes from the 152nd Board meeting held on Friday 24 February 2017 on the premises of the East Belfast Mission, Belfast.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson) B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, G. McElwain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, M. Farrell, S. Ní Chéidigh and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** B. Ní Chofaigh and C. McGuinness.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief -Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

**04.152 REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES OF FORAS NA GAELIGE**

**The Grants Committee**

The Board approved the consultation document for Scéim na nOifigeach Gaeilge (Irish language Officer Scheme) and it was agreed that the consultation process would commence on 3 March (**Appendix 1**). The Board approved the Colmcille minor capital grant scheme for development and partnerships (**Appendix 2**). The Board noted the information notes from Cumann na bhFiann and Gaeloideachas (**Appendix 3**). The Board noted the information note regarding Scéim na nOidí (**Appendix 4**).

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Cumann na bhFoilsitheoirí	1701002	€240,000	€240,000

The Board approved the recommendation that €240,000 be provided to Cumann na bhFoilsitheoirí, for the Scheme which provides marketing supports for the Irish language Publishing Sector (Scéim le Tacaíocht Margaíochta a Sholáthar d'Earnáil na Foilsitheoireachta Ghaeilge). This would be provided over a period of 3 years, with the budget for year 2 depending on satisfactory results for the business plan of year 1, and the year 3 depending on satisfactory results for year 2. It was agreed that Cumann na bhFoilsitheoirí Gaeilge would be asked to provide a biannual report. It was noted that an expenditure breakdown was not made available for the Grants Committee (Coiste na nDeontas) meeting, but that it was provided subsequently.

**05.152 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

The Board noted the statement of expenditure of January 1st to January 31st 2017, and the 2017 yearly budget. The Board approved the list of commitments and the list of written off grants. Comparison figures were asked to be provided covering a 3 year period regarding the commitments. A question was also raised about the entirety of Foras na Gaeilge's funding and it was reported that a graph detailing this covering the timeframe of 2008-2016 was previously circulated, and could again be made available. The Director of Corporate Services circulated a declaration of disclosure of information in relation to the 2016 Accounts and asked the Board to send it to the executive completed.

**08.152 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NEW FORAS NA GAELIGE OFFICE**

The Chief Executive gave a brief presentation on the background of the subject – reason for moving, the process from 2013 onwards, and the communication with staff, and the protected disclosure.

The Chief Executive explained that discussions regarding the move had begun in 2013 when it was disclosed to staff that all staff members from both Dublin Offices would be brought under one roof. He noted that there had been continuous communications with the Office of Public Works since then and that staff members had been notified on an ongoing basis of the lack of development with the search for an office.

He stated that a misunderstanding had arisen from the meeting with the trade unions at the Partnership Committee meeting before Christmas. The Chief Executive apologised to the Board for this misunderstanding. He said that there was no doubt that there was a considerable contingent of staff from Merrion Square were against moving office, and that there was also staff members in favour of a move, senior management included. He reported that SIPTU was against the move to Amiens Street and that IMPACT was in favour of the move.

He referenced the protected disclosure that was reported in January and he explained that it was made available to the Chairperson, and that the process was made clear. The Chairperson was satisfied with that. The Chief Executive said that a copy of the report was made available to both sponsor departments and that it was discussed at The Audit Committee on February 7th.

### **The Audit Committee**

The Chairperson of The Audit Committee stated that lengthy discussions had taken place regarding the question. The Committee had been informed that internal auditor was satisfied that best practice standards had been adhered to, and that there was evidence that contact was made and appropriate correspondence had taken place with the OPW, and that all possible avenues with the OPW had been explored.

### **The Development Committee**

The Deputy Chairperson stated that the Development Committee had discussed in great detail the recommendation relating to the new Office and explained that the Committee didn't have all the pertinent information as the Chief Executive had planned a meeting with SIPTU that afternoon, and as a result the Chairperson of the Committee decided not to make a recommendation.

### **Deliberations of the Board**

Extensive discussions had taken place regarding the question. Every Board member had an opportunity to speak. The possibilities of Merrion Square were discussed, along with a Gaeltacht Quarter in Dublin, as well as media coverage. It was agreed that the Board should be notified immediately about breaking news in the media relating to Foras na Gaeilge. Reference was made to the staff's concerns regarding safety and it was recommended that everything should be done to deal with those concerns and in an effort to raise staff morale.

The executive clarified certain points. It was explained that the lease agreement would give Foras na Gaeilge and the landlord stability respectively, and it was stated that rent increases would be limited and would not rise above market rent rates. It was also stated that contact had been made with other offices in the Amiens Street area and that there had been no incidents regarding personal safety but that there had been incidents where vehicles parked on the street had been broken in to since they had moved to the area (some of which had been there since 2001).

The Chairperson gave a summation of the discussion. He reported that confirmation had been received from the Department for Communities and that confirmation from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs expected shortly.

The Chairperson asked the Board to cast a vote regarding the new office on Amiens Street. 9 Board members were in favour with one Board member voting against. The Board approved the move to Amiens Street on the condition that confirmation was received from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

## **Small Grants Scheme for development and partnerships**

### **Amount of grants and dates**

(the euro to sterling exchange rate will be determined by FnaG / sponsor departments)

Maximum grant amount: €1,800 / £1,566 \*

Budget: €12,000 / £ 10,440 \*

\*Based on 2017 exchange rate

The scheme will be open from the start of January until September 30. There is no deadline. Expenditure must be made and the drawn down performed before the end of November. Recommendations should be discussed with Colmcille before application form is drafted.

### **Grant amount**

Maximum grant amount: €1,800 / £1,566

**Information Notes: Cumann na bhFiann and Gaeloideachas**

Some information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 1, Section 4 and under Part 2, Section 6 of the Appendix to the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

**Information note for the amended relating to the period up until 31/12/2016**

**Ref. Number:** 1501066

**Name of Organisation:** Cumann na bhFiann

	<b>Authorised €</b> (01 January 2016 go 31 December 2016)	<b>Requested Amendment €</b> 09.12.16
<b>Salaries (A)</b>		
Acting Chairperson (28/2009, POC, Point 8)		
AS circular 28/2009 Point 8)		
GS circular 28/2009 Point 6)		
Executive Officer (EO) circular 28/2009 (Point 12)		
Executive Officer (EO) circular 18/2010 (Point 2)		
Clerical Officer (CO) circular 18/2010 (Point 3)		
Executive Officer (EO) circular 18/2010 (Point 1)		
Executive Officer (EO ) (N.I.) (Point 4)		
Executive Officer (EO ) (M.I.) (Point 1)		
Temporary contractor (authorized by FnaG 06/09/16)		
<b>Subtotal (A)</b>	<b>€ 459,294</b>	<b>€442,439</b>
<b>Running costs (B)</b>		
Travel and Maintenance	€70,000	€57,000
Standard Running Costs	€50,106	€57,961
<b>Subtotal (B)</b>	<b>€ 120,106</b>	<b>€ 114,961</b>
<b>Services / Activities(C)</b>		
<b>ALLOCATION I</b>		
Tóstal na bhFiann (Reunion Celebration)	€16,000	€18,000
Spring Tour	€2,500	€2,500
Youth Tour	€3,000	€3,000
Youth Show	€15,000	€16,500
<b>ALLOCATION II</b>		
Talent Competition	€1,500	€1,500
Corn na bhFiann (Competition)	€2,263	€2,263
Workshops	€3,000	€3,000
<b>ALLOCATION III</b>		
Partnership	€3,500	€3,500
<b>ALLOCATION IV</b>		
Networks for Youth Clubs	€95,000	€110,000
<b>ALLOCATION V</b>		

Training Courses	€4,000	€4,000
Handbook Publishing	€3,500	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION VI</b>		
Standardization System	N/A	N/A
<b>ALLOCATION VII</b>		
Website	N/A	N/A
<b>ALLOCATION VIII</b>		
Attending Conferences	€12,000	€14,000
<b>ALLOCATION IX</b>		
Play Days	€7,000	€7,000
<b>ALLOCATION X</b>		
Information Packages	€3,000	€3,000
Recruitment of Colleges	€2,000	€2,000
<b>Subtotal (C)</b>	<b>€173,263</b>	<b>€195,263</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€752,663</b>	<b>€752,663</b>

**Reason for amendment:**

There were 2 vacancies in Cumann na bhFiann, one has been filled: Executive Officer (GS) circular 17/2015

Point 1 on scale

Yearly Salary €27,739      2 month period €4,623.16

Yearly Tax €2,981.94      2 month period €496.99

Another position to be filled in 2017. Expenses related to that position will go towards equipment.

