

Board Decisions 2019 Foras na Gaeilge

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Minutes from the 170th Board meeting held on Friday 18 January 2019 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin.

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), B. Ó Muirí (Deputy-Chairperson), G. McElwain, B.

Ní Chofaigh, M. Ní Chonghaile, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ó hArgáin, S. M. Ó Domhnaill, N. Ó Gallchóir and M. Farrell.

Apologies: S. Ní Chéide.

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy-Chief Executive), É. Ó

hArgáin (Secretary), S. Ó hEidhin and C. Ní Chonghaile.

Apologies: J. Ó Labhraí and S. Uí Choinne

04.170 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grants Committee

The Chairperson, M. Ní Neachtain and M. Ní Chonghaile left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest and B. Ó Muirí took the Chair.

The Board noted the information notes for the following: Glór na nGael; Oireachtas na Gaeilge; an Chiste Infheistíochta do Bhunú Soláthair Réamhscolaíochta agus Cúram Leanaí; Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige 2018/2019; and Comhar.

Decisions:

The Board approved a grant of €95,864 for 42 festivals under Scéim na bhFéilte 2019.

A question was raised regarding the geography of applicants to the scheme and the lack of applicants from Munster, and County Cork in particular. It was asked whether the process could be simplified and contact made with language activists in that part of the country to raise awareness regarding the scheme. It was recommended that additional work should take place on Foras na Gaeilge schemes which people locally might facilitate. The lack of applications from other areas where SPG are functioning was discussed.

It was noted that 11 other applications qualified but that funding was not available in the budget for these applications.

The Chairperson, M. Ní Neachtain and M. Ní Chonghaile returned at this point and the Chairperson returned to the Chair.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 8th March 2019

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Minutes from the 171th held on Friday 8 March 2019 in the Foras na Gaeilge offices, Belfast.

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), B. Ó Muirí (Deputy-Chairperson), S. M.

Ó Domhnaill, G. McElwain, M. Ní Chonghaile, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó

Coistealbha, S. Ní Chéide and M. Farrell.

Apologies: B. Ní Chofaigh, S. Ó hArgáin, C. McGuinness and N. Ó Gallochobhair.

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin

(Deputy-Chief Executive), É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary) and S. Uí Choinne.

Apologies: J. Ó Labhraí and S. Ó hEidhin.

04.171 REPORT FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

The Grants Committee

The Chairperson left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest and the Deputy-Chairperson took the Chair.

The Chairperson gave the Committee a report on items discussed at the meeting on 22 February 2019. The Committee made the following recommendations regarding Scéim Scoláireachtaí 2019 and these were accepted.

Name of Organistaion	Reference	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Conradh na Gaeilge	1901001	€40,380	€40,380
Cumann an Phiarsaigh	1901002	€10,000	€10,000
Gael Linn	1901003	€30,144	€30,144

M. Ní Chonghaile left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

The Committee made recommendations regarding Scéim Deontas Cholmcille and these

recommendations were accepted.

Name of Organisation	Reference Number	Requested amount	Recommended amount
Glór Uachtar Tíre	CC18008	£820	£820
Ó Duinchinn, Kelly & MacInnes	CC18014	£11,704.50	£5,000
Scoil Samhraidh Willy Clancy	CC18016	€6,000	€4,500
Comhairle Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí	CC18017	£1,500	£1,500
An Clár as Gaeilge	CC18019	€12,000	€12,000
Cumann Mhic Reachtain	CC18008	£4,000	£3,500
Féile na Gealaí	CC18025	€8,000	€4,000

M. Ní Chonghaile returned at this point. S. Ní Chéide and G. McElwain left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

The Committee made these recommendations regarding Scéim na gCompántas Drámaíochta 2019 and these recommendations were accepted (**Appendix 1**). The Committee recommended that the Scheme be re-advertised in the first week of September 2019, and this recommendation was accepted. It was recommended that a review be carried out of the criteria of the scheme so that

funding would only be provided for drama companies from this point forward, rather than those organising drama events. It was asked that awareness be raised amongst the amateur companies. A question was asked if the criteria was violated in relation to the applicants for whom grants were approved but who were not drama companies. The executive were asked to investigate. The Committee made a recommendation regarding the applications receiving funding from other Foras na Gaeilge schemes and this recommendation was accepted.

