



Foras na Gaeilge

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Foras na Gaeilge**

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**Minutes from the 130th Board meeting held on Friday 23 January 2015 in the
Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin.**

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, D. Ó hAiniféin, T. Ruane, M. Mac Ruairí, T. Mac Eochagáin D. Ó Laoghaire, C. Cavanagh and É. Ó Gribín.

Apologies: S. Mac Donncha, B. Ní Chonghóile, C. Ní Shúilleabháin and P. Callaghan.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary) and S. Uí Choinne.

Apologies: J Ó Labhraí.

It was agreed that the schedule order would be changed so that the expenditure report and the 2015 budget would be discussed after the minutes.

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

03.130 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2014

The Programme Manager: Finance and Information Technology joined the meeting and the statement of expenditure was discussed. It was agreed that information regarding two particular budget lines be circulated. The Board noted the statement of expenditure.

04.130 THE 2015 BUDGET

The 2015 budget was discussed and it was accepted by the board. The meeting was informed that there was a draft-budget and business plan to be prepared for Colmcille, which was to be approved in Euro as opposed to sterling (as was taking place until now). A copy of the Colmcille draft budget was circulated for information and it was agreed that it be discussed under the title 'Other Business'. The Board thanked the staff of the financial department for all of the work. The Programme Manager: Finance and Information left the meeting.

02.130 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grants Committee

The Board accepted the recommendation to approve a grant of not more than €2,963 for An Timire and €1,311 be approved for An Sagart until the end of June 2015 and that funding would not be provided for the magazines after that. The Board approved the recommendation that a budget be provided for the newspapers and magazines that are not being funded by Foras na Gaeilge so that they can be archived and that the archive would be available as a project as part of the 2016 commemorations. The

Board approved the changes to the criteria for the Network Founding and Research Scheme.

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the applications from the Colmcille Grants Scheme.

Name of Organistaion	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Armagh Pipers Club	CC14026	£4,898	£4,000
Scoil Samhraidh William Clancy	CC14030	€6,000	€6,000
Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne	CC14031	€9,500	€6,000
Cumas Óige Ghort an Choirce	CC14032	€9,000	€1,800
Ionad Ealaíne Áras Éanna	CC14033	€7,000	€6,000
Fondúireacht an Bhlascaoid	CC14034	€8,600	€6,800
Anú Pictures	CC14035	€6,750	€6,500
Glór Uachtar Tíre	CC14036	£8,570	£800
Féile an Eargail	CC14037	€5,400	€5,000

A question was raised regarding the staff at Colmcille and it was noted that there was provision in place for two officers. It was agreed that discussions with the Departments regarding this project should be ongoing.

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí Ruairí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest. The document regarding the review of the Gaeltacht scholarships was discussed. The Board accepted the recommendation to approve a grant of not more than €70,010 for the following organisations to provide Gaeltacht scholarships for adults and for young people as follows:

Organistaion	Cost per person (average)	Cost for young people	Cost for adult	Total not exceeding:
Conradh na Gaeilge (Comhaltas Uladh)	€24.67	€40,606	€2,343	€42,949
Gael Linn	€24.67	€21,018	€4,193	€25,211
Coláiste na bhFiann	€24.67	€1,850	-	€1,850
Total Scholarship Amount				€70,010

The Board accepted the recommendation to approve a provision of €10,000 for adult scholarships and €10,000 for household scholarships depending on applications and reviews of those applications.

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí returned at this point.

05.130 BRIEFING NOTE REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board noted the briefing note regarding grant applications.

07.130 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

An updated copy of the senior management report was distributed and it was reported that:

- A meeting took place between the CEO and the Chairperson of ‘an tUltach’. He explained that €10,000 is being provided by Conradh na Gaeilge. They are seeking additional funding from Foras na Gaeilge to place the magazines in schools. It was agreed that Foras na Gaeilge would not provide funding for the magazine.

10.130 OTHER BUSINESS

The Colmcille budget was discussed. The Board accepted the Colmcille draft budget and it was agreed that it would be sent on to the Departments.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Chairperson
6th March 2015

Minutes from the 131st Board Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin.

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, M. Mac Ruairí, D. Ó Laoghaire, C. Cavanagh and É. Ó Gribín.

Apologies: S. Mac Donncha, B. Ní Chonghóile, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, D. Ó hAiniféin, C. Ní Shúilleabháin, T. Mac Eochagáin and P. Callaghan.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J Ó Labhraí and S. Uí Choinne.

Apologies:: S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive).

02.131 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING IRISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 2, Sections 1 & 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

It was also agreed that additional funding should be sought from the Ministers in order to have the scheme as it was with each group having an officer 100% of the times and an assurance from the Ministers that the funding would be available for four years (**Appendix 1**).

The Board accepted the recommendation that an extension in terms of times would be provided for the current groups under the SPG from the 1st September to 31st December 2015 (**Appendix 2**).

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Chairperson
6th March 2015

February 2015

**Recommendation regarding Irish Language Communities
Scheme (“SPG”)**

1. FnaG Requirements

- 1.1. Reduced budget (€1.2m a year to €1m a year)

2. Challenges

- 2.1. As a competitive scheme, Foras na Gaeilge will not have the resources to fund each applicant. Under the last set of applications held in 2013, **49** application packages were sought and **34** applications were received by the deadline, seeking a total of **€6,085,462**.

3. Recommendation

- 1.1. With the focus of the scheme now on developing and sustaining networks and institutions / institution, and not only on the implementation of program activities, the scheme will run on the basis of four years with a maximum of € 37,000 in year 1 (up to € 40,000 year 4).

Estimated Yearly Budget for SPG

Choice of 4 Years	Scheme Year	Maximum Yearly	Minimum Grantees	Budget
	Bliain 1	€ 37,000		26 € 962,000
	Bliain 2	€ 38,000		26 € 988,000
	Bliain 3	€ 39,000		26 € 1,014,000
	Bliain 4	€ 40,000		26 € 1,040,000
				€ 4,004,000

Table of detailed breakdown of the relevant cost estimates for employment on the basis of 80% of full salary

<u>80% of full salary</u>	100%	20%	80%	Yearly
	€ 528.15	€ 105.63	€ 422.52	€ 21,971.20
RoI: Executive Officer	NI: Executive Officer I (237)			
<i>Rate + contributions</i>	<i>Rate according to scale</i>			<i>Rate + contributions</i>

		<i>Euro</i>	<i>Total*</i>		<i>Stg</i>	<i>Total Stg*</i>	<i>Cost in Euro @ £0.81</i>
New Employee	BI 1	21,971.20	25,486.59		20,696.80	24,008.29	29,639.86
1 year completed	BI 2	23,534.40	27,299.90		20,920.80	24,268.13	29,960.65
2 years completed	BI 3	24,136.80	27,998.69		21,144.80	24,527.97	30,281.44
3 years completed	BI 4	26,149.60	30,333.54		21,368.80	24,787.81	30,602.23
4 years completed	BI 5	27,488.00	31,886.08		21,592.80	25,047.65	30,923.02

Based on 80% of full-time salary, with a minimum of € 25,486.59 / £ 24,008.29 (€ 29,639.86) and a maximum of € 31,886.08 / £ 25,047.65 (€ 30,923) offer for year 1 (salaries, PRSI & Pensions)

Note: FnaG will provide € 21,971.20 / £ 20,696.80 for new employees.

Note: Current employees of SPG will be allowed to receive a maximum of € 27,488 / £ 21592.80 as a starting-point (depending on the employment situation).