The Chief Executive approved the amendment on 19/12/ 2016.

## Information Note

Some information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 1, Section 4 and under Part 2, Section 6 of the Appendix to the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

**Ref. Number: 1501069**

**Organization:** Gaelscoileanna Teo.

**The requested amended budget up until 31/12/2016**

	<b>Authorised by Foras na Gaeilge 26.10.16</b>	<b>Budget Requested amendment 15.12.16</b>
<b>Salaries</b>		
Higher Executive, Assistant Principle Officer (PC, 28/2009, 7)		
Deputy Higher Executive , Higher Executive Officer (AOF, 28/2009, 9)		
Senior Policy and Development Officer (AOF, 28/2009,2&3)		
Information and Finance Officer (OF, 28/2009, 6&7)		
Development Officer (OF, 18/2010, 2&3)		
Development Officer (OF, 18/2010, 5&6)		
Development Officer for the Gaeltacht (OF, 2/2014, 1&2)		
Development Officer for the Gaeltacht (OF, 2/2014, 3)		
Office Administrator (OC, 2/2014, 2&3)		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€440,770</b>	<b>€430,196</b>
<b>Running costs</b>		
Travel and Maintenance	€35,000	€35,000.00
Standard Running Costs	€96,737	€98,392.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€131,737</b>	<b>€133,392.00</b>
<b>Services / Activities</b>		
<b>ALLOCATION I</b>		
Training Seminar in immersion education	€700	€700.00
Advisory assistance to schools through regional meetings and school visits to assess requirements along with increasing participation/representatives in the organisation's work	€5,000	€5,000.00
<b>ALLOCATION VI</b>		
Continuous assistance to long established committees and new	€14,374	€14,874.00
<b>ALLOCATION VIII</b>		
Facilitating the networking and socialising of the Irish language among children, and as well as immersion education institutions through the Scheme 'Scéim Le Chéile Trí Ghaeilge'	€27,000	€27,000.00
<b>ALLOCATION X</b>		
Advisory assistance to stakeholders, schools and playschools on a regional basis, with the purpose of assessing requirements and defining the organisation's work schedule through meetings and independent consultation visits	€2,000	€2,700.00
<b>ALLOCATION XI</b>		
Linguistic skill enabling of playschool directors: Training programme for playschool directors on best practice practices in early immersion education:	€28,600	€28,500.00
o Development of online Irish language course		€15,000.00



for directors, focusing on verbal and written Standards		
o A grant for directors to attend Irish language classes		€12,000.00
Training programme / marketing / travel / seed money		€1,500.00
<b>ALLOCATION XIII</b>		
Organising an all-island training convention & education planning for the 3 education levels	€15,377	€15,377.00
Organising a seminar on conference themes to cater for playschool, primary school and secondary school communities	€600	€600.00
<b>ALLOCATION XIV</b>		
Developing and delivering a digital newsletter and a hard copy version for playschool and primary school communities inside and outside the Gaeltacht	€2,000	€2,000.00
Publicity material made available to primary school communities and to the general public relating to the function, service, needs/requirements and benefits that come from education through Irish	€10,000	€10,000.00
Information handbook for parents about early education through Irish	€3,960	€3,960.00
<b>EXTRA ALLOCATION I</b>		
Joint project with Conradh na Gaeilge: awareness campaign on the benefits / the immersion education approach and system	€4,000	€4,000.00
All-Ireland joint Project with Gael-Linn	€15,000	€15,000.00
<b>EXTRA ALLOCATION II</b>		
Communication strategy and rebranding of the organisation	€6,600	€6,600.00
Developing the website	€5,000	€7,500
Language Scheme for Families	€3,000	€6,000.00
The coordination of a partnership project with other co-partners of the Fóram Comhpháirtíochta. This Project relating to the commemoration of 1916 is to be agreed upon	Féasta 100	€2,320.00
Joint Project lobbying for Irish language sector / education through Irish with lead-organisations for the general election	Human resources	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€143,211</b>	<b>€152,131.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€715,719</b>	<b>€715,719.00</b>

**Reason for amending:**

**Salary expenditure:**

There was a decrease due to Development Officer not starting until 1.12.16 and is starting on a lower point on the scale than expected (Point 1).

We are still without an office Administrator and the position has been announced. It is not intended for the new staff member to begin until the New Year.

**General Running Costs:**

- The office running costs are greater than those detailed in the January estimate. This increase is due to additional Professional fees required to operate effectively and a requirement to buy equipment during the year.

**Project Costs:**

- There is an increase in the budget for the joint Project with Glór na nGael and the Irish for families scheme.

- The cost of Féasta as a joint project is factored in.
- An increase of €2,500 added to the development of the website.
- Slight increase in cost regarding campaigns for new provisions.

**Authorisation:**

The Chief Executive authorised the amendment on 19.12.16.

**Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge**

Workshops were organised as part of Scéim na nOidí 2015 (The Teacher Scheme 2015) and at the last workshop, feedback about the scheme was requested from those who were working under the scheme, and recommendations were welcomed. It was recommended that the name be changed and that the term ‘Oide’ (teacher) would no longer be used. It is intended that the name be changed to ‘ Scéim Meantóireachta Fhoras na Gaeilge’ (Foras na Gaeilge’s Mentoring Scheme) and that the terms ‘mentor’ and ‘apprentice writers’ would be used in describing those who work together under the scheme.

**Minutes from the 153th Board meeting held on Friday 7 April 2017 in the offices of Foras na Gaeilge, Frederick Street, Dublin.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson) S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, G. McElwain, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, C. McGuinness, S. Ní Chéidigh and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin and M. Farrell.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

### **03.153 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Chief Executive reported that:

There were implementation plans created to move the staff based in North Frederick Street to Merrion Square in May. Public events will no longer take place in the Main Hall as staff will now be placed there.

Clarification has not yet been received from DAHRRGA regarding additional funding – it is not yet known how much of the €750,000 announced before year end for the Foras Teanga will be provided for Foras na Gaeilge. The projects that DAHRRGA will approve remain unknown. The funding will not be approved for any projects previously mentioned in the Business Plan or in the Corporate Plan, nor will expenditure be approved for all-island or projects in Northern Ireland. Expenditure will not be approved for projects spanning longer than the current year. The following recommendations will soon be presented to DAHRRGA and these projects will be valued above €300k according to a rough estimate. Applications and accurate estimates will be sought when the projects are approved by DAHRRGA. More than €400k, depending on applications, will be spent on relocating staff from Frederick Street and Merrion Square, moving Áis and moving to the new office.

### **04.153 REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES OF FORAS NA GAEILGE**

#### **Grants Committee**

**M. Ní Neachtain left the meeting due to a risk of conflict of interest.**

The Board accepted the proposals about funding Scéim na bhFéilte (**Appendix 1**). It was noted that the applications were successful but that there was a lack of budget available for them and it was agreed that the Board would be providing funding if additional funds were made available.

**M. Ní Neachtain returned at this point.**

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the applications for the Scholarships scheme 2017.

<b>Name of applicant</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Sought</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Conradh na Gaeilge	1701002	€35,100	€35,100
Gael Linn	1701008	€24,864	€24,864
Cumann na bhFiann	1701009	€12,000	€10,560

**The Chairperson left the meeting due to a risk of conflict of interest.**

The Board agreed to the proposal to award a grant of no greater than €10,000 to Cumann an Phiarsaigh under the 2017 Scholarship Scheme.

<b>Name of applicant</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Sought</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Cumann an Phiarsaigh	1701010	€10,000	€10,000

**The Chairperson returned at this point.**

The board noted the amendment to the Gaelscoileanna budget (Gaeloideachas) (**Appendix 2**).