Name of Organisation	Reference Number	Requested amount	Recommended amount
Aisling Ghéar	1801052.02	£30,000	£24,000
Branar Téatar do Pháistí	1801052.08	€50,000	€10,000
High Rock Productions	1801052.13	€50,000	€19,000

S. Ní Chéide and G. McElwain returned at this point.

Decisions:

- The Board decided to approve a grant of €80,524 for Scéim Scoláireachtaí 2019.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €32,522 for Scéim Deontas Cholmcille.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €209,729 for Scéim na gCompántas Drámaíochta 2019.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 26th April 2019

Minutes from the 172th Board meeting held on Friday 26 April 2019 in Coláiste na Rinne, Rinn Ó gCuanach, Dungarvan, Co Waterford.

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), B. Ó Muirí (Deputy-Chairperson), S. M. Ó

Domhnaill, G. McElwain, B. Ní Chofaigh, M. Ní Chonghaile, C. McGuinness,

M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó Coistealbha and S. Ní Chéide.

Apologies: M. Farrell, N. Ó Gallchóir and S Ó hArgáin.

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy -

Chief Executive), S. Ó hEidhin, É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), and C. Ní Chonghaile.

Apologies: J. Ó Labhraí

01.172 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Board approved the exceptional funding of €45,297 which was paid to Cumann na bhFiann in February to cover salary expenses at the start of the year. This had taken place before they signed their letter of offer. It was explained that the funding was approved on an exceptional basis by the CEO, in collaboration with the Chairperson, before the Board Meeting on the 8th March 2019, in accordance with the Foras na Gaeilge Delegation Scheme. The payment was not approved at the Board Meeting on 8th March 2019, because the Board had requested that the CEO would seek advice from the Internal Auditor to ensure that corporate rules were not being breached. Confirmation was provided that this had taken place and that the Internal Auditor was of the opinion that a breach had not taken place.

03.172 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

It was recommended that additional funding of €27,000 be provided for Oireachtas na Gaeilge in respect of the administration og Mór-Ghradam Liteartha for 2019. The Board accepted this recommendation.

04.172 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grants Committee

The Chairperson of the Grants Committee gave a report on the items discussed at the meeting on the 11th April.

B. Ó Muirí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding Scéim Mór-Imeachtaí Ealaíon 2019.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
An Comhlachas Náisiúnta Drámaíochta (An Fhéile Naisiúnta Drámaíochta)	1901007.02	€36,000	€14,500
Féile Dhuibh Linne Teoranta (<i>Gaelspraoí</i>)	1901007.03	€18,202	€7,300
The Gap Arts Festival	1901007.05	€6,373	€2,000
Féile an Phobail	1901007.06	£50,000	£8,000
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann)	1901007.07	€8,027	€5,500
Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall (An Fhéile Phan Cheilteach)	1901007.09	€15,000	€8,500
Gaelphobal Ard Mhacha Theas	1901007.10	£2,740	£1,600

B. Ó Muirí returned at this point.

M. Ní Chonghaile left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding Scéim Campaí Samhraidh 2019 and they were accepted. It was noted that there was a lack of funding available for this scheme, and that although there were many additional qualifying applications these could not be funded.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Recommended
Scéim na gCampaí Samhraidh 2019	1901012 & 1901013	€148,065

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding An Chiste Infheistíochta do Bhunú Soláthair Réamhscolaíochta agus Cúram Leanaí.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Gaelscoil Aodha Dhuibh	1901005	£73,000	£73,000
Cúram Leanaí na Fuiseoige	1901006	£73,000	£73,000