Note: The selected point will depend on length of service as EO of SPG 11-13

Note: Inflation rate will be 2% of the relevant salary raise costs.

* Cost salary plus Employer Tax @ 11% plus pension allocation @ 5%

Based on the maximum to provide salary @ 80% of full-time salary (€ 31,886.08) and annual rate of inflation of 2%,

there will be no more than € 34k required in salary expenses by any grantee in any year:

2017 € 32,523.80

2018 € 33,174.28

2019 € 33,837.76

Appendix 2

SPG - authorisation of funding period 1 September to 31 December 2015 (Board Meeting of 10th February 2015)

[Applicant]	[Authorised Budget Jan-June 2015]	[Ref. no. 2015]	[Budget Sept-Dec. 2015]
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Iarratasóir	Buiséad údaraithe Ean-Lún 2015	Uimh. Thag. 2015	Buiséad MFómh - Noll 2015
Muintir Chrónáin Teo	€52,281	1001133 C	€26,140
Glór Cheatharlach	€37,165	1001119 C	€18,583
Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise	€34,616	1001120 C	€17,308
Gaelfhorbairt na Gaillimhe	€41,500	1001135 C	€20,750
Coiste Dúiche Mhaigh Eo, C na G	€44,029	1001134 C	€22,014
Cairde Teo	£37,602	1001122 C	£18,801
Gaelfhobal Cheantar an tSratha Báin	£38,672	1001129 C	£19,336
Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair	£44,161	1001130 C	£22,081
Cairde Uí Néill	£33,783	1001141 C	£16,892
Boirche Íochtar CnaG	£26,467	1001123 C	£13,233
Glór na nGael, Uachtar Tíre	£32,906	1001140 C	£16,453
An Clár as Gaeilge Teo	€46,082	1001116 C	€23,041
Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain	£46,687	1001118 C	£23,343
Ionad Uíbh Eachach	£27,893	1001145 C	£13,947
Glór na Móna	£34,237	1001137 C	£17,118
Croí Éanna	£34,714	1001143 C	£17,357
An Droichead Teo	£45,463	1001138 C	£22,731
Craobh an Aonaigh, C na G	€38,782	1001121 C	€19,391
Gaeilge Locha Riach	€51,169	1001126 C	€25,585
			€ 172,812
			£ 201,292
			€ 421,321

**Minutes from the 132nd Board Meeting held on Friday 6th March 2015
in the Foras na Gaeilge offices, Belfast.**

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, S. Mac Donncha, M. Mac Ruairí, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, D. Ó Laoghaire, C. Cavanagh and É. Ó Gribín.

Apologies: B. Ní Chonghóile, D. Ó hAiniféin, C. Ní Shúilleabháin, T. Mac Eochagáin and P. Callaghan.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J Ó Labhraí and S. Uí Choinne.

02.132 REPORT FROM FORAS NA GAELIGE COMMITTEES

The Grants Committee

The Board accepted the recommendation to approve a grant of no more than £190,000 for the East Belfast Mission as funding for the period from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2018. (£21,069 in 2015, £63,243 in 2016, £63,370 in 2017 & £42,316 in 2018)

Name of Organistaion	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
East Belfast Mission	1501005	£209,543	£190,000

The Board accepted the recommendations of Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge regarding Scéim na dTionscadal Litríochta 2015 (The 2015 Literary Projects Scheme)

Name of Organistaion	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
IMRAM	CLG14046	€45,000	€45,000
Móinín	CLG14045	€9,000	€9,000
Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne	CLG14038	€1,000	€1,000
Áras Scríbhneoirí na hÉireann	CLG14035	€14,100	€8,850
Futa Fata	CLG14036	€9,890	€9,000
Aisling Productions Ltd	CLG14040	€9,270	€9,270
Roinn na Gaeilge OÉG	CLG14043	€3,970	€3,345
Gaelchultúr Teoranta	CLG14041	€43,850	€25,000
Leabhair Pháistí Éireann	CLG14039	€23,250	€11,000
An Leabharlann, Coláiste na hOllscoile BÁC	CLG 14047	€6,503	€5,350

An Sagart	CLG14044	€3,800	€3,640
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The Board agreed to add as a condition to the grant for Childrens Books Ireland, that they would develop an Irish Language Policy during the period and that applications would not be accepted from them if they did not have this Irish Language policy.

The Board accepted the recommendation that an additional grant of **€15,000 be provided for Oireachtas na Gaeilge (1401045B)** for the prizefund for the Oireachtas Literary Prize this year. E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí revealed a possible conflict of interest in connection with the Oireachtas and did not participate in the discussion.

The Board accepted the recommendation that a contract offering grant aid not exceeding **€ 120,000 for a three year period, March 2015 to February 2018 be provided to Gaelchultúr**, to provide a specialized language training to the public sector north and south. A question was raised as to why both documents were not signed by the Chairman of the Grants Committee and it was noted that they were not prepared for the meeting on February 19 but that they were circulated to the Committee since. An apology was given that the documentation was not ready in time for the Grants Committee. It was agreed that a full report about the contract would be provided at the next Board meeting.

The Audit Committee

It was noted that the Committee had met the previous day, where it had a representative from the office of the Comptroller and Auditor present. It was explained that a certificate was received by Foras na Gaeilge for the 2013 accounts that were expressed particular praise given to the Chief Executive, the Programme Manager: Finance and Information Technology and her team for preparing three sets of accounts in a remarkably short time. It was noted that the management letter was discussed and that progress had been made on its recommendations. It was explained that the management letter was written in English only but pledged that she would be available in Irish in the future. It was agreed that a copy of the management letter would be circulated to the Board as information. A question was raised regarding the evaluation of pension expenses and it was agreed that the Chief Executive would raise the issue with the Chief Executive Pension Committee. It was noted that the Manager of ÁIS was praised for his work on the debt-handling. It was explained that the Statement on Internal Financial Control was discussed and it was recommended that it be seen by the Board and noted in the minutes. It was agreed that this be done in the future. The Chairman of the Committee praised the Chief Executive and the Finance Programme Manager for all their work.

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 1, Section 2 and under Part 2, Sections 1, 2 & 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.
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Dictionary Steering Committee

The Board accepted the recommendation to approve a grant of no more than **€42,000** for Ingénerie Diffusion Multimédia (IDM) to develop an app for the Irish-English Dictionary and to maintain it until the end of 2017 (**Appendix 1**).

03.132 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2015

The Programme Manager: Finance and Information Technology joined the meeting on the video conference and the expenditure report was discussed. The Board noted the expenditure statement and they accepted the revised budget for 2015. It was noted that the staff would have a meeting on the 2nd April to review the budget. The 2014 write-offs were discussed and accepted by the Board (**Appendix 2**). The appendices were discussed and accepted by the Board (**Appendix 3**). The Board thanked the finance department for their work to date.

The Programme Manager: Finance and Information Technology left the meeting.

04.132 BRIEFING NOTE REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board noted the briefing note regarding grant applications.

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 1, Section 2 of the Code of Practice for Freedom of Information.

- That a proposal was received by the well-known journalist Kevin Magee regarding undertaking Slí Cholmcille (St Columba Trail) by bicycle.

The Board accepted the recommendation to provide a grant up to **£7,047** for him.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl

Chairperson

17th April 2015

Appendix 1

<p style="text-align: center;">APP FOR IRISH-ENGLISH DICIONARY – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD MEETING, 06 MARCH 2015 (lgn 0.2)</p>
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A public competition was held recently to seek applications for the development and maintenance of an App of the Dictionary of New English-Irish. 6 tenders were received by the deadline of January 16, 2015.