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**  
**Chairperson**  
**19 May 2017**

**Appendix 1**

**The Festivals Scheme  
2017**

2017 Budget: €95,596

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Requested Amount €</b>	<b>Recommended Amount €</b>	<b>Requested Amount £</b>	<b>Recommended Amount £</b>
Armagh Pipers' Club	William Kennedy Piping Festival	Ard Mhacha			£3,500	£3,000
Cumann Merriman	Scoil Geimhridh Merriman & Scoil Samhraidh Merriman	Baile Átha Cliath	€5,000.00	€4,300		
Club Óige Rann na Feirste	Féile Dheireadh Seachtaine na Gaeilge	Dún na nGall	€1,458.75	€1,200		
Ionad Uíbh Eachach	Féile Bí Dána	Aontroim			£1,180	£1,000
An Cumann Gaelach Muineacháin	Féile Teanga Sliabh Beatha	Muineachán	€3,000.00	€2,100		
Baboró	Baboró International Arts Festival for Children	Gaillimh	€5,000.00	€3,400		
Comharchumann Rathcarn Teo.	Féile na Mí	Co. na Mí	€3,000.00	€2,000		
Éigse Cholm Cille	Éigse Cholm Cille	Doire			£3,500	£2,500
Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh	Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh	Co Chiarraí	€4,000.00	€2,800		
Cairde Dhroim nDamh	Súilóid Laidéar na Samhna & Féile Solais	Doire			£1,200	£900
Coiste Thraid Picnic	Féile Traid Phicnic	Gaillimh	€9,411.46	€3,400		
Cumann Forbartha Chois Fharraige	Pléasca 1917 - 2017	Gaillimh	€3,900.00	€2,700		
Fingal Film Festival	Fingal Film Festival 2017	Baile Átha Cliath	€5,000.00	€3,400		
Loinneog Lúnasa – Féile Ceoil	Féile Ceoil agus Cultúr Ghaoth Dobhair (Luinneog Lúnasa)	Dún na nGall	€5,000.00	€3,500		
Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy	Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy	An Chlár	€5,000.00	€3,400		
University of Ulster	Éigse Loch Lao	Aontroim			£2,700	£1,800
An Droichead	Féile an Droichead 2017	Aontroim			£3,500	£2,300
Áras Éanna	Féilte Áras Éanna 2017	Gaillimh	€7,000.00	€3,200		
Carntogher Community	Féile Chairn Tóchair 2017	Doire			£3,500	£2,300

Association						
Club Óige Mhic Reachtain	Féile Gafa	Aontroim			£3,500	£2,300
Consairtín	Consairtín 2017	An Chlár	€2,500.00	€1,500		
Galway Film Fleadh	Junior Galway Film Fleadh	Gaillimh	€5,000.00	€3,200		
Glór Uachtar Tíre	Scoil Samhriadh Shéamus Uí Néill 2017	Co. An Dúin			£3,500	£2,100
Liú Lúnasa	Liú Lúnasa	Aontroim			£3,500	£2,300
Muintir na Gaeilge Ongar	Féile 15	Baile Átha Cliath	€3,500.00	€2,300		
Siamsa Sráide	Siamsa Sráide	Maigh Eo	€2,000.00	€1,300		
Sligo Feis Ceoil	Sligo Feis Ceoil	Sligeach	€2,000.00	€1,300		
University of Limerick - Ollscoil Luimní	BLAS International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music and Dance	Luimneach	€5,000.00	€3,300		
Alliance Francaise	Franco-Irish Literary Festival	Baile Átha Cliath	€3,000.00	€1,800		
Cnoc na Gaoithe Cultural Centre	Féile Chnoc na Gaoithe 2017	An Chlár	€3,000.00	€1,800		
Comhlacht Forbartha Inis Meáin	Féile Inis Meáin	Gaillimh	€5,000.00	€3,000		
Cumann Chultúrtha Mhic Reachtain	Scoil Smahraidh Mhic Reachtain 2017	Aontroim			£3,500	£2,200
Cumann Gaelach Ard Mhic Nasca	Féile NASCA 2017	Co. An Dúin			£600	£500
Féile na Bealtaine	Féile na Bealtaine	Ciarraí	€5,000.00	€3,000		
Gaeilge Locha Riach	Féile Raifteirí	Gaillimh	€4,520.00	€2,500		
Glór na Móna	Féile na Carraige	Aontroim			£3,500	£2,200
Navan Choral Festival	Navan Choral Festival	Co. na Mí	€5,000.00	€3,000		
Scoil Acla	Scoil Samhraidh Scoil Acla 2017	Maigh Eo	€5,000.00	€3,000		
				€66,400.00	£ 25,400.00	
					€ 29,195.40	
			<b>Total:</b>			€95,595.40

**Qualify but lack of budget**

Ref. No.	Name of Organisation	Project Title	County	Requested Amount €	Recommended Amount €	Requested Amount £	Recommended Amount £
1701004.39	An Cumann Scoildrámaíocht	Féile Dhoire	Doire			£ 820.00	650
1701004.40	An Féile Scoildrámaíochta	Féile Scoildrámaíochta Uladh	Dún na nGall	€2,000	€1,200		
1701004.41	Coiste Ionad Pobail Dún Lúiche	Féile an Earagail	Dún na nGall	€5,000	€3,000		
1701004.42	Cruthu Arts Festival	Cruthu Arts Festival	Longfort	€5,000	€3,000		
1701004.43	Cumann Scoildrámaíochta na Gaillimhe	Féile Scoildrámaíochta na Gaillimhe	Gaillimh	€1,500	€1,000		
1701004.44	The Gap Arts Festival	The Gap Arts Festival - Féile Ealaíona an Bhearna	Loch Garman	€2,950	€1,500		
					€ 9,700.00		£ 650.00
							€747.13
					<b>Total</b>		€10,447.13



**Appendix 2****Informations note: Gaelscoileanna****Reference Number: 1601062**

	<b>Approved €</b> (01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017) At Board Meeting 09/12/16	<b>Requested budget amendments</b> 24/01/17
<b>Salary</b>		
Higher Executive, Assistant Principle Officer, 28/2009, 7+8		
Deputy Higher Executive , Higher Executive Officer, 28/2009, 9		
Senior officer in Policy & Developments, Higher Executive Officer, 28/2009, 3+4		
Information and Finance Officer, Executive Officer, 28/2009, 7+8		
Development Officer, Executive Officer, 17/2015, 6+7 (scale 1 to September 2017)		
Development Officer, Executive Officer, 18/2010, 6+7		
Development Officer, Executive Officer, 2/2014, 2+3		
Development Officer, Executive Officer, 2/2014, 9+10		
Office Administrator, Clerical Officer, 2/2014, 3+4		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€ 457,589</b>	<b>€ 448,241.85</b>
<b>Running costs</b>		
Travel and Maintenance	€ 35,000	€ 40,000
Standard Running Costs	€ 99,973	€ 104,321
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€ 134,973</b>	<b>€ 144,321</b>
<b>Services / Activities</b>		
<b>ALLOCATION I</b>		
Activity 1 (Feachtas Feasachta agus seimineár faoin tumaoidachas i gcomhthéacs an Polasaí Oideachais Gaeltachta)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION V</b>		
Activity 2 (Comhairliúcháin le scoileanna agus naíonraí)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION VII</b>		
Activity 4 (Forbairt phleanáilte ar fhorais thumaoidachais nua )	€10,000	€10,000
Activity 6 (comhairliúchán agus oiliúint do na boird bainistíochta/coiste na	€5,000	€5,000

dtuismitheoirí faoin tumoideachas )		
<b>ALLOCATION VII</b>		
Activity 12 (Cruinnithe ardaithe feasachta faoin leanúchas))	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION VIII</b>		
Activity 11 (Clár Gaeilge do thuismitheoirí)	€10,000	€10,000
<b>ALLOCATION IX</b>		
Activity 5 (deontas le chéile trí Ghaeilge)	€27,000	€27,000
Activity 9 (Forbairt agus seachadadh nuachtlitir)	€3,000	€3,000
<b>ALLOCATION XI</b>		
Activity 7 (Cúrsa Gaeilge a fhorbairt do stiúrthóirí naíonra)	€10,000	€10,000
<b>ALLOCATION XIV</b>		
Activity 3 (RSO agus an tumoideachas – oiliúint tríd na réigiúin)	€6,000	€6,000
Activity 8 (Comhroinnt an deá-chleachtais a éascú trí Chomhdháil Oideachais 32 contae)	€15,000	€15,000
<b>ALLOCATION XV</b>		
Activity 10 (Forbairt agus oiriúnú ábhar bolscaireachta ar an tumoideachas)	€10,000	€10,000
Activity 13 (Feachtas ardaithe feasachta You Tube)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€116,000</b>	<b>€116,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€708,562</b>	<b>€708,562</b>

**Reason for amendment:**

A new Development Officer will be functioning on scale 1 until September 2017 when the former Development Officer will return.

The additional funds will be put towards Running and Office costs.

**Approval:**

The Chief Executive approved this amendment on the 26 January 2017.

