

Board of the National Museum of Ireland

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 5th July 2023, at 7:00pm at Castlebar, Co. Mayo and via video-conference

(Approved on 5th October 2023)

Present: Catherine Heaney (Chair)
Ambrose Loughlin
Marianne Doyle
Paolo Viscardi
Barra O'Donnabhain
Linda King

Ciaran Byrne (via
videoconference)
Andrew Power
Claudia Kinmonth
Cathal O'Donoghue
Iseult Dunne
Geraldine Sheridan

Apologies: Susan Rogers
Helen Shenton
Beatrice Kelly
John Bowen

In attendance: Lynn Scarff (Director, NMI)
Aoife Hurley (Head of Operations,
NMI)

Mark Sherry (Head of Finance
& Procurement, NMI)
Jade Dillon (Secretary to the
Board, NMI)

1.0	Opening of meeting, apologies if any and adoption of the agenda
1.1	Apologies were conveyed for S. Rogers, H. Shenton, B. Kelly and J. Bowen.
1.3	<u>Agenda</u> The agenda was adopted.
2.0	Conflicts of interest
2.1	There were no conflicts of interests.
3.0	Financial Statements
3.1	The Board noted the Financial Statements 2021 and the Letter of Representation. C. O'Donoghue thanked the NMI Finance and Corporate Affairs teams for their work. The Board formally approved the Financial Statements and the Letter of Representation for 2021 to be signed by the Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Governance Audit & Risk Committee for submission to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.
4.0	Budget Estimates 2024
	The Board noted the final draft of the budget estimates for 2024. The Director provided an overview of the key asks for 2024, and confirmed that all asks were crucial for the delivery of the strategic plan 2023-2028. In the context of the budget estimates, the Board discussed capital projects, visitor experience and equality, diversity and inclusion, the digital agenda, and the recently published summer

	<p>economic statement on core and non-core budgets. The board were in agreement that all requests outlined in the document are essential to the mission of NMI.</p> <p>It was agreed that a final version would be circulated to the board after the meeting before submitting to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media.</p> <p>The Director agreed to circulate a shortened summary of the document to board members for their reference.</p>
	<p>A.O.B</p>
	<p><u>Catherine Heaney</u> The Chair warmly expressed her gratitude to board members past and present, the Director, the NMI team and the Board Secretary for all their support and camaraderie over the past seven years as Chair of the NMI Board. Board members and the Director thanked the Chair for her tremendous unrivalled support and guidance to NMI, her insatiable advocacy for the importance of museums, and for her friendship, and wished C. Heaney all good wishes for the future.</p> <p><u>Andrew Power</u> On behalf of NMI board members, past and present, the Chair warmly thanked A. Power for his clear and astute input and his time on the Board. The Director also thanked A. Power on behalf of the Executive for his impressive seven years of voluntary service to NMI as a key member of the Board, and wished him well in his future endeavours.</p> <p><u>End of meeting.</u></p>