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding Scéim Cholmcille.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Glór na Speiríní	CC18022	£9,000	£8,500

M. Ní Chonghaile returned at this point.

Decisions:

- The Board decided to approve a grant of €148,065 for Scéim na gCampaí Samhraidh 2019.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €48,467 for Scéim na Mór-Imeachtaí Ealaíon 2019.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of £73,000 for Gaelscoil Aodha Dhuibh.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of £73,000 a cheadú do Cúram Leanaí na Fuiseoige.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of £8,500 for Glór na Speiríní.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 14th June 2019

Minutes from the 173rd Board Meeting held on Friday 14 June 2019 in the Foras na Gaeilge office, Ráth Chairn, Co. Meath.

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, M. Farrell,

N. Ó Gallochobhair, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó Coistealbha and

S. Ní Chéide.

Apologies: B. Ó Muirí, M. Ní Chonghaile, G. McElwain and S Ó hArgáin.

In attendance: S.Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy-Chief Executive), S. Ó

hEidhin, J. Ó Labhraí, É. Ó hArgáin (Secretary), L. Ní Fhaogáin and C. Ní

Chonghaile.

03.173 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Chief Executive presented the Senior Management Report and it was discussed. The Board noted the following:

The Board approved a grant of £1,750 for Gaeláras (Reference Number 1901012.03) under Scéim na gCampaí Samhraidh, 2019.

04.173 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grants Committee

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim na gCoimisiún, 2019 and it was accepted.

Name	Recommended Amount
Scéim na gCoimisiún, 2019	€140,480

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim Meantóireachta 2019 and it was accepted.

Name	Recommended Amount
Scéim Meantóireachta 2019	€39,500

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige 2019-2020 and it was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended 2019	Amount Recommended 2020
Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige	1901016 &1901017	€331,641	€132,180.44	€115,644.67

Not all qualifying applications were funded because of the limited budget for the Scheme. The Chairperson of the Grants Committee noted that there may be additional funds available later after the redistribution budget.

Decisions:

- The Board decided to approve a grant of €140,480 for Scéim na gCoimisiún, 2019.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €39,500 for Scéim Meantóireachta 2019.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €247,825 (€132,180.44 (2019) & €115,644.67 (2020) for Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige, 2019-20

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 26th July 2019

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Minutes from the 174th Board meeting held on Friday 26 July 2019 in the Foras na Gaeilge Offices, Westgate House, 2-6 Queen St, Belfast.

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, N. Ó

Gallochobhair, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó Coistealbha, S. Ní

Chéide, B. Ó Muirí, M. Ní Chonghaile and S Ó hArgáin.

Apologies: M. Farrell and G. McElwain.

In attendance: S.Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy-Chief Executive), S. Ó

hEidhin, J. Ó Labhraí and L. Ní Fhaogáin

Apologies: É. Ó hArgáin

04.174 REPORTS FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

Grants Committee

Review of Scéim na Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta 2020-2022

P. Ó Gallchóir left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest, and the Deputy Chairperson took the chair.

The Chairperson of the Grants Committee gave a report on the revision of Scéim na Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta 2020-2022. The Board accepted the revised approach.

P.Ó Gallchóir returned at this point and returned to the chair.

Colmcille Grants Scheme.

B. Ó Muirí left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding Scéim Deontas Cholmcille 2019 and they were accepted:

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

Name	Recommended Amount
Armagh Pipers Club	£3,500
Conradh na Gaeilge, Boirche Íochtair	£1,252

B. Ó Muirí returned at this point.

The Board noted a document on Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige and a document on an amendment to the budget of Gaeloideachais.

Decisions:

- The Board accepted the revision of Scéim na Scoláireachtaí;
- The Board decided to approve a grant of £3,500 for Armagh Pipers Club; and
- The Board decided to approve a grant of £1,252 for Conradh na Gaeilge, Boirche Íochtair.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 13th September 2019

Minutes from the 175th Board Meeting held on Friday 13 September 2019 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, 63-66 Amiens Street, Dublin 1

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, B. Ní Chofaigh, N. Ó

Gallochobhair, C. McGuinness, M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó Coistealbha, B. Ó

Muirí, M. Ní Chonghaile, G. McElwain and S Ó hArgáin.