## 4. EXPENDITURE

### 2016 – An Foclóir Nua Béarla-Gaeilge (The new English-Irish Dictionary)

	Amount	NOTES
Yearly budget for 2016	37,005	
Expenditure to 31 December	48,057	€11,000 over the budget – see irish version with question above
Amount of overall budget remaining	116,305	For the printed version

### 2016 – Tionscadail foclóireachta eile

	Amount	COMMENT
<b>5006004 Maintenance for FNBG</b>	104,899	Covered under this budget line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License &amp; maintenance for the site, for the app and for the DPS</li> <li>• To develop new functions for the site and the app</li> </ul>
<b>5006003 Publicity Campaign</b>	3,682	
<b>5006002 Teanglann</b>	86,195	€48K spent on the app <i>teanglann.ie</i>
<b>5007002 An Corpas</b>	55,099	

<b>TOTAL – all of the dictionary projects</b>	<b>297,932</b>	
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**Minutes from the 154rd Board meeting held on Friday 19 May 2017 in the Foras na Gaeilge office, Belfast.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson) S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, S. Ó Coistealbha, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, C. McGuinness, M. Farrell and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), G. McElwain, S. Ó hArgáin and S. Ní Chéidigh.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

### **03.154 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Chief Executive explained that:

- Authorization has not yet been received from DAHRRGA regarding additional funding – it is not yet known how much of the €750,000 announced before year end for the Foras Teanga will be provided for Foras na Gaeilge. The projects DAHRRGA will approve also remain unknown. There is no authorization to spend any funding on projects previously mentioned in the business plan, nor is expenditure authorized on any all-Ireland projects or on projects based in Northern Ireland. Expenditure will not be permitted for any projects that extend further than a calendar year.

It was asked that the risk register is amended to include the danger of not being able to utilise funding before the end of the year unless authorization is received from the DAHRRGA.

- That authorization had been received from the DAHRRGA for the new offices on Amiens Street. The terms of the lease are to be agreed without delay. There is optimism that the new offices will be ready before the end of 2017.
- That the lease for the Foras na Gaeilge offices on North Frederick Street would be coming to an end at the end of May and that staff members from North Frederick Street would be moved to Merrion Square North on a temporary basis until the new offices are ready.

It was asked that a copy of the sponsor department's letters with the official authorization would be made available to Board members for information.

- That there would be revised guidelines from the Department of Communities regarding the budget of 2016/17 at the end of June 2017, as a stop-gap arrangement since the northern jurisdiction was without a government.

### **04.154 REPORT FROM THE FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES**

#### **The Grants Committee**

The Board approved the recommendations made in regards to the 2017 Theatre Companies Scheme (**Appendix 1**). It was stated that there was a recommendation from the Committee that the next share of the budget would be put aside for new groups and that support would be made available to help them in filling application forms. It was stated that documents regarding the plays planned by the theatre companies were circulated among the Committee and it was agreed that they would be

circulated amongst the Board to keep them informed. On a wider basis, theatre was discussed along with the ways to further support it.

The Board approved a grant of no greater than £24,940 to Aisling Ghéar under the Theatre Companies Scheme 2017 for the costs related to the work schedule for 2017.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Aisling Ghéar	1701005.02	£75,000	£24,940

The Board approved the recommendations regarding the the Summer Camps Scheme for 2017 (**Appendix 2**).

The Board noted the budget amendment from Gaelscoileanna (Gaeloideachas) (Appendix 3). An explanation was given regarding the procedure for budget amendments below the delegated limit of the Board. There were discussions regarding possible risks if best practice was not adhered to in relation to this. Discussions took place on the agreement made with lead-organisations that budget amendments could be permitted.

#### **05.154 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

The Board approved the expenditure up to April 30, and the revised budget up until December 31 2017. Documents were circulated regarding expenditure and the material was discussed. It was stated that expenditure was on target. It noted that €10,500 was sourced internally through the redistribution of funding which was originally allocated to the Festival Scheme and applicants who were successful in obtaining funding, but that the budget available to them was not significant enough, nor viable. It was noted that enquiries were being made in regards to training staff in language planning. It was recommended that lead organisation staff should attend the same training. The Board approved the expenditure report and the revised budget.

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**

**Chairperson**

**23 June 2017**

**Appendix 1**

**The Theatre Companies  
Scheme 2017  
Budget  
€209,768**

Reference Number	Name of Organisation	Project Cost £	Project Cost €	Amount Sought £	Amount Sought €	Recommendation £	Recommendation €	Mark
1701005.01	Ababú	<b>£24,070</b>	€27,666.00	£12,670	€14,563.22	£9,000.00	€10,465.00	73%
1701005.02	Aisling Ghéar	<b>£206,629</b>	<b>€237,504.59</b>	£75,000	€86,206.89	£24,940.00	€29,000.00	81%
Information is redacted here as it is exempt under Part 1, Section 4 and Part 2 Section 6 of the Appendix to the Freedom of Information Code of Practice.			€6,000		€5,000		Disqualification of this application recommended	33%
1701005.04	Aisteoirí an Lóchrainn		€1,800		€1,200		€1,000.00	68%
1701005.07	Aisteoirí Bhréanainn		€10,600		€7,000		€2,000.00	73%
1701005.03	Armagh Rhymers (Cleamairí Ard Mhacha)	<b>£25,690</b>	<b>€29,528</b>	£21,250	€24,425.28	£8,600.00	€10,000.00	78%
1701005.05	Axis		€34,500		€27,500		€16,000.00	77%
1701005.08	Branar		€183,301.15		€46,312		€23,000.00	80%
1701005.09	Cumann Drámaíochta Bulfin		€2,890		€1,700		€1,300.00	78%
1701005.10	Fibín		€217,142.23		€40,000		€26,000.00	88%
1701005.11	Graffiti Theatre Company		€23,925		€23,925		€16,000.00	80%
1701005.12	Guthanna Binne Sioraí		€55,000		€49,000		€16,000.00	84%
1701005.13	High Rock Productions		€108,549		€30,000		€14,000.00	79%
1701005.14	Little Wolf		€8,684		€7,500		€4,950.00	79%
1701005.15	Moonfish Theatre Company		€50,200		€29,600		€15,000.00	86%
1701005.16	Mouth on Fire Theatre Company		€53,766		€27,000		€15,000.00	80%
1701005.17	Splódar		€40,000		€35,000		€9,000.00	77%
1701005.18	Umbrella Theatre Company		€3,500		€2,000		€1,000.00	67%
<b>Total</b>			<b>€1,094,555.97</b>		<b>€457,932.39</b>		<b>€209,715.00</b>	

Budget €209,768.00

Remaining €53.00

**Appendix 2**

Ref. Number	Name of Organisation	Recommendation €	Recommendation £stg	Mark
1701014.01	An Droichead		£ 1,745.00	86%
1701014.02	An Gaeláras LTD		£ 1,744.00	80%
1701014.03	Aodh Ruadh CLG, Béal Átha Seanaidh	€ 2,395.00		64%
1701014.04	Ballymana Irish Camp	€ 2,500.00		93%
1701014.05	Cairde Bhunscoil an Traonaigh		£ 1,750.00	96%
1701014.06	Cairde Gaelscoil na Móna		£ 1,750.00	96%
1701014.07	Cairde na mBeann		£ 1,750.00	92%
1701014.08	Cairde Uí Néill		£ 1,750.00	71%
1701014.09	Campa Chormaic an tSléibhe Dhuibh		£ 1,750.00	93%
1701014.10	Campa Chormaic Dhoire		£ 1,750.00	97%
1701014.11	Campa Chormaic Dhoire		£ 1,750.00	93%
1701014.12	Campa Chormaic na Móna		£ 1,750.00	93%
1701014.13	Campa Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain		£ 1,750.00	88%
1701014.14	Club Iarscoile Bhunscoil an Iúir		£ 1,509.20	77%
1701014.15	Club Óige Feachtas	€ 2,500.00		77%
1701014.16	Club Óige Luraigh		£ 1,750.00	97%
1701014.17	Club Óige Mhachaire Botháin		£ 1,750.00	85%
1701014.18	Club Óige Setanta		£ 1,750.00	76%
1701014.19	Club Spraoi		£ 1,750.00	92%
1701014.20	Club Spraoi		£ 1,750.00	82%
1701014.21	Coiste Champa Chormaic		£ 1,750.00	97%
1701014.22	Coiste Champa Chormaic		£ 1,750.00	93%
1701014.23	Coiste Cultúrtha C.L.G Na Mí	€ 2,300.00		89%
1701014.24	Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair		£ 1,750.00	97%