Following an analysis of all of the applications by the assessment panel (three employees of Foras plus an external expert), it was noted that the application from Ingénierie Diffusion Multimédia (IDM) received the highest grade.

The app is set to cost € 42,000 to develop it this year and to maintain it until the end of 2017. It is recommended that the offer is accepted from IDM.

For information, the following are the current contracts approved by the Board in connection with IDM:

Contract	End date	Cost
The DPS – the lexical application used to write the entries. (This will be extended to the end of 2016)	January 2016	44,145
The maintenance contract for the live site (www.focloir.ie)	December 2016	18,025
Further work on the DPS and the live site, in any one calendar year	December 2016	20,000 a year

The aforementioned contracts were agreed with IDM as a result of a public competition.

Appendix 2

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 2, Sections 6 & 9 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

Minutes from the 133rd Board meeting held on Friday 17 April 2015 in the Foras na Gaeilge office, North Frederick Street, Dublin.

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, S. Mac Donncha, D. Ó hAiniféin, M. Mac Ruairí, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, D. Ó Laoghaire, T. Mac Eochagáin, and C. Cavanagh.

Apologies: E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), B. Ní Chonghóile, C. Ní Shúilleabháin P. Callaghan and É. Ó Gribín

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive). É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and C. Ní Chonghaile.

Apologies: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive) and S. Uí Choinne.

01.133 MINUTES AND ARISING ISSUES

The Bord accepted the minutes from the 6th March and the Chairperson signed them. É. Ó hArgáin made reference to the correspondence with ‘Timire’, notifying their dissatisfaction at funding not being provided for them.

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 1, Section 2 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

S. Ó hEidhin, Director of Corporate Services, was welcomed to his first Board meeting. The Board extended their sympathies to M. Ní Ghallchóir, former Board Member, on the passing of her father P. Ó Gallchóir, former Board Member.

02.133 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grant Committee

L. Ó Maolmhichíl and M. Mac Ruairí Ruairí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest and S. Mac Donncha took the chair.

The Bord accepted the recommendations regarding Scéim na gComplachtaí Drámaíochta for 2015.

Name of Organisation	Reference Number	Requested amount	Recommended amount
Ababú	1501003.01	£13,900	£11,000 (€13,580.24)
Aisteoirí an Lóchrainn	1501003.02	€2,500	€2,000
Axis	1501003.03	€25,000	€22,500
Branar	1501003.04	€52,500	€34,000
Cumann Drámaíochta Bulfin	1501003.05	€4,850	€4,000
Dowtcha Puppets	1501003.06	€9,000	€5,000

Fibín	1501003.07	€44,100	€36,000
Graffiti	1501003.08	€28,325	€24,500
Guthanna Binne Síoraí	1501003.09	€30,000	€19,000
Little Wolf Productions	1501003.10	€21,321	€18,000
Moonfish	1501003.11	€20,500	€18,500
Mouth on Fire Theatre Co.	1501003.12	€33,000	€19,000
Pobal ar an Iúl	1501003.13	£2,820	£2,000 (€2,469)

The Board accepted the recommendation to approve a grant of not more than £30,000 for Aisling Ghéar.

Name of Organisation	Reference Number	Requested amount	Recommended amount
Aisling Ghéar	1501015	£47,000	£30,000 (€37,037)

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding The Colmcille Grants Scheme Spring 2015.

Name of Organisation	Reference Number	Requested amount	Recommended amount
Oriel Centre	CC15001	€9,100	€1,100
Bord na Gaeilge UCD	CC15007	€3,500	€3,500
Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair	CC15008	€11,620	€9,000
CCÉ Ard an Rátha	CC15021	€7,000	€1,800
Fibín	CC15016	€10,000	€10,000
Ollscoil Uladh	CC15009	£3,000	£600
Urrus nan Leabhraichean	CC15010	£8,832	£7,000
Glór na Spéiríní	CC15013	£2,760	£2,760
Glór Dhún Geimhin	CC15015	£6,550	£5,400
Armagh Pipers Club	CC15018	£5,135	£3,000
Club Óge Luraigh	CC15020	£8,720	£6,500

Cumann Forbartha Charn Tóchair	CC15019	£16,492	Application withdrawn
Áras Cholmcille	CC15011	£5,000	Application withdrawn

Information is omitted in the above table is exempt information under Part 2, Section 1, 2 & 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

The Board accepted the recommendation from the Grants Committee that the executives would arrive at the next meeting with a recommendation for approval of delegated limits for Colmcille schemes.

The Board requested a report on how the Colmcille funding was spent, giving insight into the themes, the geographic propagation and its effectiveness, including funding from Bord na Gàidhlig.

L. Ó Maolmhichíl and M. Mac Ruairí returned at this point.

03.133 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND BUDGET FOR 2015

The Programme Manager: Finance and Information Technology joined the meeting and the expenditure report was discussed. The Board noted the expenditure statement and they accepted the revised budget for 2015. The Chairperson, Chairperson of the Audit Committee and the Board members thanked her for the great work she had done over the last three years.

The Programme Manager: Finance and Information Technology left the meeting.

04.133 BRIEFING NOTE REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board noted the briefing note regarding grant applications.

09.133 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

It was reported that:

- The the application for the Other Words scheme was successful
 - A 4 year program with five participating regions, to promote writing in minority languages. 6-8 writers from each region of the 5 partners involved will take up residency in the other regions, where the work produced will be translated into the other languages and in English. € 200,000 will be provided from the EU over 4 years and Foras na Gaeilge will match funding of €62,000 over the 4 years.

10.133 CORRESPONDENCE

The Board noted the correspondence. The Secretary of Foras na Gaeilge made reference to the correspondence regarding the application for £ 6,000 claimed by *An tUltach*. The issue was discussed and it was agreed that the Board had previously made a decision on this issue, a decision that additional funding would not be made available and that this decision would not be changed.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Chairperson
22 May 2015

**Minutes from the 134th Board Meeting held on Friday, 22nd May 2015
in Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Derry.**

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), E. Mac Cormaic, A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, S. Mac Donncha, M. Mac Ruairí, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, D. Ó Laoghaire, P. Callaghan and C. Cavanagh.

Apologies: D. Ó hAiniféin, B. Ní Chonghóile, C. Ní Shúilleabháin, T. Mac Eochagáin and É. Ó Gribín.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin, A. Davitt and S. Uí Choinne.

Apologies: S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive).

02.134 REPORT FROM THE FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grant Committee

The Board accepted the recommendation for Scéim Pobal Gaeilge 2016-2019 (**Appendix 1**).

The Board accepted the recommendations for Scéim na bhFéilte do 2015 (**Appendix 2**).

Reference was made to the map and the counties where the festivals were not held and it was noted that there would be public meetings held in those counties to further the geographical spread.

It was noted that there was still no fixed decision regarding the Colmcille budget and that did not have a large number of funding commitments. Because of this, the Board gave the Chief Executive permission, in addition to the Chairperson, to approve grants before them, according to priorities, as long as the budget were approved. The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the delegated limits for the following Colmcille schemes:

- Applications under €4,000 / £2,500 to be approved by the Director
- Applications between €4,000 and €12,000 / £2,500 and £8,000 to be approved by the Chief Executive
- Applications over €12,000 / £8,000 to be approved by the Board of Foras na Gaeilge

The Board accepted the recommendations that maximum amounts would not be in the applications for the Colmcille Schemes.

