



MINUTES

NIABT Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 07 July 2021 - 16:00-17:00 - MS Teams

Present:

Caoimhe Archibald MLA	Chairperson, Sinn Féin
Roy Beggs MLA	UUP
Noel Brady	Consult NB1 Ltd
Chris Brown	Brown O'Connor Communications
John Blair MLA	Alliance Party
Dr Gareth McGrath	NIA Director of Parliamentary Services
John O'Farrell (co-opted)	NI-ICTU

In Attendance:

Louise Close	Deputy Secretary
Kate McCullough	Administration
Michelle Carson	Administration
David Knox	Pinnacle Growth Group
Thalia Bejar	Pinnacle Growth Group

1. Apologies

Sinéad McLaughlin MLA, SDLP

Richard Stewart, Treasurer (co-opted) NIA Director Corporate Services

Nora Anne Barron, Pi Communications

Stephen Kelly Vice Chairperson, Manufacturing NI

Nicola Bothwell, NB Chartered Communications

2. Declaration of interests

The Board members were asked to declare any interests.

No member of the Board present declared any interests.

3. Adoption of previous minutes

The Board considered the previous draft minutes of the 25 March 2021.

Agreed: The Board agreed the minutes of the 25 March 2021. There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

The Board considered the Director and Liability Insurance policy due for renew on 23 October 2021.

Agreed: Subject to the dissolution of the Trust before the renewal date, the Board agreed not to renew.

5. Review of report by Pinnacle Group

The Board considered the report and recommendations by the Pinnacle Group on effective engagement between the Northern Ireland Assembly and Businesses.

Some of the findings in the report included:

- Understanding the role of the NI Executive and NI Assembly
- Urban/rural disconnection
- Engagement mediums
- Effective engagement e.g. rates, regulations etc.
- Meaningful engagement e.g. increased communication, research, outside of Belfast etc.
- Effectiveness of the Assembly

Agreed: The Board agreed to examine the recommendations and identify what the Assembly can consider implementing in the development of the new network.

Agreed: To provide a brief summary of the report to members.

Agreed: To hold an event in late September/October to launch the full report, wind up the Trust and promote the new network.

6. Next Steps for Dissolution

The Board considered the next steps for dissolution.

Agreed: To hold a meeting in September to discuss dissolution and a new arrangement.

7. Financial Update

The Board was informed the financial balance of the Trust totals £16,540.18 with £11,000 required for final payment to the Pinnacle Group.

Agreed: The Board agreed for the remaining balance to be used to hold an event in late September/October to launch the full report, wind up the Trust and promote the new network.

8. AOB

There was no AOB.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 4pm