1701014.25	Coláiste Bhlinne		£ 1,750.00	88%
1701014.26	Comhlacht Forbartha Oileáin Dairbhe CLG	€ 2,500.00		74%
1701014.27	Conradh na Gaeilge	€ 2,500.00		68%
1701014.28	Conradh na Gaeilge	€ 1,280.00		76%
1701014.29	Conradh na Gaeilge Boirche Íochtar		£ 1,750.00	90%
1701014.30	Cormeen Community Development ltd	€ 2,405.00		71%
1701014.31	Craobh an Phiarsaigh	€ 2,225.00		86%
1701014.32	Craobh Uileog de Búrca	€ 2,225.00		86%
1701014.33	Croí Éanna		£ 1,750.00	69%
1701014.34	Culturlann McAdam Ó Fiaich		£ 1,750.00	79%
1701014.35	Cumann Gaelach Leath Chathail		£ 1,720.00	84%
1701014.36	Cumann Iarscoil na gCrann		£ 1,750.00	83%
1701014.37	Cumann Óige Átha an Rí	€ 2,500.00		73%
1701014.38	Faylinn Education Ltd	€ 2,000.00		73%
1701014.39	Gaeilge Locha Riach	€ 2,300.00		86%
1701014.40	Gaelscoil an Chaistil		£ 1,750.00	77%
1701014.41	Gaelscoil de hÍde	€ 1,100.00		77%
1701014.42	Gaelscoil Phort Láirge	€ 2,350.00		79%
1701014.43	Glór An Ghleanna (Cumann Óige an Ghleanna)		£ 1,750.00	71%
1701014.44	Glór an Tearmainn		£ 1,750.00	78%
1701014.45	Glór Dhún Geimín		£ 1,750.00	93%
1701014.46	Glór Mhachaire Fíolta		£ 1,750.00	88%
1701014.47	Glór na Móna		£ 1,750.00	96%
1701014.48	Glór na Speiríní		£ 1,750.00	92%
1701014.49	Glór Uachtar Tíre		£ 1,750.00	93%
1701014.50	Greencastle Youth Club		£ 1,750.00	89%



1701014.51	Ionad Uíbh Eachach		£ 1,750.00	92%
1701014.52	Laragh Heritage LTD	€ 2,500.00		68%
1701014.53	Lecanvey Community Centre	€ 2,200.00		86%
1701014.54	M.C.P Baile na nGallógach	€ 2,450.00		88%
1701014.55	Mayobridge Community Centre		£ 1,750.00	73%
1701014.56	Na Gaeil Óga CLG	€ 2,500.00		66%
1701014.57	Naíonra Léim an Bhradáin	€ 1,560.00		76%
1701014.58	Naíscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh		£ 1,750.00	89%
1701014.59	Naíscoil Éadain Mhóir		£ 1,750.00	89%
1701014.60	Naiscoil na Banna		£ 1,750.00	76%
1701014.61	Old Coollattin Country Limited	€ 2,500.00		89%
1701014.62	Comhchoiste Gaeltacht Uíbh Ráthnaigh	€ 2,500.00		83%
1701014.63	Pobal ar a'n Iúl/Ógras na hÓmaí		£ 1,750.00	92%
1701014.64	Saonairte the National Ecology Centre	€ 2,398.00		74%
1701014.65	Scoil Padre Pio	€ 2,500.00		83%
1701014.66	Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre Limited	€ 2,500.00		84%
1701014.67	St John Bosco GAC		£ 1,750.00	92%
1701014.68	Teach Abhaile	€ 2,500.00		86%
1701014.69	Teanga Beo Baile Fearmaid	€ 1,180.00		57%
1701013.01	Ógras - Campa Bhaile an Mhuilinn	€ 1,895.00		87%
1701013.02	Ógras - Campa Ghníomh go Leith	€ 1,845.00		87%
1701013.03	Ógras - Campa Bhaile Uí Thaidhg	€ 1,905.00		87%
1701013.04	Ógras - Campa Ráth Óg Cormaic	€ 1,945.00		87%
1701013.05	Ógras - Campa Ghaelscoil Dara	€ 1,945.00		87%
1701013.06	Ógras - Campa Marino	€ 1,771.00		87%
1701013.07	Ógras - Campa Nás na Riogh	€ 1,770.50		87%
1701013.08	Ógras - Campa Ráthmaoinis	€ 1,714.00		87%

1701013.09	Ógras - Campa Sheanchill	€ 1,801.00		87%
1701013.10	Ógras - Campa Bhaile na Manach	€ 1,738.50		87%
1701013.11	Ógras - Campa Lusmá	€ 1,755.00		87%
1701013.12	Ógras - Campa Bhiorra	€ 1,839.00		87%
1701013.13	Ógras - Campa Thrá Lí	€ 1,895.00		87%

€ 84,187.00

£ 73,218.20

€ 84,158.85 (ag  
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**Total €**

**€ 168,345.85**

**Information Note: Gaelscoileanna**

	<b>Approved Sum €</b> (01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 based on budget amendment approved by the CEO 26/01/17)	<b>Budget Amendment Requested</b>  Dáta: 24/03/17
<b>Salaries</b>		
Higher Executive (AP, 28/2009, 7+8)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     Information is redacted here as it is exempt under Part 1, Section 4 and Part 2 Section 6 of the Appendix to the Freedom of Information Code of Practice.                 </div>	
Deputy Higher Executive (HEO, 28/2009, 9)		
Senior officer in Policy & Developments (HEO, 28/2009,3+4)		
Information and Finance Officer (EO, 28/2009, 7+8)		
Development Officer (EO, 18/2010, 6+7, scale 1 to Sep 2017)		
Development Officer (EO, 18/2010, 6+7)		
Development Officer (EO, 2/2014, 2+3)		
Development Officer (EO, 2/2014, 9+10)		
Office Administrator (CO, 2/2014, 3+4)		
<b>Subtotal</b>		
Office Administrator (CO) functioning as Information Officer and Finance Officer (EO) for 4 months – additional payments for salary	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     Information is redacted here as it is exempt under Part 1, Section 4 and Part 2 Section 6 of the Appendix to the Freedom of Information Code of Practice.                 </div>	
New Office Administrator (CO, 2/2014, 1)		

Temporary basis – 5 months		
Application to temporarily fill vacancies to meet various targets and assist with projects during this period		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>€39,302</b>
<b>Running Costs</b>		
Travel and Maintenance	€ 40,000	€ 40,000
Standard Running Costs	€ 104,321	€ 104,321
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€ 144,321</b>	<b>€ 144,321</b>
<b>Services/Activities</b>		
<b>ALLOCATION I</b>		
Activity 1 (Awareness Campaign and seminar on immersion education in the context of Gaeltacht Education Policies)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION V</b>		
Activity 2 (Consultations to schools and playschools)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION VII</b>		
Activity 4 (Planned development regarding new immersion education institutions)	€10,000	€10,000
Activity 6 (Consultation and training for the management boards/ The Parents Committee on immersion education)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION VII</b>		
Activity 12 (Meetings to raise awareness regarding continuity)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>ALLOCATION VIII</b>		
Activity 11 (Irish language programme for parents)	€10,000	€10,000
<b>ALLOCATION IX</b>		

Activity 5 (Grant Scheme - Together through Irish)	€27,000	€27,000
Activity 9 (Developing and delivering newsletter)	€3,000	€3,000
<b>ALLOCATION XI</b>		
Activity 7 (Developing an Irish language course for playschool Directors)	€10,000	€10,000
<b>ALLOCATION XIV</b>		
Activity 3 (SEN and immersion education – regional training)	€6,000	€6,000
Activity 8 (Facilitating the sharing of best practices through a 32 county Education Conference)	€15,000	€15,000
<b>ALLOCATION XV</b>		
Activity 10 (Developing and adaptation of marketing material on immersion education)	€10,000	€10,000
Activity 13 (You Tube - social media awareness campaign)	€5,000	€5,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>€116,000</b>	<b>€116,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€708,562</b>	<b>€708,562</b>

**Reason for amendment:**

This budget amendment relates to two staff members who are on maternity leave and who will be taking 4 months unpaid leave (unpaid maternity leave). Employees are entitled to take this leave.

The organisation intends to use the remaining balance to hire a temporary Office Administrator (on a 5 month contract) and to move the general Office Administrator to the role of Finance & Information Officer (moving from CO to EO) for 4 months.

The organisation intends to seek approval to use the balance to temporarily employ staff to assist with projects and in meeting various targets for the interim period.

**Authorisation:**

The Chief Executive authorised the amendment on 05/04/17.

**Minutes from the 155th Board meeting held on Friday 23 June 2017 in the Foras na Gaeilge office, Gweedore, County Donegal.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson) B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, G. McElwain, S. Ó hArgáin, S. Ó Coistealbha, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ní Chéidigh and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** B. Ní Chofaigh, C. McGuinness and M. Farrell.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

**03.155 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Chief Executive stated the following:

1. That the DAHRRGA had not yet approved the additional funding – and that it is not yet known how much of the €750,000 announced for Foras Teanga before year end, would be made available to Foras na Gaeilge. The projects the DAHRRGA will approve also remains unknown. The matter has been raised with the Director of the Irish Language, and put on the risk register.