The Board accepted the recommendation regarding providing additional funding of €15,000 to Oireachtas na Gaeilge for the events during Culture Night in September 2015 based on a fuller programme being provided by Oireachtas na Gaeilge.

L. Ó Maolmhichíl left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest and E. Mac Cormaic took the chair.

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant no greater than €15,000 be provided for Meangadh Fíbín Teo for the App for ‘Saol faoi Shráid’.

Company Name	Reference Number	Requested amount	Recommended amount
Meangadh Fíbín Teo	1501026	€15,850	€15,000

L. Ó Maolmhichíl returned at this point.

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding Scéim na gCampaí Samhraidh 2015 (**Appendix 3**).

Reference was made to the map and the counties that did not hold camps and it was noted that a public consultation would be held in those counties to further the geographical spread of summer camps.

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

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The Board agreed to discuss Section 7 at this point.

07.134 FORAS NA GAEILGE PORTAL AND CORPORATE WEBSITE

The report regarding the portal site for Irish was circulated and discussed. The Board accepted the recommendation to allow the executives to further discuss the development of the site with Conradh na Gaeilge and to allow the Chairperson, in consultation with the CEO, to approve funding of up to € 42,000 to complete the development work on PEIG.ie. It was noted that applications would be sought to develop a corporate site for Foras na Gaeilge.

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí returned at this point.

04.134 THE NEW DICTIONARY – ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS FOR CURRENT CONTRACTS

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the additional payments for the current contracts for the dictionary, that the payments to IDM would be increased from €20,000 to €35,000 for 2015 only and that the license for DPS until the end of December would be extended at a cost of €13,489 (**Appendix 4**). It was noted that NSMC approval would have to be sought for the timetable agreed by the Board in April at the meeting on 10th June.

09.134 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

It was reported that:

The drafting of the Business Plan for 2016 had begun. Including all the commitments, there is €1.5m in the budget for the organization – between funding schemes, publications, joint projects and our own work – to be completed.

- There is no continuity between the approach of the sponsor departments (north and south) when it comes to how they deal with pension payments. In Foras na Gaeilge pensions are paid from the salary fund and lumpsums must be paid from this also. Although DFP 04/09 say otherwise.

One must remember that all monies transferred to the scheme must be paid to the departments.

This is the current approach:

Organisation	Pension payments (Lumpsums)
Safefood	Up to 30% from the Dept in north
Waterways Ireland	Nothing
An Foras Teanga	Nothing
ITI	DETI & DEJI provide 100%
Tourism Ireland	DETI provide the funding retrospectively for pension, including lumpsums and pension. In 2004 DTTAS provided additional funding to cover lumpsums and then it was left as normal yearly payments after that.
SEUPB	Lumpsums brought forward for first time.
Loughs Agency	Awaiting information.

Payments of up to €290,000 may be required if those who can retire choose to do so.

It was agreed that a letter to be sent to the Ministers would be drafted regarding pension matters, detailing in differences in approach.

- Dónall Ó Baoill was appointed as Language Planning Consultant on the Fóram Comhpháirtíochta (Cooperation Forum) and on the Fóram Forbartha Teanga (Language Development Forum). The value of the contract until April 2017 will not exceed €24,800 (including VAT)
- That an error occurred in the minutes from 06 March regarding the sum mentioned for the East Belfast Mission for 2018. £42,316 was mentioned when £42,318 should have been mentioned. There is no difference in the overall figure of £190,000.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Chairperson
26th June 2015

Appendix 2

Reference No.	Organisation Name	Project Name	Requested amount €	Recommended amount €	Total cost of project €	Total cost of project £	Requested amount £	Recommended amount £stg
1501008.01	Alliance Francaise	Franco-Irish Literary Festival	2,000	2,000	33,600			
1501008.02	Acadamh Ceol Chaoimhín Uí Dhocharthaigh	Féile Pan-Cheilteach				41,950	6,950	5,000
1501008.03	An Comhlachas Náisiúnta Dramaíochta (Féile Náisiúnta Drámaíochta)	Féile Náisiúnta Drámaíochta 2015	20,000	10,000	26,000			
1501008.04	An tSean Bhearaic	Slí na gCopailín	2,110	1,500	7,900			
1501008.05	Áras Éanna	Féilte Áras Éanna	7,000	4,000	14,750			
1501008.06	An Droichead	Féile An Droichead 2015				24,480	8,980	4,000
1501008.07	Baboró	Baboró	5,000	3,000	391,246			

1501008.08	Ballintogher Festival	Féile Bhaile an Tóchair	3,150	1,500	11,000			
1501008.09	Consairtín	Consairtín	2,000	1,500	19,500			
1501008.10	Cáirde Uí Néill	Féile Gaeilge Oileán agus Cluaine				10,000	8,360	2,000
1501008.11	Ceoltaí Éireann	Éigse Amhráin Oirghialla				15,400	13,000	4,200
1501008.12	Club Óige Ranna Feirste	Féile Dheireadh Seachtaine na Gaeilge	987	900	1,975			
1501008.13	Coiste Traid Phicnic	Féile Traid Phicnic	6,188	3,000	17,138			
1501008.14	Craobh na hÉireann den Chomhdháil Cheilteach	Comhdháil Cheilteach	44,500	10,000	44,500			
1501008.15	Croí Éanna	Féile Fómhair Gheimhridh CroíÉanna				5,710	5,710	1,200
1501008.17	Cumann Scoil Drámaíochta	Féile Scoil Drámaíocht na Gaillimhe	2,500	1,500	6,303			
1501008.18	Carntogher Community Association	Féile Charn Tóchair				11,300	5,205	1,500
1501008.19	Féile an Fhómhair	Féile an Fhómhair	3,200	1,000	7,700			

1501008.21	Féile na Bealtaine	Féile na Bealtaine	10,700	3,000	108,000			
1501008.22	Féile na hInse	Féile na hInse	3,000	1,500	8,500			
1501008.23	Féile na Locha	Féile na Locha	3,500	1,500	6,580			
1501008.24	Fingal Film Festival	Fingal Film Festival	5,000	2,500	150,000			
1501008.25	Galway Fringe	Galway Fringe Festival	6,000	2,500	31,890			
1501008.26	Glór na Móna	Féile na Carraige				6,000	3,500	2,000
1501008.27	Ionad Ealaíona Iorras	Féile na bPáistí – Áras Inis Gluaire	2,500	2,000	6,600			
1501008.30	Musical Heritage Group	Larry Reynolds Irish Music Festival	5,500	2,000	5,660			
1501008.32	Pobal ar an Iúl	Féile an Ghrianstad				4,800	4,800	2,500
1501008.33	Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School	Scoil Samhraidh Sheosaimh Mhic Gabhann	1,500	1,000	17,657			
1501008.34	Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy	Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy	5,000	3,500	304,285			

1501008.35	Scoildramaíochta an Chláir	Cumann Scoildramaíochta an Chláir	1,500	1,500	4,800			
1501008.36	Sean-Nós Cois Life	Sean-Nós Cois Life	5,000	3,000	7,700			
1501008.37	Siamsa Sráide	Siamsa Sráide	2,000	1,000	22,000			
1501008.39	University of Limerick (Ollscoil Luimnigh)	Blas International Summer School	6,000	2,000	49,500			
1501003.42	Westport Arts	Féile Ealaíona Chathair na Mart	10,000	2,000	60,000			
				€68,900				£22,400

Appendix 3

Summer Camps Scheme 2015

The following grants are recommended under the Summer Camps Scheme 2015:

Grant £ / Stg

Reference No.	Organisation	Recommended amount £
1501021.01	An Droichead	£1,750.00
1501021.02	An Droichead	£1,750.00
1501021.08	Cairde Teo	£1,750.00
1501021.09	Cairde Uí Néill	£1,750.00
1501021.10	Cairde Uí Néill	£1,750.00
1501021.27	Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair	£1,750.00
1501021.37	Conradh na Gaeilge Boirche Íochtar	£1,750.00
1501021.43	Croí Éanna	£1,750.00
1501021.44	Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain	£1,750.00
1501021.59	Glór na Móna	£1,750.00
1501021.60	Glór na Móna	£1,750.00
1501021.61	Glór Uachtar Tíre	£1,750.00
1501021.64	Ionad Uíbh Eachach	£1,750.00
1501021.65	Ionad Uíbh Eachach	£1,750.00

Grant € / Euro

Reference No.	Organisation	Recommended amount €
1501020.01	Ógras	€1,519.00
1501020.02	Ógras	€1,625.00
1501020.03	Ógras	€1,723.00
1501020.04	Ógras	€1,779.00
1501020.05	Ógras	€1,745.00
1501020.06	Ógras	€1,870.00
1501020.07	Ógras	€1,669.00
1501020.08	Ógras	€1,735.00
1501020.09	Ógras	€1,705.00
1501020.10	Ógras	€1,785.00

1501020.11	Ógras	€1,815.00
1501020.12	Ógras	€1,995.00
1501020.14	Ógras	€1,538.00
1501020.15	Ógras	€1,538.00
1501020.16	Ógras	€1,538.00
1501020.13	Ógras	€1,743.00

**THE NEW IRISH-ENGLISH DICTIONARY
– CHANGES TO THE BASIC SEARCH / LICENSE FEES 2016** (lgn 0.2)

This memorandum deals with two payments being proposed relating to the New English-Irish Dictionary (NEID) to the company named *Ingénierie Diffusion Multimédia* (IDM).

BACKGROUND

The following payments are already being made to IDM with authorization from the Board:

Contract	Amount (€)	End date
App for NEID	42,000	Dec 2017
DPS – the dictionary software used to write entries.	44,145	Jan 2016
Maintenance contract for the website (www.focloir.ie)	18,025	Dec 2016
Extra work on the DPS and the website in any one calendar year	20,000 a year	Dec 2016

The above contracts were agreed with IDM under public competition.

CHANGE TO BASIC SEARCH – EXTRA WORK IN 2015

Regarding the fourth item above, it is proposed to pay IDM **€35,000** in 2015 – an increase of **€15,000**.

With the development of the second dictionary site www.teanglann.ie in the past 18 months it appears to the Foras that the search function on that site gives better results to the user than those produced by the search function on www.focloir.ie. In addition in the course of refining the functions of the app recently, it appeared to the Foras that it contained several functions which were worthwhile to add to the website also; it is desirable that the user experience the same environment whether using the app or the website.

IDM were thus requested to provide an estimate of the amount of work required to complete these substantial changes to the current functions and the fee of **€33,525** is the sum required. A breakdown of the costs has been acquired by the Foras and they appear to be reasonable.

As further minor changes will be required to be made to the website in the course of the current year, as is usual, permission is sought to increase the payment to IDM for the extra work from **€20,000** to **€35,000** but only for the year 2015.

LICENCE FOR THE DPS – EXTENSION TO END OF 2016

The licence for the DPS, the dictionary software (see item 2 in the table above) will expire at the end of January 2016 and a fee of **€13,489** is required to extend this to the end of 2016. As this software is used by all the editors on the project it would not be practical to use different software in the final stages of the project, as this would require retraining of all the editors. Consequently approval is sought to pay this fee.

SUMMARY

It is proposed to pay these extra fees **highlighted in red** below to IDM.

	Contract	Amount (€)	End date
	App for NEID	42,000	Dec 2017
	The DPS – the dictionary software used to write entries. Plus €13,489 to extend the contract to Dec 2016.	44,145	Jan 2016
	The maintenance contract for the website (www.focloir.ie)	18,025	Dec 2016
	Extra work on the DPS and the website in any one calendar year An exceptional payment for the year 2015 – up to €35,000.	20,000 sa bhliain	Dec 2016

**Minutes from the 135th Board Meeting held on Friday, 26th June 2015
in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel, Belmullet, Co. Mayo.**

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Cathaoirleach), E. Mac Cormaic, A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, S. Mac Donncha, B. Ní Chonghóile, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, C. Ní Shúilleabháin, M. Mac Ruairí, C. Cavanagh and É. Ó Gribín.

Apologies: D. Ó hAiniféin, T. Mac Eochagáin, D. Ó Laoghaire and P. Callaghan.

Attending: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Príomhfheidhmeannach), S. Ó Coinn (Leas-Phríomhfheidhmeannach), É. Ó hArgáin (Rúnaí), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin and S. Uí Choinne.

01.135 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that a letter was sent to the Ministers regarding pension matters and differences in approach and that the two finance departments were since working on the question.

02.135 REPORT FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grants Committee

The Board accepted the proposal to award a grant of no greater than €30,000 (€15,000 in 2015 and €15,000 in 2016) to Ionad na dTeangacha, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Máigh Nuad to run the Diploma in Teaching Irish to Adults in the offices of Conradh na Gaeilge in Dublin.

Name of Org.	Ref. No.	Amount Sought	Amount Proposed
Ionad na dTeangacha, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Máigh Nuad	1501033	€60,000	€30,000

The Board accepted a proposal to award a grant of no greater than £63,960 to Naíscoil an Chéide

Name of Org.	Ref. No.	Amount Sought	Amount Proposed
Naíscoil an Chéide	1501031	£63,960	£63,960
2015 (Aug –Dec)			£16,493
2016 (Jan –Jul)			£17,488
2016 (Aug –Dec)			£12,492
2017 (Jan -Jul)			£17,487

The Board accepted the proposals regarding Scéim na gCoimisiún [Commissions' Scheme] for 2015 (**Appendix 2**). The Board noted Scéim na nOidí [Mentors' Scheme] for 2015 (**Appendix 3**).

04.135 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY AND REVISED BUDGET TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

A hard copy of the statement of expenditure was circulated along with a document outlining current finances. A proposal regarding the Áisaonad was circulated and the Board accepted the proposal to award a further amount of no greater than £49,410 to it to begin work on Banda 3 den Chlár Luathléitheoireachta [Band 3 of the Early Reading Programme].

The Board noted the statement of expenditure, accepted the changes to page 2 and the revised budget to 31 December 2015. The Board was advised that that layout of expenditure statements could be changed henceforth to make them clearer and more easily read and the Board agreed this change. The Corporate Services Director was thanked for preparing the financial documents.

09.135 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

It was reported :

- That drafting of the Business Plan for 2016 was continuing. When all commitments were included €1.5m remained to fund the organization's work - funded schemes, publications, joint projects and its own work.
- That the [Sponsor] Departments have accepted the revised Business Plan for Colmcille with a total budget of €246,914.

The Board accepted the proposal regarding a Colmcille grant a Conference about Colmcille in Kintyre, Argyll (**Appendix 7**).