Apologies: M. Farrell, S. Ní Chéide

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy-Chairperson), É. Ó

hArgáin (Secretary), S. Ó hEidhin, J. Ó Labhraí (via video conference)

and L. Ní Fhaogáin

04.175 REPORT FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

The Grants Committee

Budget Amendment – Glór na nGael – July 2019

The Board noted a Budget Amendment for Glór na nGael.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 1st November 2019

Minutes from the 176th Board Meeting held on Friday 1 November 2019 at Oireachtas na Gaeilge, in Citywest Hotel, Saggart, Co. Dublin

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, C. McGuinness, M. Farrell,

S. Ní Chéide, B. Ó Muirí, M. Ní Chonghaile, G. McElwain and S Ó hArgáin.

Apologies: B. Ní Chofaigh, N. Ó Gallochobhair, M. Ní Neachtain and S. Ó Coistealbha

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy-Chief Executive), É.

Ó hArgáin (Secretary), S. Ó hEidhin, and L. Ní Fhaogáin

Apologies: J. Ó Labhraí

04.176 REPORT FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES The Grants Committee

The Chairperson of the Grants Committee gave a report on the items discussed at the meeting on the 18th October 2019.

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Áisaonad for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Maoiniú Tionscadail 2020 (An tÁisaonad)	1901033	£272,486 (€302,762)	£272,486 (€302,762)

S. Ó hArgáin left the meeting due to the possibility of a risk of conflict of interest.

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Conradh na Gaeilge for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Ceanneagraíochtaí 2020 (Conradh na	1901032	€832,457	€832,457
Gaeilge)			

It was noted that a recommendation was made to fund Cumann na bhFiann at the last meeting of the Grants Committee, on the condition that additional quantitative information be sought regarding the organisation and it was reported that the Chairperson of the Committee received this information.

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Cumann na bhFiann for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Ceanneagraíochtaí 2020 (Cumann na	1901026	€745,136	€745,136
bhFiann)			

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Gael Linn for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
	Number		
Ceanneagraíochtaí	1901025	€650,183	€650,183
2020 (Gael Linn)			

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Gaeloideachas for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Ceanneagraíochtaí 2020 (Gaeloideachas)	1901029	€708,562	€708,562

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Glór na nGael for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Ceanneagraíochtaí 2020 (Glór na nGael)	1901028	€1,078,615	€1,078,615

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Oireachtas na Gaeilge for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Ceanneagraíochtaí	1901030	€622,594	€622,594
2020 (Oireachtas na			
Gaeilge)			

An information note was provided regarding the budget amendment of Cumann na bhFiann.

It was noted that a new circular was in place regarding current salary scales and also that there would be an amendment to all of the Lead Organisations budgets by the end of the year as a result.

Decisions:

- The Board decided to approve a grant of £272,486 (€302,762) for Áisaonad.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €832,457 for Conradh na Gaeilge.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €745,136 for Cumann na bhFiann.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €650,183 for Gael Linn.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €708,562 for Gaeloideachas.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €1,078,615 for Glór na Gael.
- The Board decided to approve a grant of €622,594 for Oireachtas na Gaeilge.

S. Ó hArgáin returned at this point.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson 6th December 2019

Minutes from the 177th Board meeting held on Friday 6 December 2019 in the Foras na Gaeilge Headquarters, Dublin 1.

Present: P. Ó Gallchóir (Chairperson), S. M. Ó Domhnaill, C. McGuinness, M. Farrell,

S. Ní Chéide, B. Ó Muirí, M. Ní Chonghaile, G. McElwain, B. Ní Chofaigh,

M. Ní Neachtain, S. Ó Coistealbha and S Ó hArgáin.

Apologies: N. Ó Gallochobhair

In attendance: S. Ó Coinn (Chief Executive), E. Ní Chorráin (Deputy-Chief Executive), É.