It was explained that a number of recommendations were put before the Department in March and that the Department sought business cases for each proposal. These had been sent to them in April. It was noted that various projects were discussed with the Directors and Line Managers but that they were yet to be put before the Board. The Board asked for a list of the recommendations before the September Board meeting and the next redistribution.

**04.155 THE FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES REPORT**

**The Grants Committee**

The Board approved the recommendations regarding the Youth Events Scheme 2017 (**Appendix 1**). The Board approved the recommendation that a sum of not more than £22,933.33 would be approved for the 4 month contract extension to Rua Media for in order to publish NÓS.ie until December 31 2017, (until the evaluation of the Irish language print sector had be completed).

The Committee approved the applications for The Commission Scheme 2017 (**Appendix 2**). The Committee approved the applications for The Mentoring Scheme 2017 (**Appendix 3**). It was noted that the Committee recommended finding a way to encourage children to take part in the scheme and that Gael Linn would undertake this work in order to provide opportunities, in particular to pupils in transition year.

The Board approved the amended terms of reference for the various committees of Foras na Gaeilge (**Appendix 4**).

#### **05.155 EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

The Board discussed the expenditure statement up until May 31 and the reviewed budget up until December 31, 2017. An accounts document was circulated regarding expenditure and was discussed. It was noted that they were on target regarding expenditure. A question was raised relating to Séideán Sí and it was requested that the books be updated now that the digital resource project had been completed; it was made aware that a business case regarding this had been put before The Department of Education and Skills. The Board approved the budget changes. The Board approved the expenditure statement with a reviewed budget.

**Appendix 1**

Ref. Number	Name of Organisation	Recommended total amount €	Recommended amount € 2017	Recommended amount € 2018	Recommended total amount £ stg	Recommended amount £ 2017	Recommended amount £ 2018	Mark received in evaluation %
1701017.01	An Droichead				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	97
1701017.02	An Gaeláras				£3,490.00	£2,094.00	£1,396.00	98
1701017.03	Banóglaigh na hÉireann	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				97
1701017.04	Bardic Educational Arts and Media (B.E.A.M)				£3,480.00	£2,088.00	£1,392.00	95
1701017.05	Cairde Cheathrú na Gaeltachta				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.06	Cairde Gaelscoil na Móna				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	90
1701017.07	Cairde na Gaelscoile				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.08	Cairde Teo				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	82
1701017.09	Club Chorbáin	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				80
1701017.10	Club na nÓg Buiríos Uí Chéin	€2,132.00	€1,279.20	€852.80				97
1701017.11	Club Óige Luraigh				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	98
1701017.12	Club Óige Mhachaire Botháin				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	75
1701017.13	Club Óige na Carraige Móire				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	97
1701017.14	Club Óige Setanta				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	100
1701017.15	Club Spraoi				£3,476.00	£2,085.60	£1,390.40	80
1701017.16	Club Spraoi				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	97
1701017.17	Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	87
1701017.18	Coláiste Dhéan Mhic Oirc - An Cumann Gaelach				£3,290.00	£1,974.00	£1,316.00	92
1701017.19	Coláiste Naomh Ciarán, Baile Uí Dhálaigh				£1,937.75	£1,162.65	£775.10	83



1701017.20	Comhlacht Forbartha Oileán Dairbhe	€4,509.22	€2,705.53	€1,803.69				88
1701017.21	Conradh na Gaeilge Boirche Iochtar				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	98
1701017.22	Conradh na Gaeilge - Caisléan na Deirge				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	97
1701017.23	Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.24	Cumann Gaelach na Ceathrún Gaeltachta				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.25	Cumann Iarscoil na gCrann				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.26	Cumann Óige Átha an Rí	€4,970.00	€2,982.00	€1,988.00				87
1701017.27	Cumann Óige Glór Chollain				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	77
1701017.28	Cumann Óige na bhFál				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	93
1701017.29	Dún Uladh				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	97
1701017.30	Education Authority (Coláiste Feirste)				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	100
1701017.31	Feachtas- Tamhlacht	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				100
1701017.32	Feachtas- Bhaile Brigin	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				100
1701017.33	Feachtas- Baile Munna	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				100
1701017.34	Gaelscoil an Chaistil				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	82
1701017.35	Glinsk Community Childcare	€4,960.00	€2,976.00	€1,984.00				97
1701017.36	Glór an Ghleanna				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.37	Glór Mhachaire Fíolta				£2,342.00	£1,405.20	£936.80	90
1701017.38	Glór na Móna				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	97
1701017.39	Glór na Speiríní				£3,317.00	£1,990.20	£1,326.80	80
1701017.40	Glór Uachtar Tíre				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	98
1701017.41	Greencastle Youth Club				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	87
1701017.42	Ionad Uíbh Eachach				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	87
1701017.43	Naíscóil an Traonaigh				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	95
1701017.44	Naíscóil Léim an Mhadaidh				£3,430.00	£2,058.00	£1,372.00	77

1701017.45	Ógras na hÓmaí				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	75
1701017.46	Scoil Iósaef, Domhnach Mór				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	100
1701017.47	Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				97
1701017.48	St. Mary's Primary School				£3,500.00	£2,100.00	£1,400.00	85
1701017.49	Teach Abhaile	€5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00				83
1701017.50	Young at Art				£3,309.00	£1,985.40	£1,323.60	92
1701017.51	Cairde Uí Néill				£3,000.00	£1,800.00	£1,200.00	82

		2017	2018
Recommended Subtotal €	€51,571.22	€30,942.73	€20,628.49

		2017	2018
Recommended Subtotal £	£136,071.75	£81,643.05	£54,428.70

		2017	2018
£ exchanged to €	€156,404.31	€93,842.59	€62,561.72

		2017	2018
Recommended Total (€ & £)	€207,975.53	€124,785.32	€83,190.21

Ref. Number.	Name of Organisation	County where the activity will take place	Total recommended amount €	Recommended amount € 2017	Recommended amount € 2018	Mark according to evaluation %
1701016.01	Ógras	Galway	€ 3,992.00	€2,395.20	€1,596.80	90
1701016.02	Ógras	Kerry	€ 3,801.00	€2,280.60	€1,520.40	90
1701016.03	Ógras	Kerry	€ 3,831.00	€2,298.60	€1,532.40	90
1701016.04	Ógras	Kerry	€ 3,801.00	€2,280.60	€1,520.40	90
1701016.05	Ógras	Limerick	€ 3,831.00	€2,298.60	€1,532.40	87
1701016.06	Ógras	Waterford	€ 3,791.00	€2,274.60	€1,516.40	87
1701016.07	Ógras	Kerry	€ 3,956.00	€2,373.60	€1,582.40	90
1701016.08	Ógras	Dublin	€ 3,500.00	€2,100.00	€1,400.00	90
1701016.09	Ógras	Cavan	€ 2,500.00	€1,500.00	€1,000.00	87
1701016.10	Ógras	Kildare	€ 3,500.00	€2,100.00	€1,400.00	90
1701016.11	Ógras	Dublin	€ 3,500.00	€2,100.00	€1,400.00	90
1701016.12	Ógras	Kildare	€ 2,700.00	€1,620.00	€1,080.00	90
1701016.13	Ógras	Dublin	€ 2,700.00	€1,620.00	€1,080.00	87
1701016.14	Ógras	Meath	€ 3,500.00	€2,100.00	€1,400.00	90
1701016.15	Ógras	Armagh	€ 2,500.00	€1,500.00	€1,000.00	87
1701016.16	Ógras	Galway	€ 3,832.00	€2,299.20	€1,532.80	90
1701016.17	Ógras	Galway	€ 5,000.00	€3,000.00	€2,000.00	90
1701016.18	Ógras	Galway	€ 3,892.00	€2,335.20	€1,556.80	90