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Cathaoirleach
24th July 2015

Appendix 1

Payee	Total Amount proposed €	Amount Proposed € 2015	Amount Proposed € 2016	Total Amount Proposed £	Amount Proposed 2015 £	Amount Proposed 2016 £	Reasons for Refusal
An Droichead				£3,464.00	£3,464.00	£0.00	
An Gaeláras LTD				£3,300.00	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	
Banóglaigh ma hÉireann - Béal an Átha	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
Cairde Bheann Mhadagáin				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cairde na Ceathrún Gaeltachta				£2,007.95	£1,003.98	£1,003.98	
Cairde Cheathrú na Gaeltachta				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cairde na Gaeilscoile - Naíscoil Éadain Mhóir				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cairde Uí Néill				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Clanna Gaeilge an Eachréidh	€2,136.00	€1,068.00	€1,068.00				
Club Cispheile "Lee Valley"	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
Club Óige an Dúin				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	

Club Óige an Iúir				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Club Óige Feachtas Tamhlacht	€2,000.00	€1,000.00	€1,000.00				
Club Óige Luraigh				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Club Óige Mhachaire Bóthain				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Club Óige na Carraige Móire				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Club Óige Setanta				£3,446.00	£1,723.00	£1,723.00	
Club Spraoi				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Club Spraoi Ard Mhacha				£3,045.00	£1,522.50	£1,522.50	
Club Súgartha Ghaillimh Thoir	€2,565.20	€1,282.60	€1,282.60				
Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Coiste Ghaeloideachais Chromghlinne				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Coláiste Dhéan Mhig Oirc (An Chumann Gaelach)				£3,034.00	£1,517.00	£1,517.00	
Conradh na Gaeilge - Boirche Íochtar				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	

Conradh na Gaeilge - Seal Spraoi				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Croí Éanna				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cumann Gaelach na Ceathrún Gaeltachta				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cumann Iarscoile na gCrann				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cumann Óige Átha an Rí	€4,790.00	€2,395.00	€2,395.00				
Cumann Óige na bhFál				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Cumann Sacar na gCláirseach				£3,457.00	£1,728.50	£1,728.50	
Dún Uladh				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Education Authority (Coláiste Feirste)				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Gaelscoil an Chaistil				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Gaelscoil Éadain Mhóir				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Gaelscoil na Móna				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Glink Community Childcare Ltd	€4,980.00	€2,490.00	€2,490.00				

Glór an Ghleanna				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Glór na Móna				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Greencastle Youth Club				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Grúpa Tuismitheoirí agus Tachráin				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Ionad Uíbh Eachach				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Mayobridge Community Centre				£2,990.00	£1,495.00	£1,495.00	
Mount St. Catherine's PS				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Naíscóil Léim an Mhadaidh				£2,550.00	£1,275.00	£1,275.00	
Spraoi agus Spórt FamilyCentre Ireland	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
St. Mary's Primary School				£3,500.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	
Teach Abhaile	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
Ógras	€4,295.00	€2,147.50	€2,147.50				

Ógras	€4,495.00	€2,247.50	€2,247.50				
Ógras	€4,475.00	€2,237.50	€2,237.50				
Ógras	€4,904.00	€2,452.00	€2,452.00				
Ógras	€4,814.00	€2,407.00	€2,407.00				
Ógras	€4,605.00	€2,302.50	€2,302.50				
Ógras	€4,045.00	€2,022.50	€2,022.50				
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00				
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Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00			
Ógras	€4,105.00	€2,052.50	€2,052.50			
Ógras	€3,160.00	€1,580.00	€1,580.00			
Ógras	€4,345.00	€2,172.50	€2,172.50			
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00			
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00			
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00			
Ógras	€5,000.00	€2,500.00	€2,500.00			

	€154,714.20	€77,357.10	€77,357.10	£135,793.95	£69,628.98	£66,164.98
			Converted to Euro @ £.81	€167,646.85	€85,961.70	€81,685.15

Total Cost of Scheme in Euro	Total	2015	2016
Total in Euro	€322,361.05	€163,318.80	€159,042.25

Information is omitted as it is exempt information under Part 2, Section 1 & 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

Aguisín 2

<u>Commissions' Scheme 2015</u>									
Writer	Title	Type	Grant Sought	Admin	Propo sal	2015	2016	2017	Total (inc Admin)
Aine Uí Fhoghlú (CIC)	Ciara Rua	Fiction for teenagers 13-17	11,520	500	9,792	1958	7834	500	10292
Alex Hijmans (Cois Life)	Idir Dhá thír	Short stories set in different countries	7,500	500	6,075	1215	4860	500	6575
Colm Mac Confhaola()Leabhar Breac)	Rachmas gan Rath	Light novel / commercial fiction	9,000	500	7,290	4374	3416		7790
Seán Mac Mathúna (Leabhar Breac)	Lá an Luain	Light novel / commercial fiction	12,000	500	9,360	5616	4244		9860
Michal Boleslav Mechura (Cois Life)	Handbook for multi-lingual computing	Non-fiction, language technology	5,500	500	4,070	2442	2128		4570
Ógie Ó Céilleachair (CIC)	Katfish agus Scéalta Eile	Short stories for teenagers 12-15	11,948	500	8,842	5305	4037		9342
Dermot Somers (Cois Life)	In Aghaidh na Fána	Non-fiction, modern travel	8,000	500	5,600	1120	4480	500	6100
Rónán Mac Con Iomaire (CIC)	An Ghluaiseacht	Non-fiction, civil rights in the Gaeltacht	12,000	500	8,400	1680	3360	3860	8900

Domhnall Mac Síthigh (An Sagart)	Seanchas na Farraige	Biography, philosophical and maritime literature	12,000	500	8,040	1608	3216	3716	8540
Cathal Ó Searcaigh (Leabhar Breac)	Thugadar Féin an Samharadh Leo	Light adult fiction	12,000	500	8,040	4824	3716		8540
			140,593	7,000	75,509	30,142	41,291	9,076	80,509

Information is omitted as it is exempt information under Part 2, Section 1 & 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

Appendix 3

Apprentice Writer	Mentor cited	Mentor	Apprentice	Estimated Funding 2015	Funding 2016
Lisa Nic Dhoinnléibhe	Áine Ní Ghlinn / Máire Uí Dhufaigh / Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin / Gabriel Rosenstock	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Eithne O'Donnell	Gréagóir Ó Dúill	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Eoin P. Ó Murchú		2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Sadhbh Devlin	Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Féilim Ó Brádaigh	Áine Ní Ghlinn	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Seán Ó Maolagáin	Prionsias Mac a'Bhaird	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Seán de Gallai	Cathal Ó Searcaigh / Gabriel Rosenstock / Prionsias Mac a' Bhaird	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Íte Ní Chionnaith	Mícheál Ó Ruairc, Alan Titley	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Seán Mac Gintidh	Mícheál Ó Ruairc Dermot Somers	2,850	1,000	1000	2850
Ciara Ní Éanacháin		2,850	1,000	1000	2850
		28,500	10,000	10000	28500

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 2, Sections 1 and 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information

Appendix 7

Project: Conference on Naomh Colmcille in Kintyre, Argyll (CC15010 Islands Books Trust)

The Board approved a grant of £7,000 for the conference at the meeting held in April.

In order to put these arrangements in place, it is recommended that the grant approved in 17th April be written off, and the following be put in place:

Total budget of £11,000

Grant d'Urras nan Leabhraichean (Islands Books Trust) £8,500

Bursaries of £2,000; Translation £500

Funding:

Foras na Gaeilge, £5,500

Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, £5,500 (already approved by Iain Caimbeul, Chief Executive of BnaG)

Bursaries (maximum of £200) will be made available to facilitate those from both countries who are travelling to the conference.

Minutes from the 136th Board Meeting held on Friday 24th July 2015 in the Foras na Gaeilge offices, Belfast.