Ó hArgáin (Secretary), J. Ó Labhraí (via video conference) S. Ó hEidhin

and L. Ní Fhaogáin

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04.177 REPORT FROM FORAS NA GAEILGE COMMITTEES

The Grants Committee

The Chairperson of the Grants Committee gave a report on the items discussed at the meeting on the 22nd November 2019.

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Gaelbhratach for 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Gaelbhratach 2020	1901031	€120,000	€120,000

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim Cholmcille 2019 and this was accepted.

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

Name	Reference	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
	Number		
Cultúrlann Mc Adam	CC19021	£5,550	£4,750
Ó Fiaich			
Comhairle Fhear	CC19032	£1,720	£1,720
Manach agus na			
hÓmaí			

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim na Foilsitheoireachta 2020 and this was accepted.

Name	Reference Number	Amount	Amount
		Requested	Approved 2020
Leabhar Breac	L19104.09	€98,388.44	€72,832.00
Cló Iar-Chonnacht	L19104.02	€348,327.00	€193,230.00
Futa Fata	L19104.04	€198,298.57	€94,546.00

Éabhlóid	L19104.03	€51,158.00	€23,215.00
An tSnáthaid Mhór	L19104.05	€55,929.00	€18,777.00
Coiscéim	L19104.07	€167,915.00	€125,749.00
Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne	L19104.08	€53,250.00	€10,242.00
Cumann na Sagart	L19104.10	€66,500.00	€32,433.00
LeabhairCOMHAR	L19104.11	€123,391.00	€36,416.00
Arlen House	L19104.06	€38,800.00	€15,591.00
Foilseacháin Ábhair Spioradálta	L19104.01	€24,950.00	€22,788.00
ML Óg	L19104.12	€29,770.00	€10,000.00

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim na dTionscadal Litríochta for 2020 and this was accepted.

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

Name	Reference	Amount	Amount Approved 2020
	Number	Requested	
IMRAM	L19103.08	€44,979.00	€42,000.00
Gaelchultúr	L19103.02	€43,966.42	€27,000
Móinín		€9,000.00	€9,000.00
Áras Scríbhneoirí na		€10,500.00	€5,000.00
hÉireann			
Roinn na Gaeilge OÉG		€3,200.00	€2,600.00
Ó Bhéal		€2,660.00	€2,420.00
Éigse Éireann		€11,400.00	€8,500.00
Young at Art		€3,201.00	€3,201.00

The Committee made a recommendation regarding Scéim na Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta for 2020 and this was accepted.

Scoláirí faoi 18 ó thuaidh / Scholarships under 18 in Northern Ireland

_Name	Reference Number	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
Conradh na Gaeilge	1901036	€120,000	€113,841 (€37,947 in 2020, 2021 & 2022)
Gael Linn	1901039	€199,572	€85,731 (€28,577 in 2020, 2021 & 2022)

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

Daoine Fásta / Adults

Name	Reference	Amount Requested	Amount Approved 2020
	Number		
Gael Linn	1901038	€12,000	€12,000 (€4,000 in 2020, 2021 & 2022)

An information note regarding an amendment to the budgets of Cumann na bhFiann, Gaeloideachas, Gael Linn and Glór na nGael was noted.

An information note regarding the writing off of a grant for Naíscoil na Caille, Ard Mhacha was noted.

The Board noted an information note regarding Scéim na Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta 2019.

07.177 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A question was raised regarding the Dáil Record about an additional €700,000 unspent in the DCHG account in 2018. It was noted that an explanation was given regarding this at the last Board Meeting, that there was no basis to the story, and that Foras na Gaeilge had drawn down all available funding in 2018.

It was agreed that a correction of the record be sought.

Pól Ó Gallchóir Chairperson

24th January 2020