

Oideachas na hÉireann

AGM – 08/08/2025

Saile, Kinsale Sports & Community Centre

John D. (Ch)	Barra S. (V-Ch)	Carmen J. (Sec)	Orla M. (Treas)
John B. (PRO)	Mary C.	Caroline B.	Seán W.
Vivien D.	Christina C.		

Inscribed written proxies assigned:

Barra S. – Orla M.

Seán W. – John D.

Christina C. – Carmen J.

In attendance from the Council for Education are John D. and Sarah H., with proxies assigned from those not in attendance as follows:

Barra S -Proxy assigned to John D.

Verona C – Proxy assigned to John D.

Julie R – Proxy assigned to Sarah H.

Michael Mc – Proxy assigned to Sarah H.

Meeting begins at approx. 7.27pm GMT/ 7.02pm IRT

1. Board Confirmation:

All Board Members confirm to the Chair they are happy to remain in position for the following year. All non-attending Board Members who assigned their Proxy via the Council Telegram Group Chat, as per the Manifesto of the Organisation, are happy to remain as a Member.

2. Updated Manifesto:

The Chair confirms the updated Manifesto, very similar to the other Manifesto read out earlier in the meeting, with inclusion of the removal of a fiat currency obligation for Members to join the Co-Op, as well as introduction of an Oath for Secretary and Treasurer of the Organisation. The Secretary and Treasurer confirm they are happy with the Oath(s). The Updated Manifesto is approved by all Board Members. All Council Members sign the updated Manifesto.

3. The Council for Education:

The Chair explains the significance of an important Organisation Established by Dáil Éireann in 1919, the Council for Education. This was restored in Ballyvara House on the 20th July 2024, in tandem with the establishment of Oideachas na hÉireann on same date. This was effectively a Sovereign Department which was established by the Sovereign Government of 1919, which is a connection of the recognition of this Department. As it bares a lot of significance to Oideachas na hÉireann, it is proposed by the Chair to merge these two Organisations. The Chair reads the Confirmation and Affirmation from 20th July 2024 outlining the Role of the Council for Education. To provide for this merging it is proposed to the Board that the Manifesto be amended to provide for the extension of Council Members from 9-12 to 9-15 Members. Resolutions to merge the Organisations and the provision to increase Council Members for up to 15 Members is unanimously agreed by all Council Members. Orla M. queries what this merging means for the Council for Education, the Chair reads aloud Principle 1(a) of the Oideachas Manifesto which outlines how the Council for Education role will be henceforth vested in Oideachas na hÉireann.

4. Mission Statement:

The proposed Mission Statement of **"To assist the Recognised Communities of Éire through their relevant Éire Community Council, with the Correction, Expansion & Maintenance of Education Services, in each of the relevant and recognised Éire Community Mapped Area"** unanimously adopted by the Board.

5. Policy for Education:

John B. reads aloud the IRB Policy for Education. The Board unanimously agrees to adopt the IRB policy for Education with the right to amend same within the guidelines for Resolutions as defined in the Manifesto for the Organisation.

6. AOB:

The Board confirm they have all read and are happy to adopt the Minutes from the most previous, and only Meeting, since it's Establishment, in Donneycarney on 13th December 2024. The question is proposed re differencing strengths and commitments of teachers and the interplay with Oideachas Board. The Chair confirms/clarifies that the direction for assistance from the Oideachas na hÉireann Board will be from the relevant Éire Community Council to Oideachas na hÉireann, not visa versa.

Meeting closes at approx. 7.47pm GMT/ 7.22pm IRT