Present: E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, S. Mac Donncha, B. Ní Chonghóile, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, M. Mac Ruairí, C. Cavanagh, D. Ó Laoghaire, P. Callaghan, É. Ó Gribín and C. Ní Shúilleabháin on video-conference link from Tralee.

Apologies: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), D. Ó hAiniféin and T. Mac Eochagáin.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin, A. Davitt and S. Uí Choinne.

Apologies: S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive) and É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary).

04.136 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE REPORT UP TO THE 30th JUNE AND THE AMENDED BUDGET UNTIL THE 31st DECEMBER 2015

The Board accepted Note 1 (b) of the expenditure report regarding a €61,000 increase for Áisaonad to complete the Early Reader programme. A question was raised about the €80,000 for the marketing support scheme and it was noted that a report was to arrive from Cumann na bhFoilsitheoirí to the Board at the September meeting. It was agreed that the report from Cumann na bhFoilsitheoirí would be provided to the Grants Committee before it would be put before the Board.

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest and S. M Ó Domhnaill took to the chair.

The Board accepted the recommendation to provide an exceptional grant of €38,271 to Glór na nGael to complete renovation works so that there would be enough space in Áras Mhic Ardghail for the three lead organisations (Glór na nGael, Conradh na Gaeilge and Oireachtas na Gaeilge).

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí returned at this point and E. Mac Cormaic returned to the chair.

05.136 THE TRANSLATORS' SEAL

The Board discussed the translators' seals and the recommendations regarding a credit system and re-accreditations and the Board accepted choice 1, to transfer the full responsibilities regarding accreditation and re-accreditation to the Department of Translation in the Houses of the Oireachtas provided they were willing to undertake it. If the responsibility is to be transferred, it was agreed that a once-off payment of €10,000 be paid to facilitate with holding the exams i 2015 / 2016.

09.136 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

An updated version of the senior management report was circulated and it was reported that:

- No decision was made regarding SPG. That a decision would be made by the Board at the meeting in September regarding the extension of the current scheme. If the Board decides to extend the current scheme that cuts will have to be made on funding so that €1m will be in fund for the scheme next year instead of the €1.26m that is currently available.
- That a commission worth €5,600 was approved for Dermot Somers according to the recommendations of the Commissions Scheme 2015 put before the Foras na Gaeilge Board on 26th June 2015. It has been noted now that Dermot Somers will not be accepting the grant.
- According to the assessment by Scéim na gCoimisiún, an application for a commission from Déaglán de Bréadúin is another application approved under the scheme that did not receive a budget funding line. The funding of €4,410 will be provided for Déaglán de Bréadúin along with funding of €500 for administration work for the publishers, Cois Life under Scéim na gCoimisiún 2015.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Chairperson
25 September 2015

Minutes from the 137th Board Meeting held on Friday 25th September 2015 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin.

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, S. Mac Donncha, D. Ó hAiniféin, B. Ní Chonghóile, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, M. Mac Ruairí, T. Mac Eochagáin, C. Cavanagh, É. Ó Gribín and P. Callaghan via a video-conference link from Belfast.

Apologies: E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), D. Ó Laoghaire and C. Ní Shúilleabháin.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin, A. Davitt and S. Uí Choinne.

02.137 REPORTS FROM FORAS COMMITTEES

The Grants Committee

The Board discussed the question of SPG. It was noted that a budget of €1 million would be made available as agreed for SPG instead of the €1.2million it had previously. The Board accepted the recommendations to provide an extension for a further six months of the current scheme (1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016). (Appendix 1)

10.137 REPORT FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

An updated copy of the senior management report was distributed and it was noted that:

- A monitoring meeting was held on 7th September and the following was discussed:
 - 2016 Budget – a 12% cumulative reduction to be placed on budget approved by CATT for 2013, and that this will be the funding provided by the Departments for 2016 – total budget of €14,532,911, as well as €1,057,320 for Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge and €237,037 for Colmcille.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Chairperson
30 October 2015

Appendix 1

Reference Number	Applicant	Recommended Amount 2016: Jan - June
1001133D	Muintir Chrónáin Teo	€26,961.65
1001118D	Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain	£23,992.43
1001126D	Gaeilge Locha Riach	€26,411.75
1001138D	An Droichead Teo	£23,386.77
1001130D	Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair	£22,742.85
1001116D	An Clár as Gaeilge Teo	€24,193.05
1001134D	Coiste Dúiche Mhaigh Eo, C na G	€23,445.27
1001129D	Gaelphobal Cheantar an tSratha Báin	£20,592.84
1001122D	Cairde Teo	£20,023.07
1001135D	Gaelfhorbairt na Gaillimhe	€22,098.75
1001143D	Croí Éanna	£18,485.21
1001137D	Glór na Móna	£18,231.03
1001121D	Craobh an Aonaigh, C na G	€21,500.00
1001141D	Cairde Uí Néill	£18,243.00
1001140D	Glór na nGael, Uachtar Tíre	£17,769.24
1001119D	Glór Cheatharlach	€21,500.00
1001120D	Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise	€21,500.00
1001145D	Ionad Uíbh Eachach	£17,500.00
1001123D	Boirche Íochtar CnaG	£17,500.00
		€187,610.47
		€312,094.90
		(£218,466.43)
		€499,705

**Minutes from the 138th Board Meeting held on Friday 30th October 2015
at Oireachtas na Gaeilge, Citywest Hotel, Dublin.**

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy-Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, T. Ruane, D. Ó hAiniféin, B. Ní Chonghóile, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, M. Mac Ruairí, T. Mac Eochagáin, D. Ó Laoghaire C. Ní Shúilleabháin C. Cavanagh and É. Ó Gribín.

Apologies: S. Mac Donncha and P. Callaghan.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), S. Ó Coinn (Deputy-Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin, A. Davitt and S. Uí Choinne.

Grants Committee

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

It was noted that a morning meeting was held to discuss the exceptional one-off funding for Oireachtas na Gaeilge. The Board accepted the recommendations that a grant of €27,150 be approved on the condition that this funding would be repayed, from the current grant of Oireachtas, over a three year period (€10,000 in 2016, €10,000 in 2017 agus €7,150 in 2018).

E. Mac Cormaic and M. Mac Ruairí returned at this point.

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the applications from Gaeláras and Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich for the period January to December 2016.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
An Gaeláras	1501040	£231,071	£123,636.37
Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich	1501041	£108,837	£100,305

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding Scéim Raidió Pobail 2016 – 2018

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
Raidió na Life	1501057	€720,000	€720,000 (€240,000 sa bhliain)
Raidió Fáilte Teo.	1501056	£583,200	£583,200 (£194,400 sa bhliain)

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant no greater than €14,651 be provided in 2015 for Ionad na dTeangacha, NUI, Maynooth towards the cost involved in developing Vifax don Ghaeilge for the 2015/16 school-year on the condition that monthly reports regarding users of the site be provided.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
Ionad na dTeangacha, Ollscoil na hÉireann	1501063	€14,651.67	€14,651

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant of €120,000 be provided for Gael-Linn to run the Gaelbhratach scheme.

The Board accepted the recommendation that a grant of €20,000 be provided for Comhar to publish a high quality book and to develop a website based on the portrait library available.

03.138 STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE TO 30 SEPTEMBER AND REVISED BUDGET TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

The Board accepted the recommendation that additional one-off funding of €15,005, in addition to that of €42,000 approved at the meeting of 22 May Bealtaine - €57,005 in total – be paid for Peig.ie to cover some of the costs of the publicity campaign.