		2017	2018
<b>Total Requested</b>	€ 64,127.00	€38,476.20	£25,650.80

Ref. Number	Name of Organisation	County where the activity will take place	Total recommended amount €	Recommended amount € 2017	Recommended amount € 2018	Mark according to evaluation %
1701018.01	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Westmeath	€4,795.00	€2,877.00	€1,918.00	95
1701018.02	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Meath	€4,510.00	€2,706.00	€1,804.00	95
1701018.03	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Wicklow	€4,935.00	€2,961.00	€1,974.00	95
1701018.04	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Mayo	€3,465.00	€2,079.00	€1,386.00	95
1701018.05	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Dublin	€4,290.00	€2,574.00	€1,716.00	92
1701018.06	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Galway	€4,290.00	€2,574.00	€1,716.00	92
1701018.07	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Westmeath	€4,950.00	€2,970.00	€1,980.00	95
1701018.08	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Galway	€4,290.00	€2,574.00	€1,716.00	78
1701018.09	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Galway	€4,510.00	€2,706.00	€1,804.00	95
1701018.10	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Westmeath	€4,290.00	€2,574.00	€1,716.00	78
1701018.11	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Dublin	€3,485.00	€2,091.00	€1,394.00	95
1701018.12	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Leitrim	€4,290.00	€2,574.00	€1,716.00	95
1701018.13	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Cavan	€4,809.00	€2,885.40	€1,923.60	95
1701018.14	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Dublin	€4,125.00	€2,475.00	€1,650.00	92
1701018.15	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Wexford	€4,510.00	€2,706.00	€1,804.00	95
1701018.16	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Carlow	€3,465.00	€2,079.00	€1,386.00	95
1701018.17	Spleodar Samhraidh & Geimhridh Teoranta	Dublin	€4,290.00	€2,574.00	€1,716.00	92

		2017	2018
<b>Total requested</b>	€ 73,299.00	€43,979.40	€29,319.60

## Appendix 2

Strategic Priority Area	Funding requested	Administration	Evaluated criterion - % recommended	Recommended	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total recommended
Popular fiction for fluent adults	12,000	500	89%	10,180	2,036	4,072	4,072	500	10,680
Historical novel for young people. Ages 12-14	7,500	500	85%	7,000	1,400	5,600	500		7,500
Literary novel writing for adults	9,000	500	85%	8,500	1,700	6,800	500		9,000
Short story writing / Gaeltacht literature / comedy	12,000	500	85%	9,700	1,940	3,880	3,880	500	10,200
Light fiction for adults	5,000	500	81%	4,500	900	3,600	500		5,000
Thriller/ novel	12,000	500	81%	9,220	1,844	7,376	500		9,720
Light prose	8,250	500	81%	7,750	1,550	6,200	500		8,250
Prose	9,400	500	78%	8,860	1,772		7,088	500	9,360
Popular fiction. Historical novel	10,700	500	78%	8,860	1,772	7,088	500		9,360
Free verse fiction for teenagers; innovative content	5,500	500	78%	5,000	1,000	4,000	500		5,500
Information book for the adult learner	7,500	500	78%	7,000	7,000	500			7,500
Fiction for adults	12,000	500	78%	8,860	1,772	3,544	3,544	500	9,360
Picture book for children 4-6 years of age	2,000	500	78%	2,000	1,200	800	500		2,500
Novel for children 8 - 12	6,000	500	78%	5,500	5,500	500			6,000
Novel for teenagers	5,200	500	74%	4,700	4,700	500			5,200
Picture book for children 4 – 6 years of age	2,000	500	74%	2,000	2,000	500			2,500
Inspirational novel encompassing the trials and decisions of young women from the island of Malta	5,000	500	74%	4,500	900	3,600	500		5,000
Detective novel – suitable for adult learners	10,000	500	74%	8,300	4,980	3,320	500		8,800
	344,239	23,500		122,430	43,966	61,880	23,584	2,000	131,430

Some information is omitted above as it is exempt information under Part 2, Sections 1 and 6 of the Appendix to the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

### Appendix 3

Writer's name	Literary Area	Mark (%)	Budget	2017 (estimate)	2018 (estimate)	Recommended Mentor
Síobhra Aiken	Biography & short-story writing	91%	3,500	1,000	2,500	Alan Titley
Majella Ní Dhomhnaill	Novels for adults	88%	3,500	1,750	1,750	Áine Ní Ghlinn
Seán Ó Cadhain	The short story, the novel, fiction for teenagers, fiction for adult learners, drama and innovative content	81%	3,500	1,750	1,750	Mícheál Ó Ruairc
Ciara Ní Éanacháin	Drama	78%	3,500	1,750	1,750	Darach Mac Con Iomaire
Mícheál Ó Conaola	The short story, scripts for television	74%	3,500	1,000	2,500	Ré Ó Laighléis
Katie McGreal	Novel	74%	3,500	1,750	1,750	Anna Heussaff
Seán Mac Dhonnagáin	Drama	70%	3,500	1,000	2,500	Brian Ó Tiomáin
Bart Bambury	Poetry	67%	3,500	1,000	2,500	Mícheál Ó Ruairc
Aodán Ó Gallchóir	Short Story & radio scripts	63%	3,500	1,750	1,750	Séamus Mac Annaidh
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<b>Coordinator</b>						
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Recognised as a mentor</b>	<b>% Recommended</b>				
Áine Ní Ghlinn	Yes	96%	1,000	500	500	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>32,500</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>19,250</b>	

Some information is omitted above as it is exempt information under Part 2, Sections 1 and 6 of the Appendix to the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

**Minutes from the 156th Board meeting held on Friday 21 July 2017 in the Foras na Gaeilge office, Belfast.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson) S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, G. McElwain, S. Ó Coistealbha, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ní Chéidigh, M. Farrell and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. Ó hArgáin and C. McGuinness.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

**Apologies:** É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary).

### **03.156 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Chief Executive stated that:

1. Permission had not been received from the DCHG (Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) regarding the additional funding.

The Chief Executive stated that he had received a phone call the previous day from the Department where he was informed that the additional funding had been approved. The Board expressed their concerns that it had taken so long to be given confirmation on the matter, and recommended sending a letter to the Department about it. The Chairperson confirmed that this had already been mentioned to the Minister for State.

2. That Lorg Media had been appointed through the tendering process to develop an awareness campaign in conjunction with Foras na Gaeilge. A draft strategy will be prepared by September 2017, with €10,000 being the contracted amount.

It was explained that Lorg Media would be in touch with the Foras na Gaeilge team, with the Lead Organisations and with parties involved, and that the frame-work of a strategy would be prepared as a result.

3. That the CEO and the Director of Corporate Services addressed the Committee on the Irish Language, the Gaeltacht and the Islands regarding “the new Foras na Gaeilge headquarters and the associated costs”.
4. That the CEO and the Senior Editor in the Department of Publications with senior officers from the Department of Education and Skills about developing Séideán Sí. The DES would be happy to fund an application from Foras na Gaeilge (nó more than €500k over 3 years) to develop Séideán Sí.

#### 04.156 Report from Foras na Gaeilge Committees

##### The Grants Committee

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant of no more than €73,000 be provided to Naíscoil na Caille over the school years of 2017/18 and 2018/19.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Naíscoil na Caille	1701021	£73,000	£73,000

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant of no more than €9,500 be provided to An Crann Óg under the Colmcille Grant Scheme.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
An Crann Óg	CC16011	€10,200	€9,500

M. Ní Neachtain left the meeting in case of a potential conflict of interest. The Board discussed the discussion paper on The Festival Scheme agus The Theatre Company Scheme and the Board concurred. M. Ní Neachtain returned to the meeting.

The Board discussed the evaluation of the application for new equipment by Raidió na Life. It was noted that the Grants Committee had not made a recommendation regarding it. The Chairperson of the Grants Committee reminded the Board that the Grants Committee did not hold the authority to refuse any application that had been recommended through the Foras na Gaeilge evaluation process; their power extends to simply asking for further information, and that this information had already been provided. The Board discussed the application. A question was asked as to whether there was a chance that a grantee would be given an advantage by providing additional funding to purchase new equipment. The Chief Executive explained there was a certain precedent set when Foras na Gaeilge was to give additional funding to a grantee when assessed through the normal evaluation process, and that there was a strategic importance for the Irish Language associated with the application. A question was asked as to whether there was a need for the application, and it was explained that with the move to Amiens Street that this provided an opportunity to buy equipment that would last a long time. A question was asked about the cost of equipment, and it was suggested that that an independent expert be brought in to assess the list of equipment and associated cost, and that Raidió na Life would be asked to get more tender offers to ensure that the best value for money is being achieved. The Board recommended that the application be granted on the condition that a report be made by an independent expert, ensuring value for money, and that report be put before the Grants Committee at a particular meeting. The Board accepted the recommendation.



## **The Audit Committee**

It was noted that the committee had a meeting on 19 July and that the fraud policy and the whistleblowing policy was discussed, as well as the internal auditor of ÁIS and the updating of the 2016 accounts. It was agreed that the risk register be circulated amongst the Board as information. The updated risk register was accepted.