06.138 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

It was reported that one Lead Organization had made an application considered weak and that a revised application had been sought. The question was raised as to an analysis of the larger picture for each lead organization and it was explained that each one provides reports when grant drawdowns are submitted. It was reported that an independent assessment of the Lead Organizations will take place in 2016 and that the current system will be compared to the previous one. It was explained that this is a developing process.

- The Board noted expenditure of €38,500 on the Mentors' Scheme 2015 at the Meeting of 26 June. At that time the costs associated with organising a workshop for Mentors and Apprentices had not been included – costing €4,200. Thus the total for the Scheme is now €42,700.

Liam Ó Maolmhichíl
Cathaoirleach
11 December 2015

**Minutes from the 139th Board Meeting held on Friday 11th December 2015
in the offices of Foras na Gaeilge, Belfast.**

Present: L. Ó Maolmhichíl (Chairperson), A. Ní Chiaráin, B. Ní Chonghóile, M. Mac Ruairí, D. Ó Laoghaire C. Cavanagh, P. Callaghan, É. Ó Gribín and S. Mac Donncha by telephone.

Apologies: E. Mac Cormaic (Deputy Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, D. Ó hAiniféin, T. Ruane, T. Mac Eochagáin and C. Ní Shúilleabháin.

In attendance: F. Mac an Fhailigh (Chief Executive), S. Ó Coinn (Deputy Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí, S. Ó hEidhin, A. Davitt and S. Uí Choinne.

02.139 REPORT FROM COMMITTEES OF FORAS NA GAELIGE

Grants Committee

M. Mac Ruairí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of a conflict of interest.

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding funding for the Lead Organizations for the period January to December 2016.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
Conradh na Gaeilge	1501070	€840,866	€840,866
Glór na nGael	1501071	€1,089,510	€1,089,510
Gaelscoileanna Teo	1501069	€715,719	€715,719
Cumann na bhFiann	1501066	€752,663	€752,663

It was reported that revised applications had been received from Gael Linn and Oireachtas na Gaeilge and that a recommendation would be brought to the Board in January/February 2016. The Board accepted the recommendation that a sum of no greater than €74,608 be provided to Oireachtas na Gaeilge as interim funding to cover salaries and running costs for January and February 2016. It was reported that a new steering committee had now been agreed by Oireachtas na Gaeilge, that it had a new constitution and that the company would be registered accordingly. The Board accepted the proposal that a sum of no greater than €83,162 be provided to Gael-Linn as interim funding to cover salaries and running costs for January and February 2016.

M. Mac Ruairí rejoined the meeting at this point.

The Board accepted the recommendation to provide a grant of no greater than £272,486 to the Áisaonad for the period January to December 2016.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
An tÁisaonad	1501068	£272,486	£272,486

The Board accepted all the recommendations under Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge's Publications' Scheme for the period January to December 2016.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
Cois Life	CLG 15036	€161,744	€96,896
Cló Iar-Chonnacht	CLG 15038	€336,484	€166,000
Futa Fata	CLG 15043	€163,106	€77,781
Leabhar Breac	CLG 15040	€116,528	€59,400
Foilseacháin Ábhar Spioradálta	CLG 15037	€33,749	€22,400
Arlen House	CLG 15044	€73,500	€20,500
LeabhairCOMHAR	CLG 15042	€100,650	€28,650
An Sagart	CLG 15045	€66,400	€38,500
An tSnáthaid Mhór	CLG 15047	€107,600	€15,000
Duillí Éireann	CLG 15048	€44,861	€1,500
Éabhlóid	CLG 15039	€21,572	€14,400
Coiscéim	CLG 15046	€206,275	€104,000
Ponc Press	CLG 15041	€16,800	€4,500
Coimicí Gael	CLG 15049	€20,100	€10,000

Information is omitted here as it is exempt information under Part 2, Sections 2 and 6 of the Code of Practice on Freedom of Information.

Ghlac an Bord leis na moltaí uile faoi Scéim na dTionscadal Litríochta de chuid Chlár na Leabhar Gaeilge don tréimhse Eanáir go Nollaig 2016.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
IMRAM	CLG 15063	€45,320	€42,260
Móinín	CLG 15062	€9,000	€9,000
Futa Fata	CLG 15053	€11,569.18	€11,269.18
Roinn na Gaeilge, OÉG	CLG 15060	€7,850	€3,345
Gaelchultúr Teo	CLG 15058	€40,850	€25,000

The Board accepted the recommendations regarding the applications under the Colmcille grants scheme.

Organisation	Reference Number	Required Amount	Recommended Amount
An Gaeláras	CC15030	£1,820	£1,500
Cairde Teo	CC15033	£3,920	£3,000
Club Óige Luraigh	CC15034	£9,950	£8,000
East Belfast Mission	CC15037	£2,700	£2,700

03.139 IRISH LANGUAGE NETWORKS

The Board discussed the recommendation regarding Irish Language Networks and accepted the proposal that a maximum fund of €75,000 over the period of a year be provided to 5 selected applicants (Muintir Chrónáin Teo, Forbairt Feirste, Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair, Gaeilge Locha Riach and An Clár as Gaeilge) and that that funding be dependent on particular funding being provided to Foras na Gaeilge by the Sponsor Departments to implement the system of Irish Language Networks. It was

reported that an application was being prepared to be sent to DAHG for the fund they have set aside for language planning and that it would be submitted shortly.

07.139 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Chief Executive reported:

- **Portal / Corporate Site**

An open tender process was run and a provider chosen to develop the portal site and the corporate site. The contract will come into force on the 2nd of December.

Two suppliers sought the contract and were afforded the opportunity to make a presentation as part of the selection process.

The successful supplier is Media One.

A cost of €40,200 plus VAT (€9,246) = €49,446 entails the following work:

Development of portal and corporate sites	€33,000
Maintenance cost (12 mths)	€7,200
Subtotal	€40,200
VAT	€9,246
Total	€49,446

The Board accepted the recommendation.

- **Administration of the Irish Language Translators' Seal**

An open tender process was run and a provider chosen to administer this function. The examination will be held on the 27th of February 2016. There were three applicants under the tender. The successful tenderer is An tAonad Aistriúcháin agus Ateangaireachta in Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge.

A cost of €15,000 plus VAT (€2,250) **€17,250** relates to this service.

The Board accepted the recommendation.

The Board accepted the recommendations relating to payments under Scéim na nOifigeach Gaeilge (the Irish Language Officer Scheme in local authorities in Northern Ireland) – see Appendix 2.

The Board accepted the recommendation that €78,000 be paid to IDM to supply dictionary apps for the on-line dictionaries of de Bhaldraithe, Ó Dhónaill and the Foclóir Bheag. The Board accepted the recommendation that €14,715 also be provided to extend the licence for the DPS (Dictionary Production System) software until the end of 2017.

Seosamh Mac Donncha
Cathaoirleach
22 January 2016

Appendix 2

Scéim na nOifigeach Gaeilge 2013-2016

Scheme	Ref. no.	Project Name	Total Budget	Budget 2015	Budget 2016
Scéim na nOifigeach Gaeilge 13-16	1501076.01	Comhairle Cathrach Dhoire & Cheantar an tSraitha Báin [Derry City & Strabane]	24,418.92	14,110.00	10,308.92
Scéim na nOifigeach Gaeilge 13-16	1501076.02	Comhairle Lár Uladh [Mid Ulster]	31,459.33	18,814.00	12,645.33