### **05.156 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

The Board discussed the statement of expenditure until the 30 June and the reviewed budget until the 31 December, 2017. A finance document was circulated amongst the Board regarding expenditure and it was discussed. It was noted that all was on target regarding expenditure. The Board accepted the statement of expenditure and the reviewed budget.

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**  
**Chairperson**  
**22 September 2017**

**Minutes from the 158th Board meeting held on Friday 22 September 2017 in the Foras na Gaeilge headquarters, Dublin.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson) B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, G. McElwain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ní Chéidigh and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** M. Farrell.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

**Apologies:** J. Ó Labhraí.

**03.158 SENIOR MANAGMENT REPORT**

The Chief Executive noted that:

- Approval had been received from the DCHG (Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) regarding additional funding for the offices and for other projects.

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant of no greater than £2,750 be provided to Gaeláras (Cultúrlann Uí Channáin) in Derry for the project Acadamh Ceoil Exchange Programme under the Colmcille Scheme.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Ref. Number</b>	<b>Amount asked</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
An Gaeláras	CC17003	£6,000	£2,750

The Board noted the information note from Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge in relation to Scríobh Leabhar 2017 (**Appendix 1**).

**04.158 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES**

**Development Committee**

It was noted that the Development Committee held a meeting on the 11 September, where the Committee accepted the recommendation regarding Scéim na nIonad Gaeilge (Irish Centres Scheme).

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**  
**Chairperson**  
**3 November 2017**

**Scríobh Leabhar 2017/2018**

<b>Department</b>	Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge
<b>Directorship</b>	Publishing, Dictionary and Terminology Services
<b>Ref. Number</b>	5502004

**Summary**

Scríobh Leabhar 2017/2018 will commence in September and arrangements are being made in the various areas. The following Education Centres and organisations will be part of the 2017/2018 school year:

<b>Organisation/Centre</b>	<b>Budget available to them €</b>
Ionad Oideachais Luimnigh	2,500.00
Ionad Oideachais Tacaíochta Chorcaí	2,000.00
An tÁisaonad	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais Iarthar Chorcaí	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais Thrá Lí	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais Laoise	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais Mhaigh Eo	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais Cora Droma Rúisc	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais an Chláir	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais Chill Chainnigh	1,000.00
Ionad Oideachais BÁC Thiar	1,000.00
Ionad na Múinteoirí Gort a' Choirce	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>

€2,500 has been provided to the Centres in the first year of the project as the additional work required while initiating a project for the first time has been recognised. It is proposed that the budget will then be reduced by €500 every year until it reaches €1,000. The lowest level of funding provided to Centres to assist them with administration and awards event costs will be €1,000. With the budget provided to the Centres/organisations, courses are organised in the various areas depending on demand, and certificates are provided to each participant along with marketing content. Also, it is noted that a sample of the book from each area will also be displayed on the website [www.scriobhleabhar.ie](http://www.scriobhleabhar.ie) .

***Estimated Budget for Scríobh Leabhar 2017/2018***

<b>Section</b>	<b><i>Estimated Budget 2017 €</i></b>	<b><i>Estimated Budget 2018 €</i></b>	<b>Total</b>
Budget for the Education Centres	1,000.00	13,500.00	14,500.00
Workshops/Information sessions	1,700.00		1,700.00
Certificates/Marketing content	13,800.00		13,800.00
Website <a href="http://www.scriobhleabhar.ie">www.scriobhleabhar.ie</a>	400.00	600.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,900.00</b>	<b>14,100.00</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>

**Minutes from the 159th Board meeting held on Friday 3 November 2017 in The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, G. McElwain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ní Chéidigh and M. Farrell.

**Apologies:** N. Ó Gallchóir.

**In attendance:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief-Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy Chief-Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí and S. Uí Choinne.

**Apologies:** S. Ó hEidhin.

**04.159 FORAS NA GAEIGLE BUDGET FOR 2018**

It was noted that although there was an increased budget mentioned for the Foras Teanga 2018 budget, that this funding was allocated by the Government in the south for an Foras Teanga and that the Department of Community in the north would have to provide for the north south budget. It was noted that €450,000 was approved by the Department in the south for Foras na Gaeilge for Bliain na Gaeilge 2018, and that a subcommittee would be created where the Chief Executive of Foras na Gaeilge, representatives from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, representatives from other associated areas, including Údarás na Gaeltachta. It was stated that the funding would be approved through the subcommittee and that recommendations from the subcommittee would be presented to the Board for approval. Concern was shown as it was very late in the year to be undertaking preparations for 2018.

**05.159 REPORT FROM COMMITTEES OF FORAS NA GAEILGE**

**Grant Committee**

**S. Ó hArgáin left the room due to the possibility of a conflict of interest.**

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding funding the Corefunded organisations from 01 January to 31 December 2018.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Glór na nGael	1701030	€1,078,733	€1,078,615
Conradh na Gaeilge	1701029	€832,457	€832,457
Oireachtas na Gaeilge	1701032	€622,594	€622,594
Gael Linn	1701034	€650,183	€650,183
Cumann na bhFiann	1701035	€745,136	€745,136
Gaeloideachas	1701033	€708,562	€708,562

**S. Ó hArgáin returned at this point.**

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant no greater than €120,000 be provided for Gael Linn for the period 01 January to 31 December 2018 for the Gaelbhratach scheme.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Gael Linn	1701036	€120,000	€120,000

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant no greater than £272,486 be provided for Áisaonad for the period 01 January to 31 December 2018

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
An tÁisaonad	1701037	£272,486	£272,486

The Board accepted the recommendation that temporary funding be provided for the two Cultúrlann for a period of two months in 2018 so that the new process may organise applications and the £16,550 (€19,000) be provided for Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich and £20,400 (€23,500) for Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin to this end.

#### **06.159 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

The Board discussed the expenditure report and the revised budget. Information was requested for the amount sought of the additional once-off payment of €750,000 by the Department in the south, about the amount sought and spent. The Board accepted the expenditure report to 30 September and the amended budget to 31 December 2017.

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**  
**Chairperson**  
**8 December 2017**

**Minutes from the 160th Board meeting held on Friday 8 December 2017 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin.**

**Present:** P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), B. Ó Muirí (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, G. McElwain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ní Chéidigh and N. Ó Gallchóir.

**Apologies:** M. Farrell.

**Attending:** S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

**Apologies:** J. Ó Labhraí.

**Grants Committee**

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the applications for funding from Colmcille.

Organisation	Reference Numbers	Requested	Recommended
An Clár as Gaeilge	CC17008	€12,000	€12,000
Cairde Teo	CC17013	£2,980	£2,980
Pobal ar an Iúl	CC17023	£3,696	£3,696
Raidió Fáilte	CC17024	£8,190	£8,190

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding applications for funding under The Publishing Scheme 2018.

Organisation	Reference Numbers	Requested	Recommended
Cois Life	CLG17151.01	€112,374	€101,962
Cló Iar-Chonnacht	CLG17151.03	€253,334	€165,600
Futa Fata	CLG17151.07	€133,227	€81,773
Leabhar Breac	CLG17151.05	€103,588	€63,000
Foilseacháin Ábhair Spioradálta	CLG17151.02	€27,927	€19,650
Arlen House	CLG17151.08	€52,500	€7,000
LeabhairCOMHAR	CLG17151.06	€101,350	€31,500
An Sagart	CLG17151.09	€66,100	€28,500
An tSnáthaid Mhór	CLG17151.11	€78,507	€16,000
Éabhlóid	CLG17151.04	€40,383	€19,900
Coiscéim	CLG17151.10	€153,865	€110,000

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding applications for funding under the Literary Projects Scheme 2018.

Organisation	Reference Numbers	Requested	Recommended
IMRAM	CLG17152.11	€44,515	€40,000
Gaelchultúr / Clubleabhar.com	CLG17152.10	€41,692.42	€25,000
Móinín	CLG17152.06	€9,000	€9,000
Ionad an Léinn Éireannaigh OÉG	CLG17152.09	€11,900	€5,000
Éigse Éireann	CLG17152.07	€19,450	€9,000
Aontas na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge	CLG17152.08	€9,366	€9,000

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant no greater than €389,209 be approved for Conradh na Gaeilge for Bliain na Gaeilge 2018.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Reference Numbers</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Conradh na Gaeilge	1701049	€409,209	€389,209

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant no greater than €40,000 be approved for Ealaín na Gaeltachta Teo. for the project Aisling?

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Reference Numbers</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Ealaín na Gaeltachta Teo.	1701053	€40,000	€40,000

**B. Ní Chofaigh returned at this point.**

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**Pól Ó Gallchóir**  
**Cathaoirleach**  
**19 Eanáir 2018**